

SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS

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December again! - Christmas!! Well, deck the halls. Incidentally, I notice we're now calling the two sheds "halls" - the "East Hall" and the "West Hall".

Oo la la, très chic!

Anyhow, it's December, we've had the Christmas Break-up, and I thought I'd better produce a newsletter just to show I'm doing something.

So the Christmas Break-up seemed to go off all right - I didn't get into as much trouble at the end of the photo review as I thought I might. The food seemed to go fairly well, I don't think there were any left-overs. I hope that no-one went hungry. I think there were 77 people there - actually a few more than were expected.

So, looking around the "hall":-

Got the hungries.



My two favourite subjects down there.



Age and beauty?



Stirling fund-raiser.





Silly grin - get's you in!

... but sometimes he just goes -
BLUUUR!!



A worried man -



Grant is normally quite focused,

So, to all of our members, their
families, and their friends -

Have

A happy,

healthy and safe,

Christmas for 2014,



and,



look forward to

a great New Year.

At the Christmas Break-up, the various Championships with in the Club were announced, and awarded. The grin from Nick Horley (above) is in honour of his 3rd place in the “Combined Silver Arrow 2014 Compound Male” division, though he did produce a similar one for his winning the Compound male Champion for the year - strange!

Annual Award Presentations 2014

Club Champion 2014 Compound

- 1st Nick Horley
- 2nd Karl Reichel
- 3rd Scott Hagaman

Club Champion 2014 Recurve

- 1st Maddison Stuart
- 2nd Michael Schilling
- 3rd Paul O’Brien

Club Champion 2014 Longbow

- 1st Mathew Powell

Combined Silver Arrow 2014 Compound Male

- 1st Karl Reichel
- 2nd Scott Hagaman
- 3rd Nick Horley

Combined Silver Arrow 2014 Recurve Male

- 1st Christian Jekimovs
- 2nd Patrick Barden
- 3rd Paul O’Brien

Combined Silver Arrow 2014 Compound Female

1st Alison Hagaman

2nd Madeleine Ferris

Combined Silver Arrow 2014 Recurve Female

1st Maddison Stuart

2nd Judith Symes

Most Improved Archer 2014

Dylan Rock

I’ve been thinking recently (a strain to the brain, I know) about how far the Club has come in a relatively short time.

Most of the drive for progress has come from Brian Hagaman (and Alison), but I think even he has been a little surprised by what has been achieved.

Many (most?) of our members have joined the Club since the move from Emerson Park in The Grange (Australia Day 2009), and most of them also did not see what the Samford grounds were in the “early days”.

With a bit of prompting, Brian has come up with some photos which illustrate where we were, so you all can see how far we’ve come as a Club and a facility. (Actually the ones at the old Club are mine).



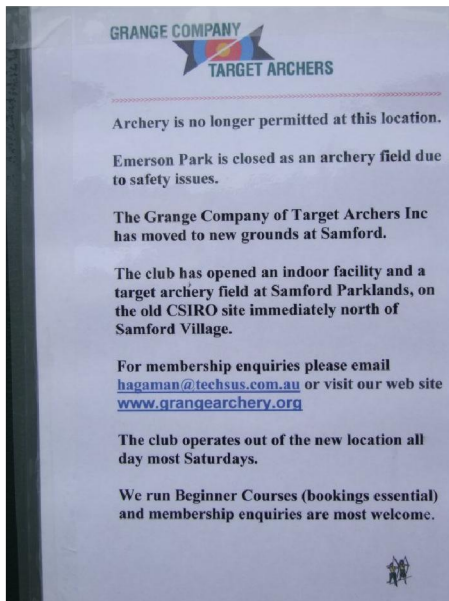
Emerson Park - moving day.



"The Old Place"



Closed!



The "East Hall" - nearly.



It was a jungle out there.



Relaxing at the end of the move.



The very first shoot at Samford. January 2009.



The black backing was to stop arrows from disappearing into the long grass.



Little mowers didn't cut it - aren't you lucky Patrick?



A second day shooting on cleared ground - sort of!

Ah! - nostalgia - it isn't what it used to be!!!

A few things from the Management Committee -

It can be difficult to write this material without appearing to be writing part of the Ten Commandments, but there are things around the Club which need to be pointed out, remembered and controlled.

1. As recently stated by World Archery and Archery Australia, e-cigarettes are regarded in the same light as cigarettes and come under the same restrictions.
2. Remember that carbon particles are difficult to locate surgically if you have an incident with a broken carbon arrow. Check ALL of your equipment (personally owned or Club equipment) frequently during shooting and do NOT use an item when you are not sure of its integrity. **CHECK WITH AN INSTRUCTOR OR COACH IF YOU ARE NOT SURE.**
3. Please remember to maintain the cleanliness of the Club premises. This includes the grounds (don't leave drink cans and bottles at the shooting line), the sheds (sorry, "halls") - don't leave wrappers and rubbish on the tables or floors - bins are provided. Exercise consideration for your fellow Club members.
4. **Chairs** - It has been noted that the Club's chairs are getting something of a belting. The black, folding chairs were fairly cheap, and some are not holding up well. The

older metal chairs are not doing too badly, but there are not enough of them, and they would be EXPENSIVE to replace. We will try for a grant to get some more chairs, but in the mean time because of the need to have enough chairs inside the halls for archers for lunch time, **please consider bringing your own chair for the shooting line.**

5. The Club bows are colour-coded (usually) on their limbs to indicate the weight of the individual bow. The racks in the bow cupboard have the colours on them to indicate where the bows should be returned. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT BOWS ARE RETURNED TO THE CORRECT RACKS** as this will make it easier for members to find the right bow.
6. The Management Committee has recently become aware of the “Artebo” chest guard. It seems to be an improvement on the other chest guards available but we do not know a lot more about it. The manufacturer is apparently in Germany www.artebo.de/en/home and if anyone is interested in pursuing this, to act as a guinea pig for the Club to test the quality, then we will all be quite grateful (but not to the point of monetary compensation).
7. There is ONE disabled car parking space at the Club. This is intended for members/visitors in wheel-chairs, that is BLUE PERMIT holders. It is not intended to be used by people who are otherwise mobile.

President Brian has already made the announcements in his most recent weekly e-mail, but I’ll repeat a couple of things here.

There will be a “mini-working bee” on Saturday 20th to shift a few of the indoor target butts from the eastern shed (sorry!). To encourage people to be there, there will also be a FREE barbeque for participants, and I suspect, all members. (Got to get rid of the sausages!).

In addition, a decision has been made to add to the available shooting times and make some Monday evenings available FOR MEMBERS ONLY to shoot indoor practice. It is expected to be the 1st and 3rd Mondays, starting February next year. There will be no registered rounds, and no opportunity for records, etc.

So ends 2014 - nearly - at least in terms of Newsletters.

I’ve asked Trent Carberry to have a look at a paper he gave me two years ago about magnification usage in compound sights, to see if he can translate it into English (it was in English but had lots of formulae). If he can, I’ll probably put that in a Newsletter next year.

If I can FINALLY persuade **ANYONE WHO HAS THEM TO PROVIDE ME WITH PHOTOS FROM THE EARLIER DAYS OF THE SAMFORD GROUNDS**, then I’ll probably add a few more photos of that time, too.

One can only hope!

And to finish -



Devious beasts, cats!