

# SAMFORD VALLEY



# TARGET ARCHERS

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## The “king” is dead! – The “Lone Survivor” has succumbed!

In fact, the “king” has not been alive for some time, and the only “survivor” was the fig tree which had grown up the middle of the dead trunk, and managed to keep it upright until the high winds of the remnants of Cyclone Oswald conquered it on Friday night – 25<sup>th</sup> January.

The fall of “the tree” has been greeted with some regret in some quarters, and some rejoicing in others (certain clout shooters, especially).

The regret is for the loss of fauna habitat - which is occurring at an increasing rate around the world - and for the loss of an icon. A dictionary definition of an icon is “a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol of something”. Your editor believes that “the tree”, in the middle of our shooting range, marked the location of the SVTA locally, and internationally (having had its photo sent to the USA recently).

The rejoicing is for the fact that it will no longer be a concern for certain clout shooters, nor be a worry that it might fall on someone.

The practicalities of having it removed will have to wait until the grounds dry sufficiently to get heavy machinery in to break it up and remove it. Local councillor Bob Millar was at the Club (with his camera) on Australia Day, and it will be the responsibility of the Council to get rid of the remains.

**Question** - should we use some of the wood for trophies of some sort?

**OK, enough of the editorialising.**

The following is mind-numbingly long-winded, but very important information about the changes to the AA classification awards. Our recorder, Tim Millis, has also requested that be alternatively titled “Just In Case Your Club Recorder Didn’t Have Enough To Do Already!”

### **CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDS**

Updated Effective 1st January 2013

There are ten Classification levels available.

**WHITE**

**BLACK**

**BLUE**

**RED**

**GOLD**

**MASTER BOWMAN**

**GRAND MASTER BOWMAN**

**ELITE BRONZE**

**ELITE SILVER**

**ELITE GOLD**

Classifications are available for Target, Indoor, Field and Clout.

### **HOW TO OBTAIN A CLASSIFICATION AWARD**

#### **Outdoor Target Archery**

To attain an Outdoor Target Archery Classification an athlete shall shoot, during the calendar year and under Archery Australia and/or World Archery Rules, three Target Archery Rounds from those listed in [Classification Table 4B](#) - a score equal to or higher than the required rating levels listed in [Rating Table 4A Target](#).

#### **Gold, Red, Blue, Black and White awards**

- These awards can be claimed shooting any round listed on Schedule 9A with a minimum of 72 arrows.
- To claim these awards the score can be shot in a tournament, QRE or a shoot organised by a club and listed on the clubs calendar.
- These awards can only be claimed once for each class and division.
- Any distance can be shot to claim these awards.

## **Master, Grand Master, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards**

- Master and Grand Master awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of one round being shot in a tournament or QRE.
- Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of the three rounds shot in a tournament or QRE.
- Each of the tournaments/QRE shall consist of 72 arrows or more, the round shall include at least 30 arrows at a distance listed below or longer.

### **RECURVE**

Men, Women, Master, Veteran, 20 and Under, Cadet - 60m -122cm Target Face

Intermediate and Cub - 40m -122cm Target Face

### **COMPOUND**

Men, Women, Master, Veteran, 20 and Under, Cadet - 60m -122cm Target Face or 50m – 80cm Target Face

Intermediate and Cub - 40m -122cm Target Face

### **BAREBOW RECURVE AND BAREBOW COMPOUND**

Men, Women, Master, Veteran, 20and Under and Cadet - 50m -122cm Target Face

Intermediate and Cub - 40m -122cm Target Face

### **LONGBOW**

Men and Women, Master, Veteran, 20 and Under - 50m -122cm Target Face

Cadet, Intermediate and Cub - 40m -122cm Target Face

There must be at least three current financial affiliates (members) of Archery Australia is participating in the shooting and scoring process.

### **Indoor Target Archery**

To attain an Indoor Target Archery Classification an athlete must shoot during the calendar year and under Archery Australia and/or World Archery rules, three rounds equal to or better than the ratings listed in [Classification Table 4B](#) - 2 and obtained from [Rating Table 4A Indoor](#).

### **Gold, Red, Blue, Black and White awards**

To claim these awards the score can be shot in a tournament, QRE or a shoot organised by a club and listed in the club calendar.

These awards can only be claimed once for each class and division.

### **Master, Grand Master, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards**

Master and Grand Master awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of one round being shot in a tournament or QRE.

Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of the three rounds being shot in a tournament or QRE.

### **Field Archery**

To attain a Field Archery Classification, an athlete must shoot during the calendar year and under Archery

Australia and/or World Archery Rules three field rounds equal to or higher than the ratings in [Classification Table 4B](#) - 3 and obtain related score from [Rating Table 4A Field](#).

### Gold, Red, Blue, Black and White awards

To claim these awards the score can be shot in a tournament, QRE or a shoot organised by a club and listed in the club calendar.

These awards can only be claimed once for each class and division.

### Master, Grand Master, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards

Master and Grand Master awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of one round being shot in a tournament or QRE.

Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of the three rounds being shot in a tournament or QRE.

Classes	FITA Field Marked/Unmarked (12-24 Targets)			A.A. Field Rounds			
	Red	Blue	Yellow	National	Inter	Sht. Inter	Hunters
Men	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
Women	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
Master & Veteran Men	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
Master & Veteran Women	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
20 and Under Men	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
20 and Under Women	#	+	x	# + x			# + x
Cadet Men		#	+ x		# + x		# + x
Cadet Women		#	+ x		# + x		# + x
Intermediate Boys		#	+ x		# + x		# + x
Intermediate Girls		#	+ x		# + x		# + x
Cub Boys			# + x			# + x	# + x
Cub Girls			# + x			# + x	# + x

# Refers to Recurve, Compound and Standard Bows (Recurve & Compound)

+ Refers to Barebow Recurve, Barebow Compound Bows

x Longbow

Field classifications may be achieved for the World Archery Field Archery Rounds where a minimum of 12 targets and a maximum of 24 targets are shot – either Marked or Unmarked.

Rounds containing 12 targets Marked, plus 12 targets Unmarked, will also be recognised for Classification purposes.

### Clout Archery

To attain a Clout Archery Classification, an athlete must shoot during the calendar year and under Archery Australia and/or World Archery Rules three field rounds equal to or higher than the ratings in [Classification Table 4B](#)

## Gold, Red, Blue, Black and White awards

To claim these awards the score can be shot in a tournament, or a shoot organised by a club and listed in the club calendar.

These awards can only be claimed once for each class and division.

## Master, Grand Master, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards

Master and Grand Master awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of one round being shot in a tournament.

Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold awards can be claimed annually with a minimum of the three rounds being shot in a tournament.

Class	180m	165m	145m	125m	100m
Men	Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve		
Women		Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp	Longbow B/bow Recurve	
Master & Veteran Men	Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve		
Master & Veteran Women		Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve	
20 & Under Men	Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve		
20 & Under Women		Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve	
Cadet Men		Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve	
Cadet Women			Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Recurve B/Bow Comp'd Longbow	
Intermediate Boys & Girls			Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Comp'd	Longbow B/bow Recurve
Cub Boys & Girls				Compound Std Compound	Recurve Standard Bow B/bow Recurve B/bow Comp'd Longbow

## FAQ

### Who do I claim an award from?

Classification awards are claimed through you club, the club obtains these awards from either the RGB Recorder or direct from Archery Australia Tournament and Records Committee.

### I shoot a Compound Bow; Can I shoot Master Bowman or higher classification shooting a FITA 900 Round?

Yes, the guidelines state the round shall include at least 30 arrows at a distance listed below or longer.

## COMPOUND

Men, Women, Master, Veteran, 20 and Under, Cadet - 60m -122cm Target Face or 50m – 80cm Target Face

Intermediate and Cub - 40m -122cm Target Face

As the FITA900 Round consists of 30 arrows at each distance and the round includes 60m scores from this round can be used.

### What does Schedule 4B mean?

Schedule 4B lists the Rating Levels you need to be shooting to obtain a Classification award in each division.

### Schedule 4B

For example you are a Male Recurve archer and have shot a score of 631 in a FITA 70/720. Using the 72 arrow Rating Table, the score gives you a rating of 90. Looking at Schedule 4B for a Men Recurve a Rating of 90 gives you a Classification of Elite Bowman Bronze.

### I notice the Schedule 4B starts at a Rating of 10, why does it not start any lower?

Quite simply scores any lower than a Rating of 10 means the person is just out of instruction, clubs should be using the Ozbow program for these people.

### Are the Classification awards a one off award or an annual award?

For White, Black, Blue, Red and Gold awards these are a one off award which people usually only claim one in their life using one type of equipment, but these awards can be claimed again if you change equipment styles - i.e. You started in the sport shooting a Recurve bow and claimed all the awards and then changed to Compound, you can then claim them again for Compound.

For Master Bowman, Grand Master Bowman, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold these can be claimed annually. Each award is identified with the year in which it was claimed.

## In Summary:-

It will be easier to shoot a classification round - as listed in Schedule 9A.

Only need 3 other archers competing (so 3 scoresheets submitted on the day that you use round for classification)

You have to be “better” than previously to shoot “Master Bowman” and higher.

“Master Bowman” up - one round shot at QRE or State/National competition only.

Schedule 9A and Schedule 4 tables will be posted at the Club for reference.

**IMPORTANTLY – No stocks of these new medals are currently held by the Recorder** and so will be ordered once an archer requests one. **The archer will need to identify what rounds they are using to claim a medal.** This means that **the Recorder will not be responsible for identifying if an archer has qualified for a class badge** - that is the responsibility of the archer.

## JUNIORS!!!!!!!!!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

Whilst we're on notices, I've been asked to point out the dates in the first half of the year when there will be special **JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS**

These are:-

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February** (that one will probably have gone by the time this gets published (apologies - ef).

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Juniors, if you are interested in improving your archery, make a special note of these dates. Mind you, that doesn't stop you from practicing, improving, or asking for help on any other date.

## RECENT HAPPENINGS

There has been quite a lot of activity on the working bee front in the recent couple of months. Thanks to the generosity of various members we have had the materials to insulate and clad areas of the walls of both sheds (and extend the indoor timing to the new building).

If you haven't been around lately -



The eastern wall of the number one building, with the profusion of newly glued indoor target faces (thanks to the afore-pictured "girls").



The only "almost" survivor of the fall of "the tree". Unfortunately it had some cracks, and had been exposed for too long anyway.

**What follows is an edited version of the report from David Baier (of the United Bowmen of Philadelphia) on the international postal shoot in which we participated in September.**

"Here are the club participants that made up the field of this year's tournament ---

- United Bowmen of Philadelphia
- Kidman Archers, Adelaide, Australia

- Newcastle City Archers, New South Wales, Australia
- Samford Valley Archers, Queensland, Australia
- Reading Archers, UK
- Illinois State Target Archery Association - Chicago
- Geraldine Archers, New Zealand
- Surrey Bowmen, UK
- Alsager Company of Archers, Cheshire, UK
- Lee County Archers, Ft. Myers, Florida
- Pasadena Roving Archers, Los Angeles.

The field is not as large as I would have liked (11 teams), but large enough to make the shoot interesting and fun. My goal is to double participation for the 2013 shoot. If each of you were to recruit one new team, we would reach our goal.....

A team of 4 was the minimum-sized team for this year's competition. I did, however, arrange the scores for successively larger teams for each organization in each division to a maximum of ten archers per team. This is the team size that has historically been used for our shoots with the Royal Toxophilite Society and the Surrey Bowmen. Clubs that don't have a small group of "stars," but that can put 10 above average archers on the line get a chance to win at some level in this setup. For example, the Illinois Target Archery Association had an excellent four-man team. They won the 4-man men's recurve team competition, but they were only 4 men deep. The United Bowmen were first in the 5- and 6-man teams. The Alsager Company of Archers were first in the 7- and 8-man contests. This system rewards depth.

We had three tremendous recurve rounds shot - 692 by Alex Wiffler from Crete, Illinois shooting for the Illinois State Target Archery Association, 670 by Andrew La Borcq from Newcastle City Archers in Sydney, and 652 by Gabe Querol also from Illinois. The third and

fourth members of the Illinois team each shot nearly 600. The Illinois team, therefore, won the 4-man Recurve competition walking away. The United Bowmen were 2nd, the Alsager Archers from Cheshire, England were third. Alex Wiffler's 692 for the Illinois team ties the record for the Round set in the 1970's by Bowman Steve Lieberman, the 1970 World Field Archery Champion - freestyle division.

The 2012 Mail-in Tournament was the first time that compound bows have been shot for a Bowmen Round by a significant number of people. The scores for this tournament, therefore, establish what constitutes a good Bowmen Round Score shot with a compound bow. A perfect score is 756. We had a 730, a 714, a 711, and two 702's shot by participants in this tournament. We have decided to declare 730 the world record for a Bowmen Round shot with a compound bow. The score was shot in October, 2012 for this tournament by Mark Brothers of the Newcastle City Archers in New South Wales, Australia

There were three well-matched compound bow teams, and an interesting complication in the compound bow contest. The Lee County Archers from Florida won the 4-man compound bow shoot, 22 points ahead of the Newcastle City Archers in second place. Samford Valley Archers from Queensland, Australia were third. Note that these scores and results are for teams composed entirely of archers shooting compound bows. If, however, you were to include the 670 recurve score by Andrew La Borcq from Newcastle City Archers in a hybrid recurve/compound team for Newcastle City, that team out-scores Lee County's all-compound team by two points.

Americans do not understand the concept of a tie. In our culture, somebody has to win. That said, Lee County and Newcastle City beat each other. Lee County did something that Newcastle City couldn't do, and Newcastle City did something



that Lee County couldn't do. Using this logic, we declare that Lee County wins the Compound Bow Division, and that Newcastle City wins the All-comers Division. An amazing outcome for our fledgling tournament - wonderful scores. We had archers on the field that border on international elite shooters . Many of the teams that I tried to recruit for this year's shoot questioned if we'd be able to put together a competitive field. If those folks decide to join us next year, they should get ready to pull their socks up.

Mark Brothers of Newcastle City Archers in Australia won the Men's Individual Compound Bow Contest with a score of 730, Adam Tilbrook (also from the Newcastle City Club) was second with a score of 714. Mike Larsen from the Pasadena Roving Archers in California was third with a score of 711.

There weren't enough women from any one club in the same equipment division to form separate women's teams. The women that shot in the tournament became part of their clubs' general teams. On an individual basis Avril Bourke from the Alsager Company of Archers in England won the Women's Compound Bow Division with a score of 664. Carol Monson from the Lee County Archers in Florida was second with a score of 660. Pam Brothers of the Newcastle City Archers in Australia was third with a score of 658 - again, excellent scores and very tight competition.

The top archers in the women's recurve division were Celia Stocker from the Reading Archers in England with a score of 390 followed by Debbie Busby from Reading with a score of 266. Annise Pavildis from the Kidman Archers in Australia was third with a score of 210. The Kidman Archers, the Samford Valley Archers (both from Australia), and the Alsager Company of Archers from England posted Junior Division scores as shown on the attached tabulation.

Max Ives-Keeler from the Alsager Archers in England won the Men's Longbow

competition with a score of 257. Richard Paschke of the United Bowmen was second with a score of 211. John Poirier - also of the United Bowmen - was third with a score of 157. Five men participated in the Longbow competition. There were two competitors in the Women's Longbow/Barebow Division - both from the Alsager Company of Archers in England. These are Amanda Slack and Tracy Shufflebottom. For a comparatively small tournament, we had some great scores shot, and the competition was very close.....

I have put up a simple website for the tournament on [www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com](http://www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com). The site includes a punch recipe from the 1830's, more on the status of our research relative to the age of the Bowmen Round (including a copy of the record of the first shooting of the Round), and copies of our correspondence with the Queen. Great stuff.

Thanks for your interest and support. I look forward to working with you in the new year to develop a better United Bowmen Team Shoot Tournament. Happy New Year!  
Dave “

The website that Dave mentions:-  
[www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com](http://www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com)

is worth a look. It contains pictures of this year's archers, and a brief summary of the scores. It is worth noting that the Samford Valley Target Archers compound team was third in this international shoot. Our Juniors scored top placings in their various divisions.

**Let's do it again this year - but better!**

**Though this is a long Newsletter, with too little “white space” I'll**

finish with the continuation of "Practicing to Perfection", the series from the '70's/'80's, about the **mental aspects** of archery.

#### "WHAT IS A "RESPECTABLE" SCORE ?

There is only one person who can put the respectable label on a score that you shoot – you are that person. It can be properly done only if you use the facts that are presented at that time and you are honest to yourself and about those facts when you evaluate it. Seldom, if ever, would you come up with a score that you would not consider respectable, unless you just plain gave up and quit trying. If you quit trying, you get what you deserve. The lack of confidence in yourself, the frustrations and the time wasting, and the effort spent grinding out scores that are not, to you, respectable, will be the price you will pay.

Consider what your goal really is and what you are willing to "pay" for it. If YOU - not "he", "they", or "them" - are strong enough, there is no handicap fancied or real, big enough to keep you from reaching your goal - and THAT would be RESPECTABLE.

Do not judge your work by what someone else thinks of it. If you do your BEST EFFORT AT THE TIME then what that effort produces IS respectable.

#### WHAT IS YOUR "REAL" SCORE?

Have you ever noticed at a tournament, large or small, that you can generally hear one or more archers complaining that they did not shoot a score that they thought was good enough for them. It doesn't seem to matter what the score was, it just wasn't what they wanted or expected it to be.

Often you can ask the archer what kind of score that he should have shot to satisfy his expectations. Almost

invariably the answer will be, "Well, better than this one."

This answer says virtually nothing. Should you press for a definite figure that would have pleased him or her, you'll find that they have NO IDEA of what would be right. They just DONT KNOW.

If you then ask what their average practice score is and get the specific figure, you're likely to find that the figure is within three or four points of the tournament score they've just shot.

Really, what would make anyone think that under pressure of a tournament they could shoot all that much better scores than at their practice. It is obvious that they do not think about the process at all.

Yes, anyone CAN shoot above their average in a tournament, and some do, but the majority of archers needs to be more realistic in the evaluation and expectation of scores.

If an archer enters a tournament determined to do his best, shoots that tournament doing his best, then where the arrows GO is a product of the best he could do at that tournament, under whatever conditions prevailed on THAT DAY.

Now, if you do not do YOUR best on THE day, then YOU should be the first to know. If you couldn't prepare a shot so that it felt good, couldn't seem to concentrate and your score was showing it, then, before you condemn yourself, take into consideration a few facts that concern every one of us.

In the first place, you are not a machine. The best you can do at the time does not produce the same result every time. In spite of the fact that you are trying your best, things will go together better on some days than on others. No way can you shoot the same score every tournament. There is no way you can guarantee that you will shoot the score that you think you want. There is nothing wrong with wanting to shoot a high score, and there is nothing wrong with EXPECTING to shoot a high score. It is wrong, though, to castigate yourself because you did not shoot the unrealistic score you wanted, especially if you did your VERY BEST on every arrow. The trick

here, in the relationship with yourself is to be sure that you DID do your best and then to be realistic and ACCEPT whatever your score is, knowing full well that it was the best that you could do on that day. You don't have to like it, but you must ACCEPT it.

When you know that you did NOT do your best at a shoot, then you have a right to bitch at yourself, even though that doesn't really help one bit. In fact, it is negative in nature and will erode some of the confidence you should have in yourself. Not many people can afford that.

Doing your best is a wonderful feeling, a prideful feeling, one that will give confidence to the worst of us. Doing your best should cancel out all negative feelings regarding the score. If you do your best all through the tournament you should be able to accept whatever your best produced for you that day, and glory in the fact that you were in command.

No one says you should like the score necessarily; no one says you should be satisfied with it, but you must accept that it happened. You shot it; it is gone; you can't shoot that round over. Accept it with the confidence that on another day in another tournament it will be better because you will be doing your best.

There is a problem that has been mentioned briefly before that should be mentioned again. GREAT CARE must be exercised when we decide that we are REALLY doing our best. It is a question we must be absolutely sure about, because even though we may think we are doing our best all of the time, it is not necessarily so. It can be a sad situation when we kid ourselves that we are doing our best, when in reality we are only coasting.

Many shooters claim they want to do their best. These are the ones who have their words tangled up. They are really only wishing that they could shoot better. It takes backbone, not wishbone, to succeed at anything. Always DOING our best (NOT wishing) will pay off in more ways than just shooting arrows. O. J. Simpson is said to have summed it up; "Give it your best; if it doesn't

work, it just wasn't your day that time". “

Mind you, it turns out that perhaps O.J. was not the best model of correctness!!(EF)