

SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS

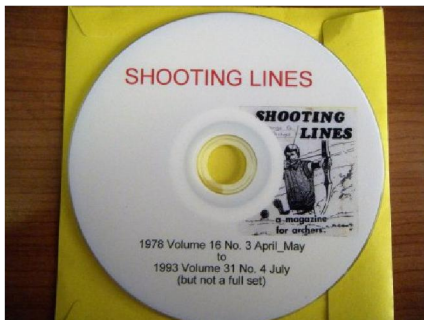
Newsletter of the Samford Valley Target Archers

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I have been ferreting around, in the Club's archives. I found a number of copies (73) of a magazine named "Shooting Lines". They run from April/May 1978 to the final edition of July 1993, although there is not a full set.



"Shooting Lines" started in 1962, and seems to have been perhaps the most successful, long-running archery magazine for target archers, so far, although it is certainly not a glossy high-quality production.

I have scanned the copies available, and put these onto a DVD. From a historical/archival point of view they are quite interesting, even the advertisements tend to chart the technical progress of archery.

Should any members wish to have a copy of the DVD, I'm quite happy to provide one (free of charge).

Hopefully, I'm not breaking any copyright laws - it's historical research.

I missed the SQAS Short Range Championships on the 18th June - I was doing other things. I almost missed the Clout Championship shoot on the 19th as well. If I had been much later it would have been all over - several practice ends, and the first end - then - *finish*.

There were quite a few very wet archers!



Now, the next problem is to find a date for a re-try at the tournament.

"Stop Press" - SQAS Clout Championships now scheduled for Sunday, 7th August.

"Member Protection" is becoming more concerning to most organisations these days - it is actually quite easy to do something that doesn't quite fit what is currently considered acceptable.

The following is the Club's "Member Protection Statement"

Our club supports the Archery Australia Inc Member Protection Policy as it promotes the importance of archery being played in an environment that is safe and fair. What does this mean to you as a member? Quite simply we are asking you to be a good role model, comply with club policies and rules, and that you play within the spirit of the game.

For those of you who undertake a role within the club with children you will need to undergo a police check and obtain a Blue Card, and we will provide you with guidelines for working with children. This helps protect both our junior members as well as those of you who have a closer relationship with children, such as our Archery Instructors and Coaches.

Members also need to know who to go to if they have any concerns. If there is a situation or behaviour of concern you should contact the club President, a member of the club's Management Committee or our club's Member Protection Information Officer (or someone else you trust in the club).

While generally any problems are best sorted out within the club, there may be occasions when the behaviour is of such concern you need to contact your RGB Member Protection Information Officer who provides information on options for dealing with complaints, or even an outside agency such as the Police.

We believe that our club will be stronger for dealing with any issues and this will benefit us both now and in the future by attracting and retaining archers.

We look forward to your support with this policy. It is suggested you visit the web sites;

SVTA www.samfordarchery.org

SQAS www.archerysqas.org.au

Archery Australia www.archery.org.au

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As we all know, even words can be hurtful to some people - particularly minors - even though they may be uttered in what is intended to be a "teasing"/jocular way. It is the ultimate perception by the recipient that counts.

Certainly Australians tend to be pretty disrespectful to friends - the worse the "abuse", the stronger the friendship - but *think* before you pounce.

The Management committee would encourage new members

to shoot the OzBow rounds (and score them), preferably with other archers at a similar level. The idea behind the OzBow is to give archers a measure of how their shooting is progressing - improving scores tend to indicate improving technique in, and understanding of, archery. (Perhaps not always though!)

Reaching a "qualifying score" at a particular distance is taken to indicate that the archer should be confident of

hitting the target (at least most of the time) at the next, longer, distance.

Scoring is a record of the archer's improvement - for the archer's own records, and for recognition by the Club of reaching various levels.

Although the archer really has only himself/herself to beat, shooting with other archers does stimulate a competitive streak in **some** of us and can lead to greater things.

Just a final word about OzBow - fill in your scoresheet fully (full name, date, distance, arrow scores, correct additions, etc, etc) and place the completed score sheet in the box on the wall so that Dave and Bronwyn - the OzBow fairies - can organise any medals required.

A new innovation is the supply of an "OzBow card" to new members to record milestones in their archery life.

Tim Millis left us in June to go to a new job in Europe. There were a few tears (on both sides) when he spoke at his "Going Away Morning Tea", and we were left with a lasting impression -



There's lots of new things at the Club - the **shade structures** have been extended, and there's a new shade at the far (eastern) side of the field,

which will be handy for Beginner Courses and those who want to "get away from it all."



We have a replacement **metal detector** and also a "pinpoint" metal detector which we hope will make finding arrow points in targets a little easier. The penetration depth of the pinpointer is not ideal but we'll see how it goes. The pinpointer is **ONLY** to be used by senior members of the Club. There will also be another couple of metal detectors coming - when the supplier gets his act together.

We have gained a grant from the Federal Government for \$18,000 towards a **training shed** which will eventually be erected at the western corner of the grounds just behind the waiting line area.

Let's not forget the **coffee machine** - people can now have "top quality" coffee untouched by human hands - if you're game to operate it!

We also have a **new Constitution** - which the Club members approved at a Special General Meeting recently. The Fair Trading people have approved it as the final step. There is a clause which defines provisional membership for up to one year of membership. Provisional members will not vote at meetings of the Club. The Management Committee can

decide to waive provisional membership in certain circumstances.

A copy of the Constitution is held at the Club.

The coffee machine (well, some of it) was paid for out of a Volunteers Grant for \$3800 from the Federal Government (thanks for that!). It also allowed us to get a **floor sweeper** (human-powered only) and a **high speed camera** (capable of 1000fps, I understand) for training purposes - Michael Schilling seems to be the custodian of that.

Other grants we have recently received have been **\$2000 from the Samford Branch of the Bendigo Community Bank** and **\$100 from the Samford Chemmart** from their Community funding arrangements.

We thank these organisations most sincerely for their support. The money will help to purchase new target rounds, which we will need coming up to the 2017 Australian Open archery which we will host in March next year.

Kynan Schilling has qualified for a place in the Australian Team to the World Field Championships in Dublin in October this year. The honour does not include having his fare to Ireland paid. To help in raising some money towards costs the Club will run a **Special Beginners Course on the Exhibition Holiday of Wednesday 10th August** and the proceeds of that course will be given to Kynan to defray some of his costs.

The course will be a more extended one and will cover the whole normal two day course in the one day. Any available instructors able to staff this will be much appreciated.

If you have friends and acquaintances who have expressed interest in archery, this would be a good time to encourage them to enrol. Details are on the Club noticeboards, and on the Club Website.

Actually, there are also places currently available in the Beginners Courses over the next few months - if members know of anyone who might be interested in learning archery, then please introduce them to our Website.

On a slightly divergent note - the Club is run by Volunteers - and we depend on them. On a number of occasions, volunteers rostered for certain jobs have not turned up to do whatever job we expected of them. Now, this is not so terrible - things don't always go to plan and it might not be possible to turn up - but, **please, please, please**, let Brian or Alison, or someone, know, as soon as possible, so that some form of staffing can be arranged.

That probably also means that volunteers need to be aware of the calendar of when they are supposed to be available, although Brian's weekly e-mail would tend to jog any memories - if read far enough!

There was an occasion recently where one instructor/DOS tried to service a line of some 15 - 20 archers of all levels of

expertise. Quite disappointing and “unprofessional”.

I said I'd been looking at

“Shooting Lines” - these are a great source of things I might put into Newsletters - such as:-

From “Shooting Lines” January 1993:-

“LAWS OF LOST ARROWS

(adapted from The Canadian Arc her)

Paul Quinnett is a bowhunter. And like most bowhunters, he has spent a lifetime finding new ways to hide arrows in the US countryside. In an excellent article, he concludes with the following:-

Laws of Lost Arrows:

- . Favourite arrows are lost first.
- . If an arrow cannot possibly be lost on bare ground in front of an easy target, it will be.
- . Camouflage shafts will always be easier to find than white ones with orange fletching.
- . If but a single twig grows between a bowhunter and his target his arrow will hit it perfectly, ricochet, and come down somewhere over the rainbow.
- . A 16" thick bale of straw can hide any number of 28-inch arrows.
- . Arrows under the turf will be stepped on and bent before they are seen and picked up.
- . Arrows shot for maximum range tend not to come down at all. Achieving orbit, they simply bum up on re-entry,

. If two arrows are found the newer one will be bent.

. The bend in a recovered aluminium arrow is always too near the point to be staightened.

. The most expensive arrows are always found broken.

. If there is only one fieldstone, boulder or rock on an entire 10-acre practice range, the lost arrow will be found just in front of it - usually ruined.

. Broadheads tend to be lost where people go barefoot.

. Cedar shafts tend to be found warped; and graphite shafts, because they cost the most will not be found during the same decade.

. lost arrows shooting over the target will be found under the target. The converse is also true.

(From Petersen's Bowhunting, 8490 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles)”



And this on the death of Merv Kelly in the **March 1991** edition.

We mark Merv's contribution with the "Merv Kelly Memorial Shoot" each year, but not a lot is really known about him, and only two or three current Club members ever knew him.

"VALE MERVYN KELLY

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Merv Kelly, aged 84 years. He died in hospital in Brisbane after a long illness.

Merv started his archery career in 1948 with the then newly-formed Grange Co, of Archers and remained an active and devoted member until about five years ago. It was due mainly to his interest, efforts and enthusiasm that the club was able to survive, thrive and continue to prosper through the years.

Merv was always a keen archer who participated regularly in club and interclub tournaments. And he was an active administrator, holding variously almost all positions within the club. As well, he held various offices within SQAS and represented that Society as a Member of the Board of Governors for about ten years. For all of these efforts and services, he was awarded an AAA bronze plaque in 1987.

Over and above all this, Merv will be remembered mostly for his staunch and helpful friendliness to all with whom he came in contact - and indeed it was a great honour just to be one of his friends.

We extend our sincere sympathies to his wife Marjorie and family.

Tom Hannay OAM"

And, on a more recent note -

Colin Lang, previously a member of the Grange Company of Target Archers, passed away on June 2nd, this year, at the age of 91.

Colin had been a member of the Club for some years, but succumbed to ill health and left the Club in 2008.

There are still Compound records in Col's name.

There's a coaching seminar coming in August. Jim Park will be giving instruction to coaches and instructors, and anyone else who wants to participate.

There will be a cost, just check on the Club noticeboard for details.

At the last Management Committee meeting there surfaced the bright idea that we might put on a **Sausage Sizzle, once per month, to mark the Induction Day for new members.** This will give everyone some chance to familiarise themselves with members, and the Club facilities.

To this end, we're calling for some volunteers who might take turns at manning the barbeques on these days. Just cooking sausages and onions, nothing exotic.

Let one of the Committee members know that you are willing.

There's to be a Working Bee on 30th July - to re-pack some of the indoor target butts. Keep an ear out at the lunchtime announcements for the time we'd like all of us there.

And a final piece from "Shooting Lines" for this Newsletter ---

Name the Archer

