

SAMFORD VALLEY



TARGET ARCHERS

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No doubt you've heard of the Palace of Versailles, the ex-“hunting lodge” of King Louis the Fourteenth of France, outside Paris.

In this amazing complex there is the “Hall of Mirrors”, and there's a (postcard) picture of the Hall, below.



We now have our own version of the Hall, at the Club, as illustrated in this second picture (below).



I'll admit it doesn't have quite the same “Je ne sais quoi” of the original - lacks the chandeliers, perhaps - but it should

help archers improve technique - and perhaps their hair and make-up (and that's just the men).

Thanks largely to Mark Logan, Patrick Barden and Dave Arrowsmith for their work in putting these up.

Treat the mirrors gently, and keep finger prints off - you'll only have to clean them if you get them smudged.

Now that we have a Fund Raising Co-ordinator (Scott Maclean), we have been having a few “meat tray” raffles. It seems that Scott has managed to win the last one (but we won't talk about that).

The meat trays are *donated* by **The Chop Shop**. There is a chain of **Chop Shops**, and it's the one at **Keperra** where the management has been very generous to us.

So, a heartfelt “Thank you!” to the Chop Shop at Keperra.

Talking about fund raising - as you should note from a few notices around the Club, there will be a “Sausage Sizzle” organised by the Club at the Bunnings Carseldine store, on 12th April.

I know this is 5 or 6 weeks to go but please organise your

commitments/diaries to be able to volunteer to help run this well. I'm not sure just what is required in terms of supplies, notices, equipment, etc., but be assured we'll be working to make sure we do a good job.

As it turns out, Scott will actually be **away** on that weekend with Connor at the Youth Nationals in Adelaide (yeah, we know, good excuse!), and he has already organised that Christian Jeckimovs will be 2-I-C.

More information through the Club as it comes to hand.

Our Club will be hosting a part of the SQAS and National Indoor Championships on the 19th and 20th of July. There will be a fair bit to do in preparation for that, and things will happen as necessary, but one of the things we need to ensure is that our Club premises are in good condition, and CLEAN. Develop the habit of putting rubbish in the bins provided, encourage Club members and visitors to do the same and the occasional sweeping of floors will be accepted thankfully.

As part of the preparation for the Indoors, there is to be a ("Mini") working bee on 15th March to complete the indoor butts which we will need for the tournament. Please help!

A Repeat of warnings and requests:

These are some of the things which all members should keep in mind to be helpful and

considerate to other people at the Club, and for personal safety.

- **If you're finished shooting, check if someone else wants to use your target**, and if there's no-one, at least take the target back to the door of the second shed - but preferably put it back properly.

- **Check all of your archery equipment BEFORE shooting.** Check the string - does it need waxing, is it worn too much? If it's Club equipment ask someone to check it.

- **Carbon arrows are great - they're either broken or not** but it can be difficult to be sure at times. Fragments of carbon under the skin can be a REAL PROBLEM. Learn how to check arrows for problems - **ASK FOR HELP IF YOU'RE NOT SURE!!!**

- **Beginners and new archers especially, be aware to how to remove arrows from the target (and the ground) properly.** If you're not sure - **PLEASE** ask. Some very strangely bent arrows turn up in Dave Arrowsmith's workshop at times. If they are really bent, that's a financial loss to the Club.

- **Another point to remember, the only people who should be forward of the "Waiting Line" (apart from DOS and judges at Tournaments), are the archers when they move forward to shoot.** Visitors, spectators, mothers and fathers of new archers - and even the photographer - should not move forward of the waiting line without the permission of the DOS, or a judge (if present).

A couple of people have walked into the Club, then to the kitchen

to access the Bow Cupboard. Lo, and behold, it's been moved. A week or so ago a few members moved the cupboard to its new home in the western building. **The location of the opening button** can be a bit of a puzzle, but those who need to know do know or will know.

Speaking of new things and changes

- **Steve Bennett** - not that he is necessarily new or changed particularly, but he has accepted the position of Member Protection Information Officer for the Club. Steve will not solve problems for you if you have a problem with the Club or a Club member, but he will give advice of what you might do to begin to solve problems, or whom to contact.

I haven't officially greeted our new mower



Greetings, new mower!!

It's currently hiding in the Western shed. It has a wider cut than the last one, and

hopefully needs fewer (expensive) repairs than the last one.

It can do 0 - 100 in 3 days - at least that's what Scott Maclean reckons. Anyone who wants to use the mower will be inducted in to the mower driver's union after completing instruction, but it's going to be hard to get either Scott Maclean, or Patrick Barden out of the chair.

The Merv Kelly Memorial shoot

(combined with the Monthly Club Handicap tournament) was held on Saturday 22nd February.

The winner of the Compound section of the Merv Kelly was:-



Hayden Millis.

The Recurve section was won by:-

Michael Schilling (who dodged the camera too quickly),

And the Barebow section was won by:-



Matthew Powell

The Monthly Handicap Tournament for February was won by:-



David Barwick.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, though we could have fitted more archers on the field.

Talking about filling the field, Saturday 1st March had -



Junior Coaching on the East field,

Beginners class in the middle, and the “older” members on the West field.



We think all of the targets were out!

According to a schedule we’ve received the footings for the new shade cover (in the middle field) should be done on 13th March, and the erection of the structure on the 27th and 28th of March. We shall eagerly await!



The food of champions??

There are a couple of results of shoots which members might find interesting.

Both shoots were International - so check the next page.

For the few of you who don't already know, Ryan Tyak, an SQAS archer, won **GOLD** at the 2014 World Indoor Archery Championships in Nimes, France at the beginning of this month. He beat Ukrainian archer, Victor Ruban in the Gold Medal match.

Taylor Worth, also competing, was beaten by his major rival Brady Ellison of the USA in the Bronze Medal match, and therefore was placed fourth. Taylor had **beaten Brady in the elimination matches** in the London Olympics, and on a number of other occasions.

And, in breaking news, not previously announced in Queensland, the SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS 4-man Compound Team came first in the Compound Division of the United Bowmen of Philadelphia's 2013 International Mail-in Tournament. The team won over 15 other clubs with scores totalling as listed below.

1. Samford Valley Target Archers - 2822
2. Duluth Archery Club, Minnesota - 2794
3. Gisbourne Archery Club, New Zealand - 2774
4. Lee County Archers, Florida - 2740
5. Sherwood, Oregon - 2666
6. Illinois Target Archery Association, USA - 2648
7. Old Basing, England - 2636
8. Newcastle City, NSW - 2592

9. Great Southern Archers, South Aust. - 2404
10. Geraldine Archery Club, NZ - 1937
11. St. George's Archery Club, England - 1751
12. Chicago Archery Club, USA - 1669
13. Pasedena Roving Archers, USA - 1508
14. Elswood Bowmen, England - 954
15. Aukland, NZ - 724
16. Surrey Bowmen, England - 435

I know that a couple of our archers are interested in World Records in this particular shoot, but, so far, I have not received any confirmation or denial of such data.

Further information will be disseminated as I get it.

I've got a funny feeling I've forgotten to mention something important, but I'm sure I'll find out about it one way or another.

