

# SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS

Newsletter of the Samford Valley Target Archers

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**The Annual General Meeting** of the Club is on at 10 am. in the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> September, which should be the end of the week that this newsletter hits the streets.

All Club members are, of course, invited to attend.

Do come, it can be exciting to see the competition between members to fill the various places on the Committee. (Ahem!)

There will also be a Swap and Sell event starting at 9 am. People who have items of archery gear that they are no longer using may wish to try to palm them - er, swap or sell them.

The timing of this event and the AGM may become a little involved, but I'm sure we will eventually muddle through.

## The South Queensland part of the National indoor

**Championships** was held at the Club grounds on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> - I'm sure you already know that.

The NEW kitchen had its initial try-out and seemed to function well. Many thanks to John Garland for arranging the supply and fitting of the kitchen.



Thanks too, to all of the Club members (and others) who worked before and during the event to make it the success it seemed to be.



..THE IT TEAM



...the coffee man, and Sandra, who worked most of the time in the kitchen, and then



... the lady trying out the blue glasses,  
and the competitors.



...and, especially, the members of our  
Club who achieved local success, ...





...**Paul O'Brien** missed out (a photo) because his picture came out blurry...(sorry, Paul)

Nationally, we have to acknowledge to success of **Ryan Tyack** (who else!) who won the Men's Open Recurve division. Congratulations (again) Ryan.

Some Club members also did VERY well Nationally...

**Justin Olexienko** was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open Men's Compound,

**Madeleine Ferris**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Open Women's Compound, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Veteran Women's Compound

**Paul O'Brien** was 6<sup>th</sup> in the Master Men's Recurve,

**Greg Jackson** (doing his usual trick) was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Master Men's Compound Barebow, AND 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Master Men's Recurve Barebow.

**Sam Jackson**, not to be outdone, scored 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Boy's Recurve Barebow, AND 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Boy's Longbow.

**Maddison Stuart** scored 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cadet Girls Recurve,

And **Matthew Powell** was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Intermediate Boy's Longbow.

Quite a number of other members entered their names in the National ranks.

Incidentally, just to show what shooting two different bow types in one tournament does to you, here are a couple of shots of Greg and his son shooting in the rain a week or two ago.



HMMMMMM!

## South Queensland Archery

**Society** has recently given the Club a grant on \$1000.00 for computer/information technology improvements in the Club. This, I think, paid for a new, u-beaut laptop computer which collects all the stuff that we can now watch on the monitor at the Club.

Even the bogans are attracted to it ....



Many thanks to SQAS.

## Competency Registers

As the Club grows there are activities which need to occur, in order that the Club functions in an orderly and, most particularly, safe fashion.

For this reason registers have been established within the Club to list those members who have been declared competent to perform certain functions or use various items of equipment. Competency might be declared to have been achieved by undertaking instruction, or simply by having been performing the function or using the equipment safely for some time.

We currently have competency registers in place for:-

Use of the mower,

Use of the arrow cutter,

Clout shooting, and,

Director of Shooting functions.

Restrictions on the use of the mower and the arrow cutter have obvious value since serious damage to equipment and person could be the result of incorrect use.

A restriction on clout shooting for those people who have not been coached about the power of archery bows is also a valid condition when overshooting the clout area may risk injury to persons outside the Club grounds.

We have recently commenced a Director of Shooting (DOS) register because the safety of archers on the field is controlled

very largely by the DOS – although all archers on a shooting line do have a place in ensuring safe shooting. The position of DOS is an important one, not to be treated lightly. If there is more than one target butt in use on the field, there **MUST** be a DOS, who may be one of the archers, or may be a non-shooter.

The DOS needs to be a responsible person, not necessarily a more senior archer, who undertakes to ensure the safe conduct of shooting on the line. The major requirements are sensibility and responsibility, and knowledge of the process of shooting on a line. Should the DOS have to leave the line at any time, for any length of time, that DOS should hand the responsibility over to another suitable person. If there is no DOS when there should be, no further shooting can occur.

The DOS must ensure that he/she can view the field to ensure that shooting does not occur when there is a person on the field, in front of the shooting line. Part of this function may require the adjustment and staggering of the targets at various distances so that no archers could be hidden from the DOS's view behind targets. The arrangement of targets is therefore also the responsibility of the DOS.

There could be an argument that a right-handed archer, being DOS, should be stationed on the eastern side of our field, although this is normally where the shorter ranges are set, and conversely that a left-handed archer, being DOS, should be on the western side of the field. Such arrangements would be more likely to allow the DOS to see more of the field more easily, however it is up to the DOS to manage how he/she keeps an eye on the line. Also ANY archer on the line can halt

shooting in a potentially dangerous situation by loudly calling "Hold, hold!" or something similar. The old archery word was "Fast" for "hold fast" but any shout to stop proceedings is fine.

The archers who have currently automatically been included on the DOS register are the coaches and the archery instructors. Decisions will be made over time about which other Club members might be included. It is also planned to have some briefing sessions to qualify other members.

The DOS register is currently being kept by Christian Jeckimovs.

### **A repeat of what the DOS should know, and do.**

All people who DOS at the club use the standard whistle system, TWO blasts to go to the line then about 10 seconds later a SINGLE blast indicating it is now safe for the archers on the line to commence shooting.

It is important that there is a period of about 10 seconds between the TWO blasts to go forward and the SINGLE blast, as it allows the DOS time to check the line, and that no one has accidentally kept walking towards the target rather than stop to pick up their bow to be ready to shoot.

So an important point is for archers to stop and wait for the SINGLE blast before lifting their bow to shoot. They may nock an arrow but not lift the bow.

The other important point is for the DOS to check the line and the field of play before giving the SINGLE blast. Each field of play is indicated on the line by indicator posts; between the fields of play there is a no go area indicated by

the red board on the indicator post. Do not go into the no go area.

At the completion of shooting the archers are to move well back away from the shooting line to the waiting area. The DOS is to ensure that archers are not congregating at the line, or the DOS simply does not give the all clear signal which is THREE blasts. On THREE blast the archers are free to move from the waiting area to go forward to score and retrieve arrows.

And what is the emergency signal; multiple blasts FIVE or more, and can be accompanied by verbal alert also. If you hear the FIVE or more signal stop immediate what you are doing. If at full draw do not loose (fire) the arrow, let down, and await further instruction from the DOS.

**Parents and Guardians, please remember, if you are going to leave a child at the Club to shoot, and not remain at the Club yourself, to specifically arrange with someone who is willing to keep a bit of an eye on the child, to ensure he/she does not come to harm, and does not interfere with other member's enjoyment of their sport.**

**The Club is not a crèche.**

**In the last Newsletter I mentioned Dylan Rock, who did very well in the June Monthly Club Handicap shoot.**

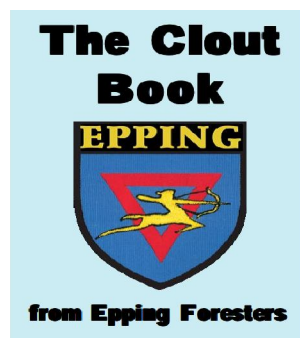
Dylan repeated the win in the July Club Shoot, scoring 113.011% of his handicap rating score.



I'm sure there'll be some changes made (to his handicap!)

**CLOUT SHOOTING** - Remember that you have to qualify in this so that we don't imperil the neighbours by overshooting the clout! It is possible to have a special clout sight made - especially for compound bow shooters, but also for recurvers. If you're interested, contact either Brian or Alison Hagaman and they may be able to give you a contact who makes clout sights. In addition, [www.archeryacademy.com.au](http://www.archeryacademy.com.au) (check out 'bow sight accessories') and [www.archeryequipmentwa.com.au](http://www.archeryequipmentwa.com.au) (check out the Molinor clout sight on page 27 of the price list, under "Sight Pins") can be contacted about mirror-type clout sights. (Probably the best).

Incidentally, if you do have an interest in clout shooting you might want to enter - "The Clout Book" - into your search engine, and you should be able to track to a small booklet with insights into the art of shooting clout.



**Grouping** - the aim of just about any process of hurling a series of missiles at a particular target is to get them to fall within a particular (usually small) area. This, then, is called a "group".

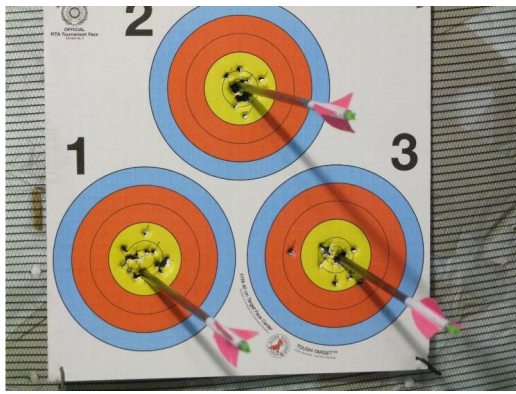
In archery, once your technique is good enough that you can reliably place 6 consecutively-shot arrows in about the same place on the target, you are said to be "grouping". This is an important milestone in archery - the ability to produce a (smaller and smaller) group of arrows at any particular range.



This is a pretty good group. (You might notice, from the angle of the arrows in the target, that it's not shot from an especially long range).

However, once you can reliably group your shots, then you can adjust other things to ensure that your group ends up where you want it - usually the "X" and "10" ring of our usual targets.

This is also a photograph of a "group" of arrows -



Fairly obviously, it's an indoor target "triangle" face. It illustrates a fact that arises when you really start to group your arrows - **two arrows don't fit well into one space.**

This is when you have your shooting down so well, that you risk damaging arrows - fletches, nocks or shafts. This can be an expensive process because, not unusually, two arrows are damaged. So the better archers shoot one arrow into each "limited" target face - or, in the outdoor rounds, at the shorter distances, ends are 3-arrow ends, so that there is a smaller bulk of arrows likely to be in the centre of the target, thereby lessening the chance of arrow damage.

We would all like to think we can "Robin Hood" an arrow one day - or do we?



## HP Source



Archery Australia's **H**igh **P**erformance Coach Ya Ping Shih recently gave some coaching to some of South Queensland's more talented young archers at the Samford premises.

**We have solar panels on the eastern shed's roof** to lessen the impact of electricity charges - actually, at the moment, they might not be working all that well. However, that's as maybe.

**The more important part of this message** is to be aware that, while solar power may be helpful to the Club, we can still spend a fair amount on electricity supply. The large lights which illuminate the target area in the indoor ranges are very large and use a lot of power. **CERTAINLY**, where they are required for shooting, they need to be on, but Club members are asked to be aware of the costs and to turn off lights if they are NOT being used. **ANY LIGHTS**, frankly -I'm sure each family has at least one person who goes around turning off lights that have been left on!

Several of us thought that there was a period of time which should elapse between turning the big lights off and then turning them on again. **Expert opinion** (??) seems to think that this is not the case. If they've just been turned off and someone wants to use them again, then they can be turned on - they *might* take a little while to reach full brightness again.

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August has seen a “Come-and-Try” day for archers with disabilities**, at the Samford Grounds. This was held in conjunction with the **Sporting Wheelies**, and with the help of archery instructors from our own Club and from **Mount Petrie Bowmen and Centenary Archers**.

Eight aspiring archers of varying abilities were shown the beginnings of the sport of archery.



It was a bit of a slow start, but the participants appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

“Bullseyes” (“golds” to us picky people), were greeted with joy and high fives.

The number of high fives increased considerably during the morning.



Finally,



No, the cat wasn't included in the shoot - but he thinks he's his own whiskers!!