

SAMFORD VALLEY



TARGET ARCHERS

Newsletter of the Samford Valley Target Archers

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Happy New Year! - So it's a little late (and raspberries to you for mentioning it!). I thought I'd give you all time to make (and break) your New Year resolutions before offering you a couple that (hopefully) you will keep.

Resolution No1. - "When I shoot and score a round, I **will** fill in the score sheets completely, with my first and last name, round, date, and all those other boxes on the sheet that are just begging to be written in". Otherwise the Recorder, who can be a bit of a ***** , might not accept my scores, and I might miss out on goodies.

Resolution No 2. - "If I'm the last person to use a target, or my group has decided to end shooting, and if no one else (and I've asked) wants to use the target, I **will** take the target back to the shed and store it properly, if possible." Not to do so is disrespectful of the other members who have to do your job for you.

As a side-bar to this resolution, not leaving rubbish on the grounds is also a nice thing to accomplish.

We have had a couple of first things recently.

We had the first of the Club Short Range Championship shoots for the year - a new idea which was very well attended. The

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results from that will be on the notice board as soon as I can find some space.

Frans Roodt (you'll see that name fairly often) won in the Compound, **Dave Barnett** in the Recurve and **Dave Arrowsmith** in the Longbow. There will be a notice somewhere on the noticeboard about how the various Club Championships will work - have a look if you don't already know.

Then, Saturday 27th January, was the first of the Indoor Silver Arrow rounds. This, as most of you will know, is an Inter-Club competition, where we try to beat anybody we can think of.

The Silver Arrow Indoor round has changed this year to an Australian Indoor format where you can score X's and 10's and it's 2 x 30 arrows at 18 metres, plus 2 x 30 arrows at 25 metres.

Frans Roodt shot (out of 300 each time) 299 and 298 at 18 metres, and 298 and 296 at 25 metres.

As I say, some people just won't use their entire target -wasteful, I call it!





Me? - I'm not jealous!

And, while we're speaking of good shooting, Matthew Clark has been shooting well lately.

In fact, he has been selected into the Australian Team for the Trans Tasman tournament in Morwell, Victoria, 19 - 23rd April. Go, Matthew!!!

From the Club Recorder:

"The club announces and presents awards to members (such as All Gold & Perfect Ten medals, Classification badges, Record Certificates) during the lunchtime announcements each Saturday. Since not all recipients can be present at such times, we have a number of unclaimed awards.

As of Saturday 27th January, there are unclaimed awards and/or record certificates for:

Matthew Powell, Ken Wearing, Karl Warschau, Brad Hughes, Jason Wilson, Robyn Ives, Julie Parry, Bruce Tyler, Alex Low, Dennis Mycock, Lawson Harris, Jayd Sadler, Delia Evans, Darren Brack, Lana Booth, Dave Barwick and Joan Byrne.

Lurking deep inside the Recorder's treasure chest are some (very) long-ago awards for archers no longer with the club. Some of these are very significant awards. They are for the following ex-members:

Paul & Helen Long, Abbey Scott, Franky Gilligan, Luis Bond, Brendan Carter, Lucas Lee, as well as an SQAS Silver medal for the (un-named) 2008 Indoor Men's Recurve.

If your name is above and you can't get to the club on a Saturday lunchtime, please contact the club at samfordvalleytargetarchers@gmail.com advising of a preferred delivery / collection arrangement. As a case is being enthusiastically prepared for submission to the Committee that unclaimed awards be awarded by default to the Club's Recorder, it would be wise to follow up quickly."

Now, here is a note which is not so nice.

On a couple of occasions late last year, several items "went missing" from the equipment boxes of, at least, a couple of archers. This might have been an occasion when something was borrowed, and the borrower has forgotten to return the item - or it could be outright theft. If it is theft, that comes under the heading of **a really black act!**

So, archers, **just be aware**, and remember to return loaned items to the lender as soon as you have finished with them.

And another new thing! - It is now possible to use the programme “Archers Diary” to score the OzBow rounds at the Club.

There seem to be varying opinions of how useful and appropriate this might be, but at the launch last Saturday archers using it seemed pretty happy. It does not have “official” standing in SQAS or AA records, it is simply a Club “practice” round, but it will get newer archers into using the Archers Diary programme a little quicker than otherwise. (I’ve always felt that that should be “Archer’s”).

There was some re-arrangement/re-packing of the indoor target butts recently

Sourcing material to re-pack indoor butts is a bit of a problem at the moment. It is recognised that some of the butts could be better - however, some time ago members were asked to help prolong the life of the indoor butts by moving the target faces around so that (particularly Compound shooters) are not simply destroying just the centre of the butt. During competition the target faces have to be properly placed, but during practice you can help the Club a bit by changing the placement of the target faces to one side or the other of the butt. Or, perhaps, move to a less commonly used target butt, although without placement of the face off-centre, this simply moves the problem to another butt.

Please help in maintenance of the facilities.

Our Club, like most other Clubs around, depends on volunteers to maintain facilities and to perform the jobs needed to keep the Club active and

viable. There are lots of openings for members to volunteer to do something for the Club (like Secretary, Newsletter.... No, no!). It may not be anything terribly onerous - keep an eye on the drinks in the refrigerator and top them up if they’re getting low (we all like a cold drink!), keep the paper towels in the toilets topped up, sweep the floors of the sheds, (and the toilets, perhaps), etc, etc.

Some of you may be approached to take on positions with some more responsibility - consider agreeing to help. Thanks!

Further to this note, we need to maintain the Club equipment, particularly the Club arrows, which are now used pretty much entirely by the Beginner courses, only. This makes the Equipment Officer’s(s’) job considerably easier than it used to be. However, Dave Arrowsmith is steadfastly slipping into retirement from the job.

We need one or more volunteers for this job. Another suggestion has been that the Archery Instructors who are listed for the Beginner Courses each month also donate some time over that month, to check and maintain equipment.

This has been a pretty dour litany so far, but sometimes things have to be said - sorry - sort of!

On a brighter note -

Ricci Cheah, who is the Para Archery coach for Archery Australia worked with a number of para archers on a recent Sunday morning at the Club.



Tactile set-up for vision impaired archers.



Craig and Taymon in the background.

There were four Club members who availed themselves of this coaching - Charles Gregory, Janelle Colquhoun, Craig Glasby, and Taymon Kenton-Smith. Hopefully, it was very encouraging.

The Club has bought some new timing display gear. You'll see it now, pretty frequently, in use on the West field to get archers fully used to the process, and becoming comfortable with the amount of time available to shoot.

It is WiFi, so there is no need for the electric leads which had to be carried out and back in, and which just about everybody tripped over - at least once.

We still have to see just how far the WiFi reaches, theoretically about 80 metres, but we need to test this.

Further from the Club Recorder (which tends to suggest why he might be a little frustrated.

“Club/SQAS Records are not being recognised.

Archers are reminded that it is critical paper scoresheets are correctly and completely filled in. Do not simply rely on the electronic entries into Archers Diary. If the paper scoresheet is not completed correctly, the shoot is not valid for any club or SQAS record. This

Janelle Colquhoun, using the tactile device.



Ricci Cheah, talking with Charles Gregory.



has happened frequently in the last 1-3 months, with a couple of new SQAS "records" not being awarded. This isn't a problem unique to new members, there are very experienced archers who regularly omit significant detail - or have details that conflict with entries into AD. Such omissions/errors include the archer's name (... yep...!.) the round, bow type, division - and many occurrences of not properly signing changes to arrow scores. Mistakes are sometimes made by archers regarding the round being shot (eg the AA50/720 and WA50/720 rounds are often confused). However when the archer(s) realises that the error has been made & can't then change it in AD, simply make a note on the scoresheet to inform the club's Recorder of the error. It can then be rectified, otherwise the round entered on the scoresheet is taken as the round that was shot. Sometimes internet connections to facilitate scoring in AD is unavailable or drops out - in such circumstances simply noting that on the paper scoresheet will enable the club's Recorder to complete the entry of arrow scores into AD from a properly completed scoresheet. However archers need to be aware of the SQAS requirement of double scoring for a shoot to qualify for an SQAS record. So under such circumstances, it would be prudent to commence double paper scoring should AD become unavailable. "

(All archers are should be aware that, especially for SQAS and AA requirements, there should be three members actually participating in the scoring process, at the target. This fits neatly with the idea of one using a digital device, one calling the arrow scores and one writing the paper scoresheet. The people have to be members affiliated with Archery Australia though not necessarily shooting that Round on that particular target, or indeed, shooting at all.

This tends to be relaxed to only two people for ordinary shooting at the Club, but you still need a witness to the scoring of the arrows, and signing on a properly

completed scoresheet, to have your scores recorded in the Club data. - Ed.)

And again:-

“Reminder for Classifications Awards
It is probably timely to remind some of our more skilled archers to consider whether they want to claim Master, Grand Master and Elite Awards for 2017.

These are claimed via Jo Williams (as our RGB Recorder). I am prompted to suggest this because Matthew Clark has requested Master Bowman - Indoor classification.

As you'd be aware, archers can attain (on request to the Club Recorder) classification awards each calendar year for Master Bowman, Grand Master Bowman, Elite Bronze, Elite Silver and Elite Gold.

Classifications are available for Target, Indoor, Field and Clout - across the various bow types. Archers requalify each calendar year to obtain the Classification award/s for the coming year.

The qualifying requirements are listed in AA's Shooting Rules Section 4.2 (the January 2017 version). Archers Diary appears to track these when reporting the classifications awards that each archer is entitled to.

So all that each archer need do is check his/her entitlement in Archers Diary by going to "My Stuff" then "My Classifications" then selecting 2017. They should then indicate to me that they wish to have that processed. I'm not sure what the charge is, probably the standard \$8 for the badge."



What happens to incorrectly completed score sheets!

Many thanks to Paul for a significant proportion of this Newsletter.

More for the “New News” Section

Samford Community Bank has partnered with the Samford Valley Target Archers. The more you bank with the local branch the more money is given to the Archery Club. If you are looking at having your banking reviewed please consider talking to the local Samford Community Bank. They have given over \$400,000 to local groups in the last few years and with our support they will be able to continue to do this. In the next month we will have some representatives from Bendigo Bank at the range so they can meet our members.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of the Bendigo Samford Community Bank, and the Samford and District Progress and Protection Association, we will be installing an Automatic External Defibrillator at the Club. The planned date for this is 3rd March, 2018, at 11 am, and the “ceremony” will be followed by a barbeque - all members invited.

And now for something entirely different -

Last Monday morning the sandwich toaster/griller was found to be switched on - apparently having been so since the prior Saturday. If YOU were responsible for this take a minute to be thankful that it did not result in serious damage to the Club facilities.

The facilities at the Club are for all of the Club members. This does not mean that NO member has a responsibility to treat them carefully and safely, it means that ALL members have that responsibility, together, but the primary responsibility rests with the user.

If you need a bit of a giggle, after a slap on the wrist, turn the page to see one of our (? “top” ?) bare bow archers striving to win a competition.



The
prize?



Does this put him in the Professional
ranks?