

# SAMFORD VALLEY TARGET ARCHERS

Newsletter of the Samford Valley Target Archers

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### Something a bit different -



Some of our archers,

Based upon the picture shown,

Have a yen for Zen.

(\$1 prize for the first Club member who correctly names what I tried to do there!)

**The Silver Arrow Inter-Club competition** is contested rather strongly (particularly between the Mount Petrie Bowmen and ourselves who were the originating two clubs for this interclub competition). 2014 turned out to be a pretty good year for the Samford Valley

Here's the overall winners of the Silver Arrow for last year.

**Field:-** Composite team:- Mount Petrie Bowmen

**Indoor:-** Composite Compound:- **Samford Valley Target Archers**

Junior Compound:- Mount Petrie Bowmen

Composite Recurve:- Mount Petrie Bowmen

Junior Recurve:- Gold Coast Archery Club

**Target:-** Composite Compound:- Ballina Devils Archers

Junior Compound:- Ballina Devils Archers

Senior Compound:- Ballina Devils Archers

Composite recurve:- **Samford Valley Target Archers**

Junior Recurve:- **Samford Valley Target Archers**

Senior Recurve:- **Samford Valley Target Archers**

**Clout:-** Composite team:- Mount Petrie Bowmen

Congratulations to those Club members involved in these competitions. Let's try for better this year.

The first Silver Arrow Target shoot occurred Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January.



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Karl Reichel and Vaughn Pinxit - Compound shooters scored 1347 and 1334 respectively, starting at 70 metres.

Alison Hagaman, shooting Compound, and starting at 55 metres, scored 1341 and Luke Schmidt, a cub Compound shooter, starting at 35 metres in his first Silver Arrow shoot, scored a very creditable 1276.

The next Silver Arrow Shoot is a Silver Arrow Clout on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Most of you will know that the Club has started using the Archers Diary** to record scores. The process of organisation, and the actual processing of scores, at the targets on a smart phone, or at the laptop computer is working well, but it takes a little time for organisation so please remember it is 'early days'.

I think that the programme itself is down for a certain amount of 'tweaking' over time. Certainly, setting up the Silver Arrow caused a certain amount of low grade (and higher grade?) 'cuss words', recently.

One thing which has caused some confusion about Archers Diary is what to shoot. Actually it's not only Archers Diary which has confused people about what to shoot. Members frequently arrive asking "What are we shooting?" The answer should be "The choice is between the rounds listed in the calendar on the wall".

In fact, getting organised and looking at the copies of the calendar we all should have downloaded (with all the updates) or on Google Calendar, a day or two before arriving at the Club, would be a

great way to show some control over our sporting decisions.

Brian's weekly email also gives the details of the rounds available.

Archers Diary can list all of the recognised Archery Australia rounds when you get into it, unless the day's shooting has already been set up. The Club Shooting Calendar lists the rounds that are set down for the particular day, and they are the rounds for which you can score record scores and qualify for medals, etc.

Formal recognition will NOT be given to any rounds which do not appear on the shooting calendar for the particular day - certainly you could shoot any round that you wish, but if it's not on the calendar it will only be a practice round, and the Club Recorder will NOT record it.

Please get into the habit of warming up and getting sight settings before the start time for the round, as for scores to be recognised officially they must be shot to the calendar start times.

**With reference to recent findings at the Club**, I would like to suggest a new tag for the "East Hall"



## At the recent Management

**Committee meeting** a number of things were decided and I'll mention a few of them as we go along.

One thing was the plan to introduce a trial of a more structured Saturday morning shoot. President Brian Hagaman has already outlined what is planned in his weekly e-mail and I'll copy his words here;

"Following requests from a few members the Management Committee has decided to conduct a trial of Saturday morning shoots, starting in March.

The shoots shall commence at 09.00 sharp and shall be the same rounds as those advertised on the calendar for the day.

However the competitions such as the Monthly Club Tournament, the Silver Arrows or the monthly outdoor Matchplay shall only be shot as per the advertised time on the calendar which is normally in the afternoon.

The Management Committee hopes that by making a shoot available on Saturday mornings, more of our members, particularly our newer members, will advance to shooting tournaments.

There are some conditions attached with the conduct of these Saturday morning events, and these mostly as per any competition:

- The event shall be held on the West Field
- There must be a DOS who shall be responsible for organising the shoot and field of play
- The event must start on time, i.e. 09.00 sharp
- By 09.00 the range must be set up with the targets placed at the maximum distances for the rounds, and all archers registered

in Archers Diary and allocated to targets

- Scoring must be by paper scoring and by electronic scoring via Archers Diary
- Shooting before 09.00 shall be regarded as unofficial practice and not scored
- Everybody participating is to start and finish together
- Late arrivals shall not be able to compete but may practice on the Mid Field
- A maximum of 2 ends of official practice may be held at 09.00 with the targets set at the maximum distances for the set rounds
- The shoot must be completed and the field vacated by 12.00 for the lunch break, announcements and award presentations to fellow archers.
- The normal requirements for witnessing of arrows and scoring shall apply i.e. a minimum of 3 archers participating in the scoring process, with the archer + a witness signing the paper score sheet certifying to the correctness of the arrow values scores.

For the trial to be successful we will need the archers who want to compete in the Saturday morning shoot to organise the field, targets and score sheets etc."

## From a recent (wet) day -



"Archers in a reflective mood"



**There was an inaugural ‘Novice Shoot’ recently.** Tim Millis suggested that he was happy to do the DOS work from the shade, and produced at least one photo to prove it -



There will be a number of Novice Shoots throughout the year. They are designed to introduce our newer members into the processes and discipline of tournament shooting.

The hope is, the more you understand about this sport the more satisfaction you’ll get from it (except those days we all have where it feels like hitting your head on the proverbial brick wall).

**A reminder to members who hold Blue Cards** either under the auspices of the Samford Valley Target Archers, or anywhere else for that matter - should you change your address the Blue Card registration also needs to be advised of that change of address.

(As a veterinarian, who deals with microchipped animals, remember to let the microchip registration group know as well. There’s nothing quite as frustrating as finding a microchipped, lost dog, following up the address and hearing - “They left here 6 months ago and we don’t have a forwarding address”).)

**A happy camper** - with what looks like an arrow through his neck -



**That’s Christian Jeckimovs** - with the trophy for scoring first place in the Club’s Silver arrow shoot, in the Recurve section.

**We have a number of people in the Club who give generously of their time**, they are usually instructors and coaches - Alison, Tim, Michael, and Brian are perhaps the names which come most quickly to mind. There *are* others

Because of dedication to the sport, these people are happy to help those of us who are lesser mortals - however, even they don’t seem to be able to handle more than two or three requests at the same time.

**Just stop and think -**

“does XxxX **seem to be busy** with something at the moment?”

Is there **someone else** who may be able to answer my question or help me?

Can it **wait** a while?”

If the place is on fire, and it can’t wait a while, be a bit proactive and be sure to check that you know where the fire extinguishers are **BEFORE HAND**.

Really, the thrust of this comment is to get members to be respectful of the various gurus we do have - who, sometimes actually just want to shoot arrows.

**Out along the shooting lines at the Club we have four posts** and between them they have copies of two diagrams; the red ones, like this one:



and this one:



are the most important, because they mark out the safety zones between the three shooting fields. They mean - DO NOT PLACE TARGETS IN THIS AREA right back to the southern fence line, and DO NOT WALK IN THIS ZONE.

It is necessary to have a “Safety Angle” which is about 15 degrees (15m in 90m each side) plus 10m additional separation from the edge of the marked field at the shooting line down to the edge of the next marked field of play. Given this degree of separation, it is then pretty unlikely that a stray arrow on one field will end up on the next field. So if we have targets in the Mid Field at 40m and in the West Field at 60m we would need  $5+7+10=22\text{m}$  of separation for the safety zone.

The posts may be moved at times - such as during some clout shoots, and during shoots where there is a line of archers stretching most of the total width of the fields.

**And, *slightly* peripherally to the above,** incident report sheets are stored in one of the file drawers in the coach’s cupboard area. All accidents and injuries, and “near misses”, should be reported, promptly, to a member of the Management Committee.

**Arrows are actually surprisingly subject to damage,** although when treated correctly and regularly checked they can last quite a long time (although most archers have a belief that it is difficult to retain a FULL set of twelve arrows for any length of time).

The upper ranges of arrows are also expensive - “Robin Hoods” are sort of fun, but tend to ruin two arrows.

Another thing that can ruin arrows, and it has been found to have happened in the past, is that some archers have left the nails we use to fasten target faces to the butts in the centre of the butt, behind the target face area. This is a “NO NO “.

Leaving a loose point in a target butt is also frowned upon, so if you lose a point, please tell a senior archer or instructor.

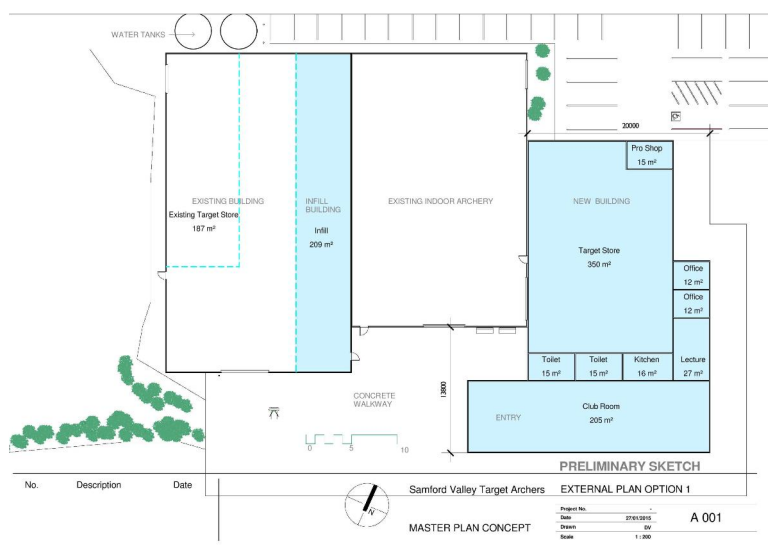
And finally, in this little section, if you lose an arrow on the open field, and cannot find it, tell an instructor or a Committee member. Cultivating the art of finding lost arrows will be very useful over your archery life.

**Don VanderZee has produced a number of concepts** for progression of the Club’s buildings to better facilities. Don has put a lot of work into these, but they are only *concepts*, they are not set in stone (or even steel).

However, it is worth starting to think about this idea, and each Club member is invited to consider, and put forward, *practical* ideas about how the Club might advance.

The Club is currently considered as one of the better set-ups in Australia, but we can also improve.

Remember, the following are *concepts*, intended to start a thinking process towards achieving the best for us.

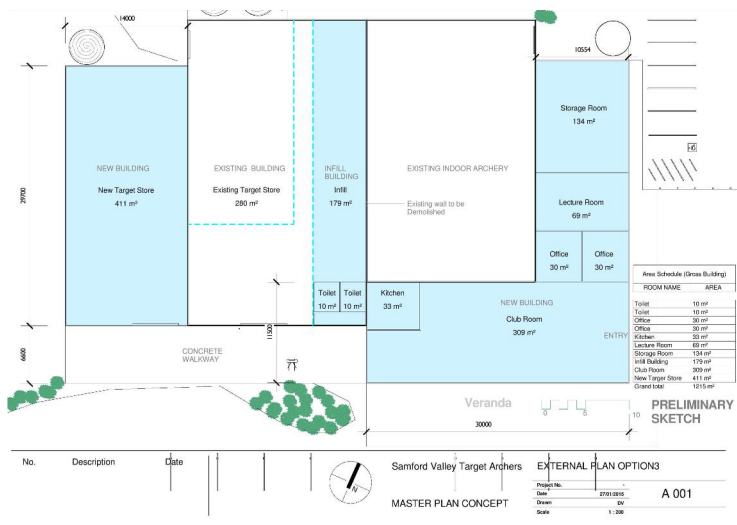




It seems that I include a picture about coffee fairly frequently - well, here's another one



I'm not really a coffee freak - only a couple of cups a day!



And as a bonus, because I'm sure I've seen this dog a number of times



And, finally for this Newsletter, I have produced an updated version of "Archery for Beginners", including a brief mention of Archers Dairy. Should anybody like a copy of this, let me know, and I'll arrange it - FREE!