

SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS

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Here we go again - any of the news that I can manage to think of, and that might (possibly) be fit to print.

The archery calendar has been busy, and it's going to stay busy for some time to come.

We had the SQAS Short Range Championships on 18th June. 71 archers turned up and it made quite an impressive spread across the Samford grounds.



The weather stayed good - not at all like the cold snap that we seem to be experiencing as this is being written.

Then on 21st and 22nd June the SQAS Target Championships were held at Mount Petrie Bowmen's grounds. Again, the weather was great, just a

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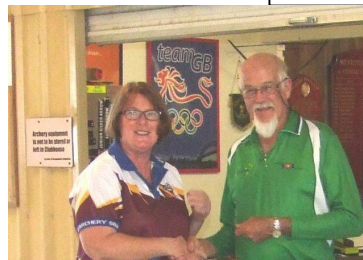
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little bit of wind to confuse some of us on the Sunday afternoon.



Maddison Stuart got the gold in the Cadet Recurve Women's class

Alison got the gold in the Master Women's compound class



Yours truly got the gong for the 70+ Men's Compound



Greg Jackson was shooting Barebow Compound this time – so he got that one!



... and **Nick Horley** shot top score in the Men's Compound – and also achieved a special goal – a round of 1353

Scott Hagaman had to fly north for work on the Sunday and only shot one round. Karl Reichel and Peter Clark did not achieve medals, but shot creditable scores.

Of the 44 Archers who shot over the two days, nine were from Samford. Numbers were a little disappointing in total, but hopefully, will be better next year.

The next BIG thing is the National Indoor Championships. They're being held in a number of venues around Australia on 19th and 20th of this month. However the venue we're concerned with - as if you didn't know - is our own Club grounds.

Considerable work has been done in getting ready for this event, and it's coming along quite well. We'll need **volunteers** to do various jobs, however - things like: -

Operating the canteen (4 hour shifts?)
BBQ set-up and cooking
Clean out sheds each day – morning and evening
Assemble/disassemble shades
Put up a barricade between sheds
Signs (such as: directions/Quiet please)
Clean out the area behind the shooting lines – tables. Etc
Dispose of rubbish
Keep the toilets clean and supplied
Whatever is needed to run this well

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Please come forward to Nick Horley, or a member of the Management Committee to make it known that you're willing to be involved in some way. We will be on display as a Club, and hopefully even a little bit of (good) publicity resulting.

The “opening” of the new shade structure will also occur, with our local Queensland Parliamentary member, Mr Dale Shuttleworth, officiating at midday on the Saturday.

The shade was built with grants from the Queensland Sports and Recreation department, and the Moreton Bay Regional Council. We owe considerable recognition to these governments

Maddison Stuart may not know it yet, although she probably will by the time this is circulated, but she will be interviewed by “The Westerner” shortly about participating in this Championship.

Talking about volunteers - just about all the work done at the Club is done by volunteers. Occasionally we have to pay for expertise but that's usually in the matter of infrastructure.

However some volunteers do more than others at times - in this newsletter special thanks go to: -

Steve Bennett - for looking after arrows while **Dave Arrowsmith** was away. This is a **NEVER**-ending job, and a massive task. We're attempting to recruit more volunteers for this on some sort of a roster system - so if you feel moved to help you will be welcomed, worked hard, and occasionally thanked (perhaps).

Patrick Barden does a hell of a lot of maintenance (and construction) work. Recently he has been working on trying

to "sound-proof" the water pump so it won't upset the indoor archers, and he has put a border around the mosaic on the east wall and painted a projection screen on the west wall of the original shed.

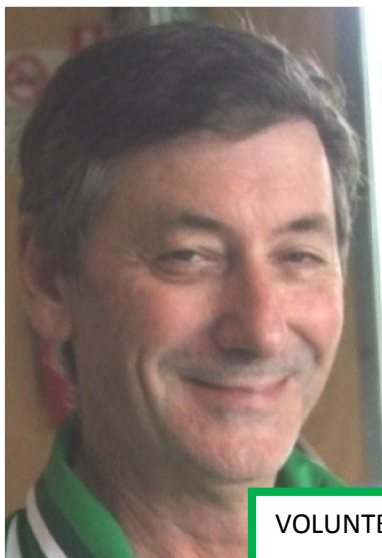
Joan Byrne has recently added some towels and utensils to the kitchen - and there'll be a NEW kitchen set-up going in on Monday 7th July.

Scott Maclean and **Patrick Barden** work at mowing. At least they try to tell us it's work - they really just like haring around on the mower. SOMEBODY mowed Steve's bow square the other day - it is no longer square - more bow-ed. It may not have been Scott or Patrick - maybe it was the council contractors.

Scott Maclean also rounds up meat trays to raffle. I must really work hard to win one and buy lots of tickets.

A large thank you also goes to everyone who worked on setting up the new indoor butts. **Tim Millis** and **Mike Schilling** very, very much in the frame, but they did have help - and a great job has been done by all!

Brian and Alison also do a lot!(ya reckon?) Brian has worn his beard off by keeping his nose to the grindstone.



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Hasn't seemed to affect his nose!!

Here's an interesting grouping of arrows -

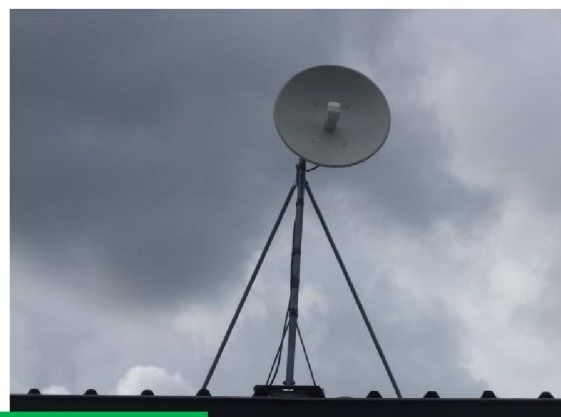


- not bad for 90 metres?
- a pity it was only 20!



Another new thing!!!

We've got Internet connection at the Club.



It's had a few problems communicating shed to shed (a problem of wrong IP addresses, I believe) but I'm assured that it is working properly now.

You won't be able to watch "Game of Thrones" on your laptop though; the log-on is a fairly closely guarded secret.

The theory it is will be usefully up and running for the Indoor Nationals. Archery Australia has commenced the "Archer's Diary" which is described in the latest "Archery Insights" as : -

"The official scoring and tournament management software of Archery Australia Inc."

The dish and the Internet connection has been provided by "samTEL Communications" of Samford and we are greatly indebted to them for their generosity.

June's Monthly Club Tournament was held recently.

Grant Crawley thought he was in with a chance, having shot 110.92% of his current rating, but he was beaten into first place by: -



"Captain" Dylan Rock - with 119.87 of his current rating

The Club will be hosting a Sporting Wheelies and Disability Association "Come-and-Try" day on 31st August.

A similar day held by Mount Petrie Bowmen earlier this year was apparently a great hit.

The last Newsletter was so long ago that I'd forgotten that I haven't covered the "Sausage Sizzle" that we had at Carseldine Bunnings on April 12th.

You should know that we raised something like \$2025.00 by selling sausages, bread, onions and sauce, because that's been officially recorded, but you missed seeing some of the photos.



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I gather I'm going to have a place in the Christmas review (thank you, Alison), but I'm saving comments on Sandra and Miriam for that time too. (Is that a threat or a promise?)

New/Updated Club Policies.

There are a couple of policies which will be coming out in the near future re DOS activities and responsibilities, and also one on who can give specific advice re equipment. They will come up on the notice board, so members are unlikely to miss them.

We have a number of activities in the Club for which the Management Committee believes it is necessary to have some degree of training to perform safely. To this end there are some registers maintained to show who is officially approved for certain tasks.

There's a mower register, a clout shooters register, theoretically a register of who is empowered to use the arrow saw, etc.

Christian Jekimovs is the Training Register Officer - the one who maintains the registers and keeps them current. Contact Christian if you want to do particular things (especially where there might be safety concerns) and you're not sure if you are registered as competent.

Christian's photo will be on the committee board if you aren't sure who's who.

Talking of safety - again!!!!

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.

- 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. Check the arrows, nocks, fletchings, points, and check for cracks/splits.
- Make every effort to find lost arrows. If you can't find them, mention it to the DOS, a Management Committee member, or a more senior member who will pass the advice on.
- Footwear - no open-toed footwear on the archery grounds.
- When moving with arrows, keep them in a quiver. If no quiver is available be sure to have the arrow points towards the ground.
- **NO RUNNING** on the grounds.

If you haven't already noticed, the Club's new shirts make quite a statement when there's a significant number of archers on the shooting line.



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And, just to plagiarise and re-circulate a tip from Brian's e-mail news of some time ago: -

“Coaches and Archery Instructors cannot be everywhere all the time and will generally not interfere with you unless you ask for help, or attend a coaching session, or they see something that is a bad practice or unsafe. Please approach the coaches or instructors if you need any help, they are all very happy to help you achieve an enduring, safe and enjoyable archery experience.”

A final note -

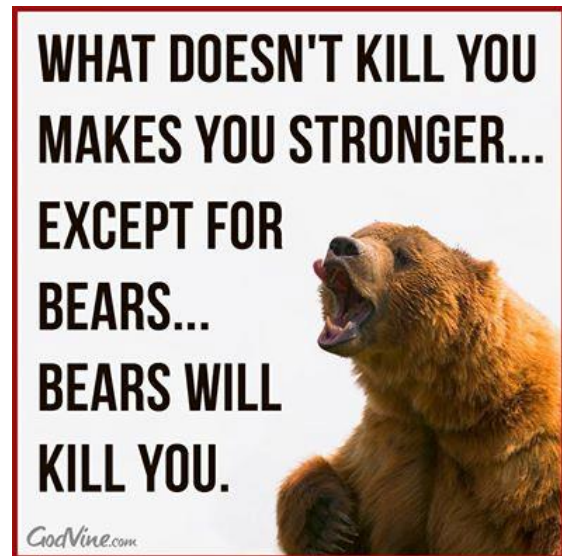
The target butts carry flags. The posts for the flags are mostly old arrow shafts and they stick up a fair way above the target.

The flags are a necessary part of the set-up of targets, particularly for Tournaments.

If the butts are wheeled out of the shed where they are stored without consideration of the height of the flags and the height to which the roller door is raised, the flags can be damaged.

Would the people who open up the roller door leading to the archery ranges please ensure that the door is raised to its full height - this should avoid damage to the flags.

Another safety tip: -



...not totally logical as stated, but there you go!

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