"IF ONLY I HAD COME DOWN" by Deirdre Murray

"If only I had come down". How often I have heard this said, and said it myself, on an archery field. Many classifications and qualifying scores have been missed because of this indecision and reflex action.

In my brighter shooting days when striving for M.B. qualifications, if I knew that I had to score so many with the last few arrows nervous tension would creep in, confidence would waver, and an arrow miss the target. Quite a few of my scores have shown "23 hits" at 50 yards, resulting in a missed qualification, in fact, one club member remarked to me "and how many have you missed it by this time?" I don't say that I have the answer but I find that the following usually works for me. Set yourself a score, within reason, then concentrate on a score for each dozen, adding up the score after each distance, if you wish.

E.G. For a 2nd Class Hereford

Average 40 dozs @ 80 yds = 240

" 62 dozs @ 60 yds = 248

" 70 dozs @ 50 yds = 140

628

For a 1st Class Hereford

Average 56 dozs @ 80 yds = 336

" 76 dozs @ 60 yds = 304

" 86 dozs @ 50 yds = 172

812

I realise that this is not always possible to carry out at an open competition, as the scoring is usually checked also on a running total, but if you know what you should be scoring for each dozen at each distance, the final score will take care of itself, in fact, you might even be pleasantly surprised.

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DARENTH VALLEY LEAGUE

SUNDAY 13th May - LAMORBY PARK by Colin P.

On the hottest day since the 3rd July 1977, Harvington's happy hoard of degenerates, Oops! I mean archers descended on the verdant plains of Lamorby Park. Several were suffering from amnesia and had to stop at the "Black Swan" for an hour or two to ask directions, and one, who shall remain nameless, to cure a hangover.

As always we arrived in force, and fielded a team of 13 for the first match of the season. I'm certain we were halfway to winning psychologically with the support we had, and sincerely hope this will be maintained for our future matches. "Well done chaps."

It proved to be unlucky 13 for our hosts, the total scores being Harvington 3,893, Lamorby Park ? .

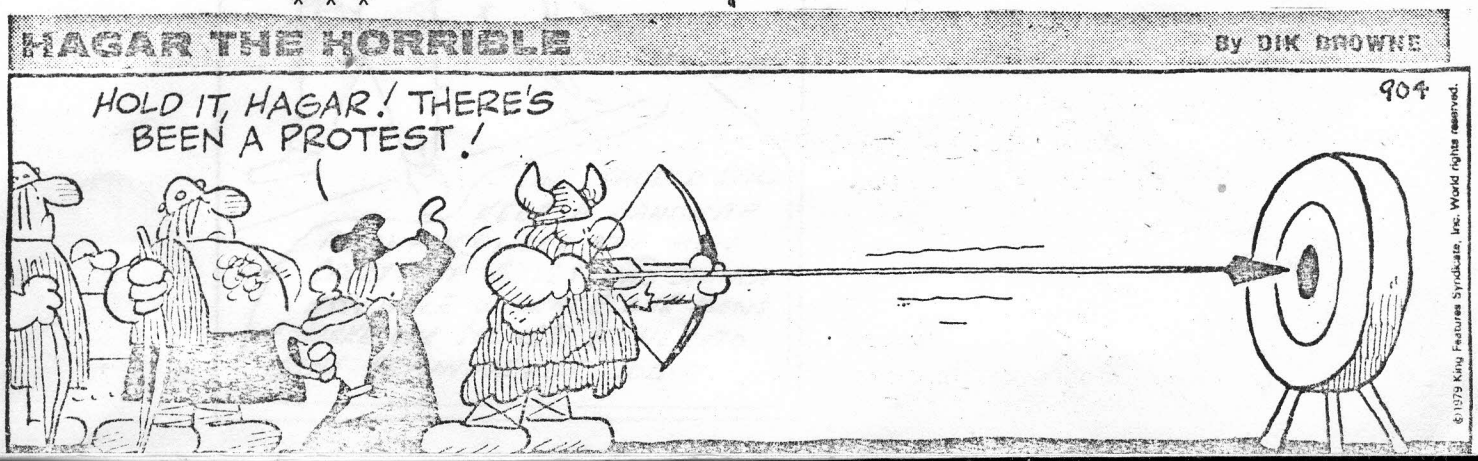
Our nominated 12 archers were, in order of merit (adjusted scores).

1.	Cindy	758
2.	Bill	755
3.	Dierdre	743
4.	Maureen	739
5.	Doug	718
6.	Angie	680
7.	Brian (B)	675
8.	Jack	656
9.	Sheelagh	582
10.	Jacki	561
11.	Ray	556
12.	Colin	542

To swell the numbers, the following were also there:

1. Tony
2. Adrian
3. Phillip

We must be getting acclimatised to their mountain range of a field, because we got through the day without oxygen masks or nosebleeds.

Once again thanks to you all for coming and congratulations to our top six of the day.

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