

SAMFORD VALLEY



TARGET ARCHERS

Newsletter of the Samford Valley Target Archers

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There are a couple of front-page-worthy items for this Newsletter - so I'll flip a coin and see who comes first..... OK, "heads", Emilia first.

Emilia Paton has been distinguishing herself around the archery grounds in and out of the State. She shot in the National Youth Archery Championships in Penrith at the end of March. Her scores in four disciplines were at least very good, but probably b...y marvellous. She scored 1288 in Target, coming second (by 4 points) in a field of 17, shooting an Elite Gold classification. In the Short Range, she ranked first, shooting 674 - an Elite Gold classification, against another 15 archers.

In the Field shoot, she slipped just a tad, still topping the shoot which had ten archers in it, and shooting 307 - a GMB rating.

In the Clout shoot, again she ranked first, this time only eight archers competing, scoring 331 (out of 360, remember) which was an Elite Silver classification.

In the recent SQAS Target Championships Emilia again topped her Division (only three archers this time). Her scores were 1312 and 1308 for two Intermediate rounds. **Note - at least 20 points above her NYAC Championship score.**

April, 2016

Emilia also scored a (Bronze) medal in the Trans Tasman Challenge just finished in Christchurch, NZ. When you think of all that travelling and all those arrows in a short period of time she probably looks forward to a bit of a rest.

Good on you, Emilia!!



Picture from Archery Australia Facebook

So, that makes the second front-page-worthy item the 2016 Australian Open. Do you remember that? It seems like quite a long time ago - and not long until the 2017 one, which we will possibly/probably also be hosting.

The weather treated us quite kindly - only small amount of rain, and not TOO windy, and it seemed to run pretty smoothly. There was an element of the "swimming duck" about it, you know, smooth and serene on top and paddling like mad underneath.

127 archers took part in the tournament and the field apart from an area which wasn't quite up to scratch, was fully occupied by targets.

The results of the Matchplays:

Male Recurve: Ryan Tyak, from Taylor Worth, and Sam Strickland (a great result for Sam),

Female Recurve: Alice Ingley, from Ella Byrne and Tayla King,

Compound Male: Scott Bryce, from Marcel Verstegen and Michael Brosnan,

And Compound Female: Sherry Gale, from Rachel Morgan and Madeline McSwain.

Congratulations to those archers, and “well done” to all who competed.

Samford Club members who competed were: Justin Olexienko, Frans Roodt, Tristan Barret, Nick Horley, Scott Haganan, Ales Low, Peter Clark, Vaughn Pinxit, Madeline Ferris, Dennis Mycock, Kynan Schilling, Dylan Rock, Darren Johnston, Andrew McIntyre, and Bronwyn Healing.

Justin and Frans shot against each other in the Round of 16, so only one went forward - Justin, who dropped out in the Round of 8.

Madeline Ferris lost in the Round of 8, Bronwyn Healing in the Round of 16.

Andrew McIntyre dropped out in the first Round of 16, Dennis Mycock in the second Round of 16, but Kynan Schilling and Dylan Rock made it to the Round of 8. Again with Kynan and Dennis shooting against each other in the second Round of 16 that meant only one Club member would go forward.

The Judges were quite complimentary after the event, and feed-back from the assessment forms was also complimentary, in very large degree.

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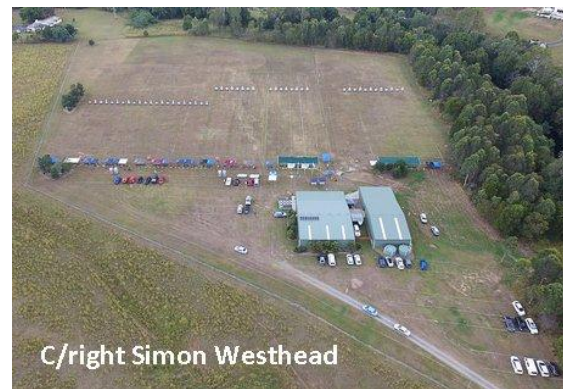
“Very well run. Volunteers were excellent and friendly.”

“You and the whole club did an absolutely FANTASTIC job.”

There were a couple of things which would need closer/better attention in a future tournament, but the Committee is well aware of them.

In terms of photographs, on the Club’s Flickr site, there was a total of 2,473 in four albums, and 30 short videos spread throughout those. Up to 6th April, there had been 4,216 views of this material.

On Instagram, there were 81 photos, 7 videos and 31 followers.

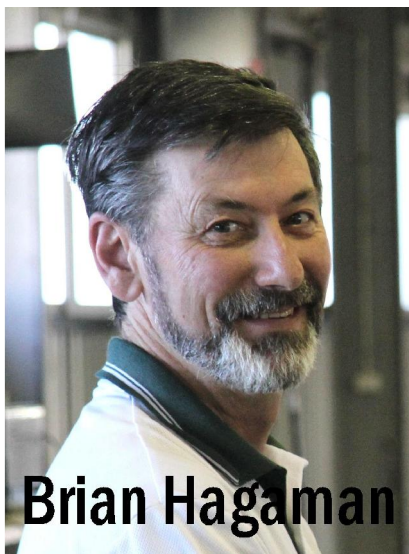


After the Australian Open, there were three days of hard work for potential Rio Olympic Team members. Believe me; if you want to be an Olympic Archer, you're going to have to work for it!!

Two Newsletters ago, I introduced a "Member's Corner", a chance for a bit of information about a member.

Well, it's here again - I finally got another bunny - er, volunteer.

But on this occasion I think it has to be a **"Member's Room"** because he's been so busy, it won't fit in a corner.



After prompting, Brian replied; "Reluctantly I have agreed to Evan to provide a history of myself. "Reluctantly" because I don't like "big-noting" myself, but I have agreed because he is persistent, and I hope to encourage others, particularly our younger members, to achieve".

Brian feels that his archery career can be divided into several streams, as an archer,

as an archery administrator/leader, as a coach and as a judge. These have been at local club level, at SQAS level and at National level. The dates mentioned are "best guess".

As an Archer

"I initially joined GCTA as a youth 1973 for about 12 months, and re-joined the Grange Company of Target Archers – mid 1998"

As a Judge

He became a National Judge Candidate in November 2011, a National Judge in June 2013, and a Continental Judge in September 2015.

As a Coach

Brian also qualified as an Archery Instructor in September 2001 and as a Club Coach in January 2008.

As a Club Administrator

He has had a busy time, Secretary of the Grange Company of Target Archers – 1999 to 2005, and President of the Samford Valley Target Archers (Grange Company of Target Archers Inc) from 2005 to present. The Club honoured Brian with a Life Membership of the Club in August 2009, for his long-term dedication to the archery.

He took on the jobs of Project Manager for the construction of the Indoor Archery Facility in 2008/09, and for the expansion of the Indoor Archery Facility 2010/11

As an SQAS Administrator

For a few more jobs, he has been Secretary of the South Queensland Archery Society from 2001 to 2003, President from 2003 to 2011, and SQAS

Coaching Coordinator and SQAS Communications Officer – 2011 to the current time.

SQAS awarded him a Life Membership in 2013.

With Archery Queensland

Brian also became the founding Chairperson of a re-established Archery Queensland in 2012, and remained so until 2013. And he is currently appointed as a funding advisor for Archery Queensland.

With the Archery Alliance of Australia

More founding-chairmanship, being the founding Chairperson of the Archery Alliance of Australia, having taken on that post in April 2010.

With Archery Australia

Archery Australia also gets a look in. Brian was appointed to the Board of Archery Australia early in 2006 as an Appointed Director, Chair of Archery Australia's Audit Committee from 2010 to November 2012, and elected to the Board of Archery Australia in mid 2011.

He has been President of Archery Australia (November 2012 to Nov 2014), Chair of AA Strategic Planning Committee (Nov 2012 to Nov 2014), and re-elected to the Board of Archery Australia from November 2014 to the present.

Currently Brian is also a member of the AA Constitution and Rules Committee since November 2014 and of the AA Coaching Committee since February 2015.

National Tournament Organiser

As an extra, he has been involved in the organization of quite a number of Archery Tournaments:-

- Organising Committee - National Youth Championships 2006 - Belmont
- Organising Committee - National Championships 2010 - Belmont
- Organising Committee - National Championships 2011 - Belmont
- Assist organising - National Youth Clout Championships 2013 - Samford
- Co-Chair Organising Committee - Australian Open 2016 - Samford
- Bid committee - Australian Open 2017 - Samford

Pan Pacific Masters Games - Gold Coast

- Organising/judging 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

I believe he has yet to work out what to do in his spare time!

So what of a non-archery life; firstly, a little academic C.V.

Education

- Bachelor of Technology (Civil), QUT
- Master of Engineering, QUT (by research thesis)

And, as for his professional career

Brian worked for Queensland Rail most of his life but did a short stint consulting in engineering.

- 1973 to 2000 Queensland Rail in various technical, professional engineering and management positions.
- As Manager Track Engineering he published about a dozen technical conference papers.. During this time he was chair of the Railways of Australia multi-discipline

cooperative Technology Development and Application program including the development of common standards for rail infrastructure across Australia.

- Manager Civil Engineering Queensland Rail - 2000 to 2008
- He was also the Discipline Head responsible for QR's risk based standards for civil infrastructure.
- Program Director Coal Infrastructure Queensland Rail - 2008 to 2010
- 2010 onwards - consulting - now retired

Brian regards some of his career highlights as, managing a billion dollar construct program which included building new coal railways in central Queensland, delivering to scope within budget and on time. Many new railway stations throughout Brisbane and many new rail bridges through Queensland, and many main line deviations and coal rail spurs were built under his charge from 2000 to 2010.

His professional life was also not without recognition – he and his teams received some major awards including;

- QR Achievement Award 2006 winner - railway design and construction
- Disability Discrimination Standards - QR Achievement Award 2007
- Project Safety Excellence Award winner 2009 – Queensland Major Contractors Association

Brian is proud of having what he believes is particular expertise in;

- Railway engineering
- Business & organisational management
- Contract management
- Risk management
- Project management

His personal life, well, he would prefer to keep that personal, but he is very happily married to Alison, and they have 3 great kids.

In a final quote, Brian said “My advice is to learn a skill, grow it into an expertise and you will always be in demand. Pay attention to detail. Think big picture. Dedication and tenacity will always win out and lead to success.”

Anyone else want to offer some information about themselves that we don't generally know?

As I have said before, what might you consider including in your story:-

1. Birthplace?
2. Education history?
3. Qualifications?
4. A bit about working life?
5. A touch of family life?
6. A bit about archery life and equipment?
7. A bit about why archery?
8. Whinges and moans?

Have a go and reveal yourself!

A note from Kerry Cheras, our SQAS Ranking List Submitter from the recent SQAS Annual General Meeting.

Would all archers be aware that there must be **at least four archers completing**

QRE shoots, and submitting their scores, for the shoot to be official. It has happened in the past that archers have shot in a QRE, but decided not to submit scores.

This could end up being selfish. It might be that another archer at that event has shot particularly well, and wishes to claim a record or some such recognition. If there are insufficient archers scores recorded, this cannot happen for that QRE, and that archer. **Please consider the other archers.**

We've entered the SQAS

Championships season. The Target Championships were held at the Mount Petrie Bowmen's grounds (Belmont) a couple of weeks ago. We had fourteen Club members shooting there out of the fifty two who shot the whole tournament.

Placings were good, **Greg Jackson, Brian Hagaman, Dennis Mycock, Bronwyn Healing David Barwick, Emilia Paton** (as mentioned previously) all scored first placing in their Divisions. **Paul O'brien, Justin Olexienko, Scott Hagaman, Nick Horley, Darren Johnston and Luke Schmidt** didn't score first places, but scored quite creditably.

The Club is suffering an 'arrowing loss - (don't you just hate it with the punning headlines??)

Club arrows are going missing at a rather alarming rate. Would all members using Club gear make serious attempts to return six arrows to the "used arrow" box each time they take 6 arrows out. These are not "just Club arrows", they are a serious investment for the Club.

Archery Instructors should ensure that each beginner returns 6 arrows (or at least their remains, if breakages occur) when changes are made or at the end of the lesson. Lost beginner arrow should be relatively easy to find.

New archers in the middle field need either to make serious attempts to find lost arrows or inform a more senior archer - generally the instructor on duty - that an arrow is lost.

PLEASE do not neglect some effort to find a lost arrow, or tell someone it is missing.

Senior archers with their own arrows will usually make serious (and generally effective) searches for their lost arrows because they KNOW what they cost.

On the 30th April we will have a Special General Meeting to consider adopting a new Constitution for the Club. It will be at 12:00 noon. The Management Committee endorses this draft Constitution, and doesn't believe that there is anything particularly contentious about it. However it does require the approval of members to go forward.

A copy of the old constitution and of the draft constitution is available at the Club, and all members with Internet access should be able to access digital copies. Have a look at them, so you're properly informed. No one seems to know when the current constitution was adopted, and the proposed one is more in line with current practices.

Should the proposal meet with the meeting's approval, it will have to be

submitted for Government approval before actually coming into force.

It would be nice to have a quick meeting, but you are all entitled to your say, so come and watch democracy in action - and even participate!

Breaking NEWS!!!! - The King of the Kids is abdicating.

Tim Millis has revealed that he is leaving us. He is going to blow holes in Switzerland, (think Swiss cheese) and in an aggregate of other countries in search of various quarries. (Hey, did I mention about punning headlines?). He leaves at the end of next month (or so). He's going to leave quite a hole in the organisation of the Club (and Switzerland?); he has worked hard to help archers, especially the younger ones.

I'm certainly going to miss him - he has been the subject of at least a couple of pictures each year for the Christmas Show!

And a word or two from Tim;

"I will miss the club very much - I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of a community that has grown from a club of less than 50 to one of the largest in SEQ, if not Australia. Not only have I had the opportunity to shoot with some great archers, but also learn the sport from some great coaches as well as be able to pass this knowledge on as an instructor, club coach and now regional coach. Also I am happy to call a number of members good friends. My Saturday's just won't be the same. Now to find a new Bogenschützen club... May your arrows fly true.

Cheers
Tim"

Note that safety breaches at the Club are quite important.

There is a reporting procedure for incidents (especially where injury has occurred); a Management Committee member should be notified (or a senior member of the Club) and an Incident Report filled Out. The Incident Report forms are in the set of small drawers in the "Coach's Cupboard" area of the Eastern Shed.

Another request from the Management Committee

is to limit the taking of the Club chairs out to the shooting line. Doing so limits their availability in the social/refectory area of the Club and leaves these assets open to unwarranted damage.

Astute readers will have noted that I usually end a Newsletter with something (that I

consider) funny. On this occasion I will just close with this minor tribute to all our Coaches, and to coaches everywhere.

I AM A COACH BECAUSE

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I am a coach because of the **kids** and the **passion** I have for the sport itself. There is no other feeling quite like **helping** young athletes further develop their natural **persistence, determination, discipline, dedication, resiliency, work ethic, heart, leadership skills, connection** with, and **respect** for, others, not only in competition, but in **life!**