

# GRANGE COMPANY TARGET ARCHERS

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## News about the National Championships

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Being crazy helps!! (photo by Mike Schilling)

If anyone has been hiding under a rock somewhere, or out of the country, the news that the National Archery Championships were held in Brisbane - at Mount Petrie Bowmen's Belmont range and at Grange's Samford range between 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May, may come as a surprise.

However, it did happen, and members of the Grange Company of Target Archers generally did very well in their various groups.

In the **Men's Recurve** class, **Rod Brier-Mills** scored 2270 for two FITA rounds and ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, and **Mike Schilling** scored 1971, and ranked 24<sup>th</sup>.

In the **Women's Recurve** class, **Shelley Allsopp** scored 1969, and ranked 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at the Club, both Mike and Shelley received FITA stars for 1000+ rounds in the Nationals.

In the **Recurve Master Men** class, **Alan Roberts** scored 2077 and ranked 5<sup>th</sup>. **Patrick Barden** ranked 5<sup>th</sup> with a score of 2097 in the **Veteran Men's Recurve** class.

In the **Recurve Barebow Master Men's** class **Ian Smith** ranked second with a score of 1612, in the **Recurve Barebow Veteran Men's** class **Dave Arrowsmith** scored 1692 and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, and **Jim Gooley** ranked first, with a score of 1857, in the **Veteran Men's Compound Barebow**.

**Scott Hagaman** and **Tristan Barrett** (**Men's Compound**) scored 2639 (ranking 12<sup>th</sup>) and 2600 (ranking 22<sup>nd</sup>), respectively.

**Madeline Ferris** (**Women's Compound**) scored 2679 and ranked 10<sup>th</sup>. and **Neil Digweed** (**Veteran Men's Compound**) followed up with a 2<sup>nd</sup> ranking 2786.

So that was the **Target Championships**.

In the **Field Championships**, out of a possible 900, **Scott Hagaman** (Compound, Men) scored 755 and ranked 9<sup>th</sup>, **Madeline Ferris** (Compound, Women) scored 745 and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, and **Neil Digweed** (Compound, Veteran Men) scored 755 and ranked Number 1 (so age does weary them?)

**Rod Brier-Mills** (Men's Recurve) ended up ranking 8<sup>th</sup> with a score of 636, and **Alan Roberts** (Recurve Masters Men) achieved a 4<sup>th</sup> ranking with a score of 468.

**Ian Smith** (Barebow Master Men) ranked number 1 with a score of 342.

So that was the **Field Championships**, where a walk through the bush is spoiled by having to stop and fire arrows at targets - sometimes missing!



Photo courtesy of Grahame Amy

The **Clout Championships** were held at the Samford Archery Park on 27<sup>th</sup> May, the last day of the Championships. Scores are out of a possible 600 - a Double Clout.

**Mike Schilling** (Men's Recurve) ranked 4<sup>th</sup> with a score of 503, **Madeline Ferris** (Women's Compound), 4<sup>th</sup> with a score of 573, and **Ian Smith** (Barebow Master Men) ranked number one with 447.

**Dave Arrowsmith** and **Patrick Barden** fought out the **Barebow Veteran Men's Clout** and Dave ranked number one with 472, as against Patrick's number two ranking following a score of 387. **Greg Jackson** with 345 ranked third in the **Longbow Master Men** class.

**Kynan Schilling** ended ranking second, with a score of 399 in the **Men's Longbow Clout**, and **Jim Gooley** (Veteran Men's Barebow Compound) came in number one with 460 scored.

## Winners and Grinners



Bruce Lang, Neil Digweed and Leigh Cornish



Karen O'Malley and Dave Arrowsmith



Jim Gooley and Bob Millar



Greg Jackson and Bob Millar



Kynan Schilling and Bob Millar



Patrick Barden & Dave Arrowsmith



Ian Smith and Bob Millar



AA President John Chaplin and Madeline Ferris

Since SQAS, the Mount Petrie Bowmen and the Grange archers were responsible for hosting the Nationals, a number of GCTA members were volunteers over the five days.



A selection of helpers

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## SAFETY WARNING

Mike Schilling, Field Captain, wants to remind everyone that the target butts should be **anchored down** at the back, using tent pegs, when placed on the open field.

When it is not windy, we tend to forget this point, but when it IS windy, as recently happened, target butts can blow over, and it may be YOUR arrows that break.

Some of the target frames have holes in the back legs for pegs, others may need to be anchored by lengths of rope until hole-making is completed.

*Please make every effort to develop the habit of anchoring the target butts.*

## Club Championship rankings to June.

The list of Club Championships is on the notice board at the Club grounds for more detail, but currently leading in the compound bow class is Scott Hagaman, rather closely followed by Hayden Millis.



Hayden hasn't been shooting for very long (said from the point of view of someone who has been "archerying" since 1959, and still hasn't gone higher than 2<sup>nd</sup> class archer), but he is currently shooting Grand Master Bowman levels in some of the ranges.

Ian Smith currently leads the recurve division, and Kynan Schilling leads in the Longbow shoots.

## Target Captain versus Director Of Shooting (DOS)

When there is only one target on a shooting line a "Target Captain" is appointed to control shooting. Verbal directions about shooting, ceasing shooting and collecting arrows, may be sufficient, although whistles/buzzers could be used.

When there is more than one target in use on a shooting line, the DOS controls shooting. The DOS carries a yellow flag, and a whistle or buzzer is used for signaling, although verbal commands can also be involved.

One whistle blast/buzzer noise means it is safe to commence shooting, three blasts/buzzes means it is safe to proceed forward to collect arrows. More than 3 blasts indicates an emergency situation

In cases of urgency anyone on the line can call "hold" or "hold fast" and shooting must immediately cease.

*"Safety is our absolute priority"*

**Trolling through the Archery Australia web site** (it can be easily reached from the Grange website) can take a while, but there is some interesting information to be had.

For instance, there are lists of record holders - World records, National Championship records and Australian Tournament records.

Two Club members hold, or have held World archery records - Madeline Ferris and Rod Brier-Mills.



In fact, Rod received his record acknowledgement, dated June 2010, at the Australian National Championships which have just been held.

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Grahame Amy



Up to May 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, Club members who are holders of National Championship records are:-  
Tristan Barrett, Kynan Schilling, Madeline Ferris, Rod Brier-Mills, Jim Gooley, Neil Digweed, and Dave Arrowsmith.

Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, Kynan Schilling, Madeline Ferris, Rod Brier-Mills, Jim Gooley, Dave Arrowsmith, and Neil Digweed also hold Australian Tournament records.

If I've missed out anyone, please accept apologies for just a quick scan.

What is obvious is that there are some accomplished archers in the Club, and they're all willing to help the rest of us plodders if they can.

## Member Input

If you've got something you'd like to hear about, or that you'd like mentioned - to do with the Club, or archery in general, let's know ([evanf@hotkey.net.au](mailto:evanf@hotkey.net.au)) or ([hagaman@techsus.com.au](mailto:hagaman@techsus.com.au)), starting the subject line with GCTA, and maybe we can do something for you.

There may be a Web site that others might not know, that you consider has good information.

**The final word** - from the first Newsletter! **Dave Arrowsmith** says that he's really only *the assistant* equipment officer, but I think that he's done such a great job, that he's obviously been promoted to the top position.



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