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A SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

This edition of the newsletter starts with a few questions for you - it would be great if you could find the time, and the commitment, to organize some replies.

The idea of a newsletter is for "communication", but communication is (should be) a 2-way street.

So, here goes!

What made you decide to have a look at archery as a sport?

If you've been an archer for some time - what is it about archery that holds your interest?

If you've only been in archery for a short time, do you think that you'd like to continue for years, or not? And following on from that - why?

Can you think of any ways that the "playing" of archery could be made more attractive to a wider/larger group of people?

What would you like to see done to make this Club more relevant to your needs? Would you be able to help do it?

That might - or might not - get your brains ticking over.

There are occasional Club meetings for the airing of such thoughts, but you might be reluctant to put them forward at a meeting. There is always a place for *constructive* ideas/criticisms, though not all ideas will get taken up, perhaps.

If you have some answers to the questions just asked, you could contact me (evanf@hotkey.net.au) or Brian Hagaman (hagaman@techsus.com.au). If you're shy, and want to be anonymous, if you answered to me and noted that, then I will guarantee not to (ever) identify you.

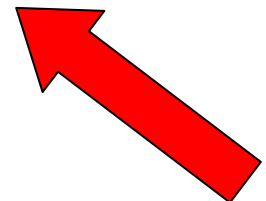
Be nice, be constructive, no rants!

To have a look at what one organization thought might raise interest, try: - www.face2face-archery.org

SAFETY WARNING

In this WWW (Windy Winter Weather),

Please make every effort to develop the habit of anchoring the target butts.



ANOTHER QUESTION, on a somewhat different

tack -



Do convoluted bows make twisted thinking?

FOR NEW MEMBERS (and perhaps some not so new)

Did you know that if you shoot a round as listed in the club calendar and you shoot six arrows in a single end with either all your 6 arrows in the gold, or all your 6 arrows scoring 10, you can claim an "all gold" badge or a "perfect" badge, respectively?

If you score this just notate the score sheet in the "claims" box and place the score sheet as usual in the box by the door. The Club Recorder will collect your score sheet and process it and then in a few weeks your badge will turn up. (Just be sure you've put the date of the shoot, the round shot, the particular distances, your name *and your date of birth* on the score sheet.)

There is a small cost for the badges. They are usually given out at the lunch time break 12.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays afternoons when announcements are made. See your Members Book for more information or look on the Archery Australia web site.

All Gold Badges

An archer who shoots a 6 gold end in an event as per the club calendar may purchase an "all gold" badge, with a bronze backing for club tournaments, silver backing for state championships and gold backing for national championships.



Perfect Badg

For 6 tens in an end archers may purchase a "perfect" badge, with a bronze backing for club tournaments, silver backing for state championships and gold backing for national championships.



These badges are at cost.

ITEMS COMING IN THE CALENDAR

The Club shooting calendar is available on the web-site (see above) but a quick perusal shows some interesting bits and pieces.

BRISBANE EXHIBITION HOLIDAY, Wednesday 17th August has caused some confusion initially, but, for those who aren't going to the Ekka, there'll be a Monthly Club Shoot which will be 90-arrow rounds. The Club will then be closed after lunch but open again in the evening for the Monthly Indoor Medal.

GCTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was to be held in the middle of the day on **Saturday 20th August**. However, because the auditor resigned and it took a little while to find a new auditor, **the AGM will be postponed to 17th September at 12 noon**. There will be a barbeque lunch. Please turn up to hear what has happened, and will happen in the Club. YOUR input could be important. Don't worry; if you haven't already been approached you probably won't end up with a specific job.

SEPTEMBER has a number of memorial shoots. The **HERVEY BAY Club** has the **Percy Davidson Memorial** shoot on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th of September. There has already been an invitation to this posted. Registrations close on 31st August.

The **GOLD COAST Club** has the **Jeff Crosby Memorial** on Sunday 18th September.

The **Tom Hannay Memorial Silver Arrow Field and QRE** is to be held at the **Mount Petrie Bowmen** (Belmont) on Sunday 25th September.

Tom Hannay was at one time a member of the Grange Club, and is somewhat a legend in the South Queensland archery world.

THERE WILL BE



at the Samford club grounds on **Sunday 9th October**, in preparation for the **SQAS Short Range Championship on Saturday 15th October**. This will be a great shoot, suitable for all classes and ages of archers, and should see a LOT of visiting archers.

Anyone available to help on the 9th and able to shoot on the 15th should expect to have quite a lot of fun.

On **SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER**, the Grange Company will host the **Merv Kelly and Ron Tucker Short Range Invitation** shoot (which will be Canberra Rounds). Ron Tucker was an early member of the Grange Club (which commenced in 1947) and much of Queensland's and perhaps Australia's early archery development might be credited to him. Merv Kelly was a major mover in the Club when I (EF) first started shooting - 1959.

THE CHRISTMAS BREAKUP, FUN SHOOT AND AWARDS DAY/NIGHT will be held at the Samford grounds on Saturday 10th December, and the following is **A SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR**.

I have, for some reason, been given the job of producing a visual presentation of the Club's year in review. This will take the form of a (carefully edited?) slide show presentation.

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED in that presentation, please get them to me, by e-mail, CD, DVD, printed photographs (which I will scan), or whatever, **BEFORE** the end of November (**ABSOLUTE LAST DATE NOVEMBER 30th**).

PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER, that there could be **MANY** photos to consider, and we don't want to be there **ALL** night. Some might not make the final cut, and there will be no "Director's Cut". The Editor also reserves the right to add suitable comments, if not directed otherwise.

ISN'T IT TERRIFIC - AND UNFORTUNATE AT THE SAME TIME?

On Wednesday 27th July, Wayne Adcock *spectacularly* destroyed one, and possibly two, arrows with a "Robin Hood".



The unfortunate part? - *they were both his arrows* - still, he doesn't seem all that unhappy.



THE FOLLOWING IS A RE-VISIT to an article in the Grange Newsletter of February 2009 (yes, there has been a hiatus) but the article is worth repeating.

Judge's Call by Mark & Alison

This article covers some of the key points when shooting at Tournaments or general Club Shooting

General

1. No smoking. This applies to the shooting line, waiting line or in or around any Club ground. (This is government legislation.) Please ask an official where the approved smoking area is located.
2. Alcohol is not permitted on the shooting line.
3. No ipods/mp3 players beyond the waiting line.
4. Set mobile phones to silent, vibrate or turn them off.
5. Arrive on time.
6. Ensure your equipment is set up correctly - e.g. your sights are set for the distance you are shooting.
7. Slip, slop, slap! Ensure you are protected from the sun, and bring plenty of water to drink to keep hydrated.

Pre-Shoot

1. Try not to set your tripod legs too wide. Set one leg so you can straddle it or give you more room, thus giving more room to other archers on the line.
2. No touching other archer's equipment unless given permission.
3. Do not draw your bow with or without an arrow unless you are on the shooting line.
4. For visitors or spectators ask the archer and/or judge for permission to take photographs. This particularly applies to taking photos beyond the waiting line.

During Shoot

1. Do not touch your arrows or the target face until all scores are written down and agreed upon.
2. Do not raise your bow until the signal to shoot is given.
3. No swearing on the line. (This applies beyond the shooting line, and as part of the Code of Conduct swearing is considered inappropriate at Club.)
4. If you have a bad shot, refrain from expressing your disappointment, as this can disturb other archers.
5. If you need to leave the shooting line, and the archer next to you is in full draw, please wait until their arrow is shot.
6. Do not shoot before the signal to start or after the signal to finish – you will lose your highest scoring arrow otherwise.
7. Limit talking behind the line while shooting is

in progress. This can be distracting to the archers on the line.

8. Be conscious of "high drawing" your bow as if accidental release occurs, the arrow could overshoot the target.
9. As a spectator or parent please seek permission from the Judge or DOS if you wish to enter the shooting field - i.e. beyond the shooting line. During competition, only archers in competition are permitted beyond the waiting line.
10. Limit the amount of time spotting after you've shot your last arrow.

POST SHOOT

1. Add up all score cards correctly and ensure that all scores are signed.
2. If possible, please help pack up equipment at the end of the shoot.
3. Please leave the grounds tidy – dispose of rubbish correctly.

The **NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held in Toowoomba on the 23rd and 24th of July.

Rod Brier-Mills, Michael Schilling, Shane Beard, Shelley Allsopp, Scott Hagaman, Mark Logan, Madeline Ferris Brian Hagaman, Greg Jackson, Patrick Barden, Neil Digweed, David Arrowsmith, Kynan Schilling, Maddison Stuart and Fraser Miller all attended and participated with commendable rankings in both South Queensland and nationally.

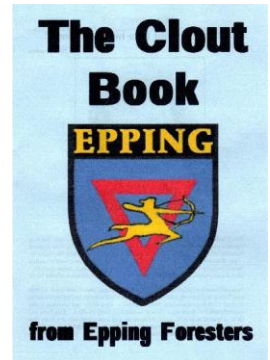
Neil Digweed produced another National Championship winning effort in the Veteran Men's Compound class.

Shelley Allsopp ranked third in South Queensland in the Open Women's Recurve class, but unfortunately she finds photographs of herself a source of embarrassment.



A sauce of embarrassment!

CLOUT SHOOTING - Some members are apparently showing interest in shooting Clout. 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 and www.archeryequipmentwa.com.au 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:-

This is a small booklet with insights into the art of shooting clout.

HAPPY SNAPS FROM DAY #1, BEGINNERS COURSE #4, 30th July 2011



**"May your arrows
fly straight!"
(Brian Hagaman)**