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So, the Editor's holiday is over,



(that's best-quality Cunamulla dust there!)

and it's time to dream up another newsletter. There are a lot of things that have been happening whilst I've been aslee... umm...., away, so I'd better try to catch up on the goings-on around the place.

Way back at the beginning of the year, 2018's Silver Arrow places were announced. For the newer members, the "Silver Arrow" is an inter-club competition between the AA affiliated clubs in South East Queensland. It's called a "postal" shoot, and it used to be truly postal - the rounds shot and the various Club's results submitted to the (snail mail) post for assessment - but now, with the Advent of Archers Diary, results get to the SQAS person involved very quickly.

Back to the nub of the story - the results for 2018 Silver Arrow series in the various categories were: -

CLOUT

Composite teams: -

- 1st: -Samford Valley Target Archers
- 2nd: - Mount Petrie Bowmen
- 3rd: - Casino Eagle Archers

FIELD

Composite teams: -

- 1st: -Tie: -Hervey Bay Archers/Samford Valley Target Archers
- 3rd: - Mount Petrie Bowmen

INDOOR

Composite Compound teams: -

- 1st: -Samford Valley Target Archers
- 2nd: -Mount Petrie Bowmen
- 3rd: -Lismore City Archers

Junior Compound teams: -

- 1st: -Samford Valley Target Archers
- 2nd: -Lismore City Archers

Composite Recurve teams: -

- 1st: -Mount Petrie Bowmen
- 2nd: - Samford Valley Target Archers
- 3rd: -Lismore City Archers

Junior Recurve teams: -

1st: -Mount Petrie Bowmen

2nd: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**

TARGET

Composite Compound teams: -

1st: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**

2nd: - Tie: - Casino Eagle Archers/Hervey Bay Archers

Junior Compound teams: -

1st: - Hervey Bay Archers

2nd: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**

3rd: -Mount Petrie Bowmen

Senior Compound teams: -

1st: -Casino Eagle Archers

2nd: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**

3rd: - Hervey Bay Archers

Composite Recurve teams: -

1st: -Mount Petrie Bowmen

2nd: -Tie: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**/Gold Coast Archery Club

Junior Recurve teams: -

1st: - Mount Petrie Bowmen

2nd: - Byron Shire Archery Clubs

3rd: -**Samford Valley Target Archers**

Senior Recurve teams: -

1st: - Gold Coast Archery Club

2nd: - Mount Petrie Bowmen

3rd: - **Samford Valley Target Archers**

As a Club, we can be pretty happy that we are showing a presence in the region. One point, however, is that the more archers who shoot in the various Divisions, the better chance there is that the Club will be highly placed, since sometimes Clubs cannot field enough archers to fill the division, but it is still the total score from each Club that counts - so, when there's a Silver Arrow shoot, have a go!

Then in April, the National Youth Archery Championships were held.

Three young archers from our Club went, Matthew Clark, Cooper Brack and Clay Nimmo. (Matthew and Cooper were shooting in the same division; Clay was in another). Their results at the end were a credit to them.

In Target, Mathew got a second, Cooper a fourth, and Clay a fifth. In Field, Matthew got a second, Cooper a fourth, and Clay a fourth.

In the Short-Range shoot, Matthew again got a second (that other bloke was hard to beat!), Cooper a fourth and Clay a fifth.

Finally, in the clout, Matthew came first (yay!), Cooper came second, and Clay also came second.

I believe Matthew Clark and Griffin Gardner are going to New Zealand in the next week or so to compete in the Trans-Tasman tournament - Good Shooting!!

And Darren (Cooper's Dad) produced the following report of the days: -

"During April, Cooper and I attended the National Youth Archery Championships in Armidale NSW. As a father I was excited to see Cooper selected as part of the SQAS state team. In the lead up we had quite a few nights checking and double-checking equipment, fletching arrows and of course doing practice. A broken rest 3 days before we were due to leave caused a minor panic but nothing a trip across town armed with Dads credit card and Mum as the taxi driver couldn't solve. We elected to leave a day early and overnight in Tenterfield and then drive the last few hours the next day. Armidale is around 6 hours from Brisbane,

so it was great to not have to travel too far for our first nationals.

On the Thursday before the official opening the team officials had arranged a team BBQ and the shirts and jackets were handed out. Anyone who is a parent would understand the pride I had seeing him in his team uniform for the first time.

Also in the team from SVTA were cubs Clay Nimmo and Matthew Clark.

Day 1 Started with the official opening ceremony with short speeches from local and AA dignitaries. This was followed by official practice. This was essential for the boys as Armidale is at a lot higher altitude than Samford and gave them an opportunity to fine tune their sight marks before the official scoring rounds.

Day 2 saw our compound cubs Cooper and Matthew off to shoot the field event while our recurver Clay was shooting a target 1440. Day 3 was a reversal of this. Matthew fared well in the field getting 2nd and Cooper came 4th. Cooper was only 4 points below his PB on what I believe was a very challenging field course. Matty also got silver on day 3 in the 1440. Cooper again came 4th but shot above his PB by a massive 47 points. We were very pleased with that result at a nationals.

Day 4 saw the recurvers shoot a 720 in the morning and the compounders in the afternoon. Again, Cooper shot a PB to finish 4th behind 3 very talented archers. Matthew finished 2nd and the final end of the 720 was full of drama as Matthew had a pass through and the arrow couldn't be located so a miss was recorded. Eventually it was found and scored as a 10 by the judges which left Matthew tied

for first on 712 though his X count was less.

The final day was clout. Cooper came out of the blocks firing and was leading the cubs for the first 4 ends. Unfortunately, he had a lapse of concentration in the 5th end which allowed Matthew to close ground on him. He shot well again the last end but so did Matthew and the final result was Matthew Gold and Cooper Silver. Clay got Silver in the recurve barebow as well so it was a great achievement for the Samford Cubs. As a father I was ecstatic at the result, we simply did not expect a medal at these Nationals. I was so nervous for him I couldn't even watch the last end.

I must also make mention of 3 of our club members who officiated at the event, Peter Clark was the team coach for SQAS and did a great job of encouraging all the kids and keeping them focused, happy and motivated. Allison Hagaman was there as the DOS and of course as the President of SQAS and Brian Hagaman was one of the judges. A big thank you to all 3 of you for your efforts.

Overall the experience was great, the atmosphere at the event was very friendly and we got to meet lots of other archery families from across the country. I would encourage any other youth archers to consider attending regardless of ability or level. It's a great learning and social experience that's not just for the top-level kids.

Darren Brack

Cooper presented the following to SQAS:

On my first youth nationals I had so much...

In 2019 I decided to go on my first nationals, which was being held in Armidale. On the Thursday night was opening party with my team SQAS. I was proud of myself and how far I've come in the last two years. After that night was the first day of shooting, practice day where we all spent time checking out sight marks. When I realised how many people were there it surprised me.

On the first official day of shooting I had field. The field course was very challenging and had lots of cut angles. I was happy with how I shot, and it was nearly a PB. Day 2 of competition was the 1440 where I shot a PB by 47 points and finished 4th. Day 3 was the 720 in the afternoon and I shot another PB by 9 points. Dad was very proud and happy. The final day of shooting was clout where I shoot 125 metres and I was shooting very well. I was very surprised at the end when Dad told me I got second and I had led all the way until the 2nd last end of arrows. I am so proud of my silver medal as we didn't expect I would get a medal at all.

I can't wait until next years.

Cooper Brack

In moving on in May, we come to the South Queensland Target Championships for the year. There was a goodly number of our Club members there as well.

In the Para Archers Male Recurve division, Taymon came first with a total score of 1969 over two rounds with a possible maximum of 2300. In the VI (Visually Impaired) division Janelle Colquhoun made first.

The next listings refer to people in their various divisions - Matthew and Cooper (see above) came first and second, Clay came first. Alex Given came first, Angela Murphy came second (different division), Bronwyn Healing came second, Scott Brice, Alison Hagaman and Emma Crouch came first in their shoots. Peter Clark got a fourth, and Darren Brack got a second, whilst Trevor Clark, bringing up the rear, got a gold medal.

You may notice that it seems to be the Tournament Season - it is!

And, in the latest tournament to this point - the SQAS Field Championships - Club members again produced the goods.

The 15 archers from the Club featured in a field of 35. The Gold Medal winners in the various divisions were Matthew Clark, Clay Nimmo, Angela Murphy, Kynan Schilling, Matthew Nimmo, Donna Smit and Trevor Clark. Trevor Clark shot a personal best two rounds of 340 and 348 (out of a possible 432 each round). In doing so he probably established a SQAS record (twice) - all with the wrong arrows, which he decided to keep using on Day 2.

Incidentally,



What the best-dressed Field Archers are wearing and dragging this year. (Photo by Alison Hagaman)

That seems to be the end of the more recent results - there are still some Tournaments to come and prospective archers may need to be aware of any new information: -

SQAS Team Selection Policy

SQAS has approved a new Selection Policy for the teams it nominates for the Nationals, the Youth Nationals and the Indoor Nationals.

The main change is that there will be selection events, and these will often be incorporated with existing tournaments.

This new policy will be on the SQAS web site shortly and will apply to events in 2020, however for the Nationals in 2019 in Morwell Victoria the team will be selected under the existing policy. For the Youth Nationals in April 2020 in Bernie Tasmania as the new policy will apply there will be 2 selection events one is planned for November 2019 and the other in February 2020.

Youth Development Day

The next SQAS Youth Development Day shall be held on 24th August 2019 at Centenary Archery Club. Please note this is a change of date. All SQAS youths are most welcome to attend to enhance their archery skills. Also covered will be what it is like to attend the Youth Nationals and how to prepare. For more information please contact Kym Wood who is the SQAS Team Manager for the next Youth Nationals or Peter Clark the SQAS Team Coach. Enquiries to Kym at youth@archerysqas.org.au or woodby6@bigpond.com (mobile number 0403192905).

SQAS Shirts

We have opened orders for SQAS members shirts again. If you would like to place an order please go to the following link <https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?function=main&EventDesqID=32957&OrgID=8390> Orders will only be open for approximately 2 months so please order early, particularly if you are thinking of going to the Nationals in November in Morwell Victoria.

The following article was written by James Palmer for a school assignment. I think it deserves some more acknowledgement than just "at school".

Dreamer to Unstoppable

Born in 1994 with an undeveloped left hand, the dream to be a Paralympian Archer started to unfold. James Palmer reports on the captivating story of Taymon Kenton-Smith who doesn't have a disability, only a different way to do things.

Kingaroy, a small town about three hours north of Brisbane, didn't know it yet but a great inspiration was about to be born. A boy whose persistence and determination would take him to the Paralympic Games. A boy that didn't see his hand as a disability but a challenge that he will always overcome.

In day to day life, the initial struggle was real, and the challenges faced weren't just for the dream he desperately desired. The high grades at school were untouchable because he is naturally left-handed with only nubs as fingers. You could imagine how hard it would have been to write and type with no fingers. But because of a new finger program that

was intended for the use of soldiers that were permanently injured or amputees, Taymon's grades skyrocketed.

Once school life was over, Taymon needed to get around just like everyone else and what better way to do that than with a manual car. Can you turn sharp corners with one hand or change a gear stick without using your fingers to guide the gear up and down and to the sides constantly? On top of the daily challenges, Taymon continues to battle skin cancer and had 39 procedures to have cancer removed because he is UV sensitive. Cancer will affect 2 out of 3 people by the age of 70 in Australia and Taymon has it now yet still maintains an inspirational positive outlook on life that makes anyone smile.

He didn't have the easiest life growing up to get past daily challenges which developed a positive "go for it" attitude. "My leap before I look nature served me well and is why I'm now gunning it for the Tokyo Paralympic Games," he explained with a determined grin.

When Taymon was five, his grandfather 'Keith', made him a modified toy bow to fit his hand and some snazzy arrows to go with it. "Growing up, he loved playing with his bow and arrows," said Sonia, his Nanna. This led to the discovery of Taymon's pure love and unbreakable passion. "When I am old enough, I am going to get a real and arrows, so I can join an archery club," Taymon announced when he was a child.

Not having the pennies to purchase a bedazzling bow and arrows to possess, Taymon was held back from joining an archery club. When his Nanna wrote a letter to the 'Take 5' magazine wishing well, \$1000 was gifted and Taymon was granted a chance at his dream with the purchase - beautiful sleek shiny new equipment. With the money, he bought a long bow and the start of his dream target Olympic recurve bow. He then

shot at a hunting club for 10 -15 years and began nailing the centre of the target with a long bow. "The whole reason for why I am as skilled as I am now, is because my Nanna wrote to the 'Take 5' magazine and won \$1000" Taymon gratefully announced.



From the age of 14, Taymon had the goal to excel to the Paralympic Games. To get to the Tokyo Paralympic Games. he had to shoot a whopping 70 metre qualifying medal which he achieved over a year ago. The most recent win for Taymon was at the 2019 National Championships, receiving a well-deserved gold medal by two whole arrows which lead him a step closer to the Paralympic Games at Tokyo.



With this goal came the battle between life and the dream which Taymon found hard. But he didn't want to give up his goal and he shaped his life around the goal because he still won't stop until he reaches the top, until he is standing at the Paralympics as a competitor. One of Taymon's greatest inspirations is Kurt Fernlev, a Paralympic wheelchair racer. Taymon also regards him as "a damn fine advocate for disabilities in Australia ", and his favourite quote is "It's ok to want to give up so long as you don't." This quote directly reflects Taymon as a person and is an attitude that needs to be seen in every person all the time. This passion and persistence drives Taymon no matter the challenges that lie ahead.

Taymon Kenton-Smith - he has had many of ups and downs but has found his own way to do things and soldier on. With his unstoppable attitude the man he has always dreamed of becoming has become the man he dreamt of being as a child by never giving up and still striving for that goal that was made those years ago and in doing so teaching a valuable lesson we should all take notes on.

Thanks to James and Taymon for agreeing to putting this in the Newsletter. I think that James has a future as Newsletter writer/editor.

As part of President Brian's efforts to secure funds for the joining of the two sheds we have been asked to submit information about how many toilets might be required.

Therefore, for the next few Saturdays you'll find a sheet near the toilets (it

moved around a bit last Saturday) requesting to mark when a toilet is used.

In the United States winter tends to be a time when archery is a bit limited, and many archers use this season to check and repair gear. Easton, of course is a (The?) major manufacturer of archery gear and their experts offer advice to archers on how their products might be best used.

The following is taken from part of an article by George Tekmitchov, Easton Sr. Engineer/Target Archery Product Manager.

“Precision points and shafts are not inexpensive and losing points- particularly tungsten points- can be costly, not just for you, but for fellow archers who “find” your points in the buttress through an arrow impact later on.

Here are some general **rules for point installation:**

Use **Easton hot melt glue**. Seriously there is nothing better. Not the hot melt from the hobby shop down the street, not the latest “green miracle glue”. Easton sells a 25 cm stick of this hot melt called a “shop stick”. (The part number is 363345. Have your pro shop order you one, cut it down to size, and share a few pieces with your friends.)

1. For melting hot melt, **use a butane, or propane torch**, or at least an alcohol lamp. Even a kitchen gas burner will do. A clean blue (or as with an alcohol lamp, clear) flame is needed. DO NOT use a candle, a Zippo lighter, a Bic butane lighter,

or other yellow flame source. These create soot that will contaminate and weaken the glue joint.

2. Only **cut shafts with a properly set up, purpose-made arrow cut off saw** with a thin abrasive wheel. Rotary pipe cutters, hacksaws and the like are the worst possible way to do the job. You want a clean and even cut with minimal run-out.
3. After cutting, **clean the inside of the shafts** where the point shank will make contact. Pluck cotton off a cotton bud to make it fit, or use pipe cleaners, but do what it takes to remove the dust left behind by cutting the arrow shaft. Don't go overboard with this, cleaning the point engagement zone is enough. Use Isopropyl alcohol as a cleaning agent. Don't use acetone or other solvents, especially if the arrow is already fitted with a nock. The fumes can weaken the nock and cause a dry-fire.
4. **Clean the components themselves.** Machined and packaged points are usually pretty clean, but they can be exposed to small amounts of lubricant from the machines used to package them, and the packaging materials themselves often have mold release agents which can get onto the parts. A typical plastic bag often has a surprising amount of these substances.
5. **Prep the shaft.** A LIGHT chamfer on the inside surface of the cut tube promotes a "glue bead" to be pushed ahead of the point shank, rather than a scraping action

when the glue-laden point is inserted in the shaft.

6. **Put a bit of glue inside the shaft.** Melt a bit of the glue stick and put a small ring of glue 360 degrees inside the shaft. This will end up being pushed ahead of the point insert and prevent "dry spots" that can cause a glue bond to peel and fail.
7. Carefully melt a bit of the glue stick and apply a thin, even layer of glue to the entire surface of the shank.
8. While still holding the point head in your fingers **re-melt this glue film** on the shank by carefully passing it through the flame, fairly quickly. If the point becomes too hot to hold, put it down on a non-stick surface to cool off and try again later.
9. While the glue is still molten, twist the point into the shaft until it completely seats against the end of the shaft.
10. Immediately, while the glue is still soft, **wipe off excess glue with a paper towel.** Any excess can be cleaned off with MEK, isopropyl alcohol, or acetone.
NEVER USE THESE SUBSTANCES ANYWHERE NEAR AN OPEN FLAME.
11. Allow the points to air-cool in a point-down position. **DO NOT plunge the points in cold water.**

Removing points

Grasp the arrow shaft with bare fingers about 2 cm behind the point.

1. Slowly and gradually, heat the POINT ONLY using the same type of flame used for installation. Don't let the shaft come in contact with the flame.

2. When you feel the shaft start to warm under your fingers, stop applying heat. Wait a few more seconds and, with a pair of pliers, try to rotate the point.
3. Carefully keep heating and pulling the point until it comes free. DO NOT heat the point so much that you cannot touch the shaft.

Done properly these methods help ensure you will not lose points- either out of your arrow shafts... or on your scorecards!"

Well, that's what you're supposed to do - I'm not sure all of those things are done by all archers - I'll let you work out which ones they might be!

Speaking of things you're supposed to do, let's shift over to a couple of things you're NOT supposed to do.

1. You do not draw a bow, with or without an arrow in it, unless you are on a shooting line and facing towards the target area.
2. In our Club, you do not sit, kneel, lie down, or stand on your head, to shoot a bow. The only position is standing with the body over the shooting line.
3. You do not wander around off the shooting line with an arrow nocked on the string.
4. You do not run anywhere on the archery field. Unseen arrows in the ground can be dangerous.

Would DoS's please intervene if archers are not following the rules.

Finally, just to show how far behind I got with newsletter information, I'll conclude with a photo that Bruce Symes sent me of the Club members who were medal winners at the Pan Pac Masters Games at the Gold Coast **in November 2018! Belated congratulations.**



(Mind you, he didn't **send it** until May 14, 2019)