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It can be difficult to make a newsletter interesting, and avoid coming on with the heavy parent role. However, the number of new members means that this is a Club which is in an active state of flux. Many of the requests and directions from the Management Committee will not have been seen by new members.

Most - or even, ALL- of those requests and directives are important for the running of the Club as efficiently as possible, or for the safety and satisfaction of the members.

SO, let's get the nasties over as quickly as possible - but please, take note of them.

Electricity - We have solar panels on the eastern shed's roof to lessen the impact of electricity charges - hopefully they are working as intended.

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 had 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.

Fairly soon there will be a group of those badgering notices around the Club about conserving power where possible.

New members, and people shooting OzBow, please note!

I happened to look in the box for completed score sheets a day or two ago, and I noticed some OzBow sheets with just first names on them. Now, us old people have enough trouble remembering our own names - remembering who Jim, or Bob, or Carol is without a last name, well, that's just about impossible. In any case, as you advance in expertise in archery and start shooting rounds which you REALLY want noted by the Recorder, you'll find that, if you don't fully complete a score sheet, then your score is TOTALLY disregarded - no record, no badge, no comeback.

Even with an OzBow shoot, if Dave Barwick doesn't know who you are, you're not going to get any (deserved) OzBow medals. That brings up a slight

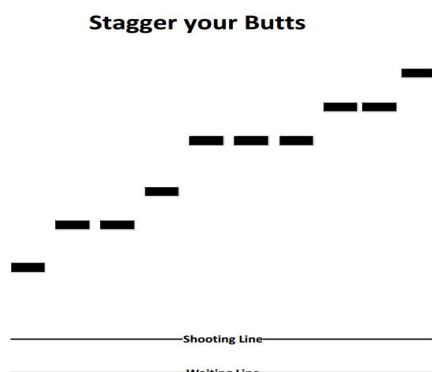
digression from the message - when an OzBow shooter reaches the qualification score for a particular distance, then he/she is entitled to a certificate and/or a nice medal. Newer members might not realise this - so don't forget to ask for your bling - if you've got it, flaunt it!

So, get into the HABIT of putting all of the information in the proper parts of the score sheets - it's easier and nicer for everyone.

ALSO, there is a box of OzBow certificates on the desk near the sign-in book (clearly labelled). It's full of OzBow certificates which have been earned but not collected - check it out, YOU may find a surprise.

A safety note from our Field Captain -MichaelSchilling. For shooting to occur on an archery field then there **MUST** be a **DOS**, who carries a yellow flag and some form of noise making piece of equipment (buzzer, whistle, etc). The **DOS** **MUST** be a responsible person who understands the responsibilities of a **DOS**, and the risks involved in archery. **AS A GENERAL RULE**, target butts should be arranged in a staggered pattern as illustrated below - there should be **NO** target to your right, which is at a shorter range than your target. **ON SOME OCCASIONS**, especially with some of the newer rounds, there will be range changes which make this requirement impractical. It then becomes the **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOS** to be aware of the situation, and to ensure that he/she has as good a view as possible of the field to ensure no risk of arrows being fired while someone is in front of the shooting line.

When conditions are windy, use the steel pegs which are placed at the back of the target butts to anchor the butts onto the ground, to prevent targets from being blown over. This precaution may save **YOUR** expensive arrows one day!



Would all members please be aware of, and practice, our duty of care to all persons on our Club grounds, each to another.

Arrows are potentially a source of injury, even when they are in a target, in the hand, or lodged in the ground. Tripping when running with an arrow in hand, walking to the target directly - not in the "alley" - and walking into a protruding arrow or being in the way when it is withdrawn, or walking into an arrow nock when it is sticking out of the ground, are all potential sources of injury.

Should you see someone putting themselves at risk of such injury, please advise them.

Maybe that's enough gloom and doom for the moment - I'll see if I can find a Happy Snap or two.



Happy archers!



Unhappy archer!

By the time this (stuff) comes out, we will have hosted the SQAS Clout Championships at our grounds. I'm told that there are 42 archers registered for the "fun".

It seems there are two types of archers when it comes to clout - those who don't see the point of it, and those who enjoy the walk, the talk, and the frustration.

Those people who keep shooting 9's and 10's in clout (and there are at least a couple in our Club) just don't know the value and joy of overcoming the frustration when you actually land an arrow IN.

I put this photo in the last Newsletter - but I didn't title it quite the way I wanted:



I wanted to call it "The hammer of Scotland" - I know it isn't true, because it was Edward 1st, but it just seemed appropriate to me.

Seeing that the Clout Championships will have just

concluded, how about I throw in a little bit of history.



This photograph is from the 1960 National Titles, held in Brisbane. The venue is Victoria Park, and this is a clout shoot. I've no idea who won but there does seem to be quite a line-up - seems to be about 50. Alison would have a fit about the guy on the left - maybe he taught Mike Churchward and Greg Jackson.



STOP PRESS!

Here are a couple of photos from the SQAS Clout Championships, just held.



One of Madeleine's "All-in-Gold"s.



When not having sights works.

Forty-two archers started the Clout Championships last Saturday. One archer only shot one Clout round - and not just because his phone went off on the shooting line. Of the 42 archers, 39 ended up with a medal - which is quite an expensive way to run an archery tournament. But it was an enjoyable, social day. Everyone (mostly) enjoyed themselves, the wind wasn't TOO strong, and the rain held off until the very moment we got the equipment in under cover at the end of the day - GREAT!

Sunday saw a half-yearly meeting of Club Delegates to SQAS - (I tell ya it's all go!). It went very much as meetings tend to go, but there are a couple of points members might like to note:-

1. Not that it's a problem at our Club, but Archery Instructors, Coaches and Judges have to be full members of Archery Australia to officiate.
2. The various Championships that SQAS runs are quite expensive processes and are lucky to even break even. So, the possibility exists, that in the (perhaps not too distant) future, tournament fees might have to rise a bit.
3. Hervey Bay Archers, and indeed, the Clubs which have to travel some distance to SQAS

Championship shoots, were concerned that these shoots were concentrated within a few (mid-year) months. As the result of a successful discussion, an attempt will be made to arrange the SQAS calendar so that there is a little more spread to the timing of these. This is not an easy task, but Madeleine Ferris manages to hold herself together and to do a great job.

4. The little barbeque gas bottle fire that we had earlier in the year has been enshrined in the Risk Registers of (at least) our Club, and the model one produced by SQAS. Which prompts the thought - **DO WE ALL KNOW WHERE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS NORMALLY LIVE?**
5. (A secret spy report) I believe that there are four (perhaps more) Club members who are bravely going to add themselves to the list of (aspiring) archery instructors at the instructor's course on October 10th and 11th. Keith Manssen and Brian Hagaman were planning questions to make aspirants stop and think in the exam to be done.

We also had the Strategic Planning session on Saturday 22nd August. Enough people turned up that it became a reasonably valuable exercise. More people should have turned up, because the idea is to try to plan the progress of the Club over the next 5 years - however, if they had, I'm not sure if it would have shortened or prolonged the process. We'll see the results of that when ideas are solidified and set down. The Strategic Plan is an important document to show people who might throw money at us (Ha Ha!) that we are sensible enough to have some intended direction.

There was a brief suggestion made at that meeting that it might be an idea to know the expertises of our members - outside archery. This ties in with a thought I have had for some time that it could be an idea to produce brief CV's of members, to improve communication within the Club. Things like, birthplace, education level (primary, secondary, tertiary - in what discipline), bow type and brand, other Clubs or interests, and some sort of brief commentary about life, the universe, and everything.

It's been done before when Marji Van Pinxteren was Newsletter editor (much more professionally than the current one!). If someone would like to volunteer to be the first guinea pig, let me know, otherwise I might have to come around with a whip and pick a volunteer.

One of the major reasons I've decided on this - it makes it easier to fluff up a Newsletter!

Talking about volunteers, which just about each of us is within the Club, can we find a couple of people to go an extra little mile and assist Michael Schilling with keeping the canteen stocked. Thanks in advance!!

For those members who have not yet realised, and who might be affected, the Club has aligned the rounds for which records can be claimed, with the system now in process in SQAS. This dates from the beginning of June, 2015.

In practical terms, it means that archers will not be able to "shoot down" (shoot what would be easier rounds for their particular standard) just to be able to claim a record. Some rounds will not be available to each Division to shoot

records. This does not stop anyone from shooting ANY round, it just limits the potential for record claims.

Our President keeps us well informed about things which are coming up, so I won't make too much reference to coming shoots here - HEY!! - make sure you get those e-mails, **AND READ THEM**. If the information is easily available, but you don't read it - then there's only one person to blame - it's

We've just had the Annual General Meeting of the Club. There wasn't a lot of excitement - thanks for that!

The major items of interest were that nothing has really changed in the office holders at this point. Kynan Schilling had put his hand up for the Recorder position, but had to give it up because of University commitments. Bob Thompson bravely stood again - and Paul O'Brien has volunteered to be an assistant to the Recorder. The Recorder position seems to be the one that burns people out fairly quickly; obviously the Secretary/Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor is a doddle.

The other thing which I'm sure will interest all members is that the Club fees will rise by \$5 for 2015/16 - though I'm not sure when that actually comes in - I'm sure we'll find out.

Oh, and Web Master, Grant Crawley reported that there had been in excess of 11,000 visits to the Club's website and 310,000 site hits so far this year. *36% of this traffic is from overseas - We have a presence in the world!*

After the AGM, the intention had been to shoot a Silver Arrow Target round, but we all decided it sounded a bit like "too hard", because it's a 144-arrow round which can be a bit of a rush in a busy afternoon, and there has been quite a lot of

confusion about just what “Silver Arrow” is, and what people are supposed to shoot. There will be a - hopefully accurate - listing about this go up on the notice board. But I thought I would try to explain a bit here.

The Silver Arrow competition is a mail-in tournament amongst the archery clubs in the area of the South Queensland Archery Society (SQAS). Not all clubs get involved, and not all the involved clubs shoot all of the competitions. There are Target (outdoor), Indoor, Field, and Clout sections, and a number of each throughout the year.

The rivalry between Mount Petrie Bowmen, and our Club is fairly fierce - in a nice way - and we try especially hard in Target and Indoor.

The rounds shot in the Silver Arrow Target are (sort of) made up rounds and have nothing to do with rounds published by Archery Australia (AA), or World Archery (WA). They are on our Club Archers Diary because our Recorder put them on as special rounds.

So, who shoots what? The material on the board shows that information, but personally, I find it a little messy to try to understand - so perhaps I can do something more “readable”. All target faces are the 122cm faces.

“Long Silver Arrow” - 36 arrows at 70, 60, 50, 40 metres -

Open Men - recurve and compound,

20 and under Men - recurve and compound.

“Short Silver Arrow” - 36 arrows at 60, 50, 40 30 metres -

Open Women - compound and compound barebow, recurve and recurve barebow,
Master Men - recurve and compound,

20 and under Women - recurve and compound,

20 and under Men - compound barebow and recurve barebow,

Cadet Men - compound and recurve

“Junior Silver Arrow” - 36 arrows at 55, 45, 35, 30 metres -

Open Women - barebow compound and barebow recurve,

Open Men and Women - longbow,

Master Women - recurve, compound, barebow recurve, barebow compound, and longbow,

Master Men - recurve barebow, compound barebow and longbow,

Veteran Men and Veteran women - recurve and recurve barebow, compound and compound barebow, and longbow.

Veteran 70 + - all divisions

20 and under Women - recurve barebow, compound barebow, and longbow

20 and under Men - longbow

Cadet women - recurve and compound

Cadet men - compound barebow and recurve barebow.

“Intermediate Silver Arrow” - 36 arrows at 55, 45, 35, 30 metres -

Intermediate boys and girls - recurve barebow and compound barebow,

Cadet Women - recurve barebow and compound barebow,

Cadet Men and Cadet Women - longbow

“Minor Silver Arrow” - 36 arrows at 35, 30, 25 20 metres -

Intermediate Boys and Girls - recurve barebow and compound barebow,
Intermediate Boys and Girls - longbow,

Cub Boys and Cub Girls - recurve, compound, recurve barebow, compound barebow, and longbow.

So, that's clearer now? - I guess not that much, but that's about as clear as I can make it.

I'll separate it out to a single page for the noticeboard as well - might be easier.

Just one more warning note and I'll let you go - **Please be careful with vehicles in the grounds.** The council has a posted speed limit of (I think) **20 KPH** up on the top, and I actually assume that it applies all the way to and in the Club grounds. 20 sounds a bit fast to me, but there it is. We've asked council if they would supply us with some signs to place IN the grounds, but so far, no result.

Also, be aware of pedestrians in and around the cars when parking and also when leaving the grounds. The road down to the grounds is a walking area for other people (and their dogs at times) as well.

You can have two funnies this time to make up for the serious notices. Well, one's funny, and the other one will appeal to a certain group of people.

You might have already seen them in Facebook - if so, apologies (actually, apologies anyway).

