

Newsletter 46 - Summer

Congratulations to the club champions for 2023!

Samford Valley Target Archers Overall Champions 2023

50+	Barebow Recurve	Male	Matthew Nimmo
50+	Compound	Male	Frans Roodt
50+	Longbow	Female	Sofie Sandberg
50+	Longbow	Male	David Conran
50+	Recurve	Female	Emma Crouch
50+	Recurve	Male	Andy Woodhouse
60+	Compound	Male	Mark Griffiths
60+	Longbow	Male	Bart Brameijer
60+	Recurve	Female	Antoinette White
70+	Barebow Recurve	Male	Bruce Symes
70+	Compound	Male	Trevor Clark
Open	Barebow Recurve	Female	Amanda Ament
Open	Barebow Recurve	Male	Colin Tyack
Open	Compound	Female	Vanessa Robertson
Open	Compound	Male	Pierre Roux
Open	Longbow	Female	Bronwyn Healing
Under 16	Compound	Female	Liesel-Marie Roux
Under 18	Recurve	Male	Clay Nimmo

Happy New Year – 2024!

We look forward to seeing you on the shooting line in 2024!



Olympics

Brisbane is to host the 2032 Olympic Games. No specific details on the venue have been released. However, we are working with council about the possibility of the club being part of the 2032 Olympics, perhaps if not for the finals, which are usually required to be at an iconic venue like Southbank, but either for the qualification round or for a venue for overseas teams to prepare in the lead up.

Unfortunately, World Archery's attempt to get compound bows into the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, as an indoor competition was not successful - this time.

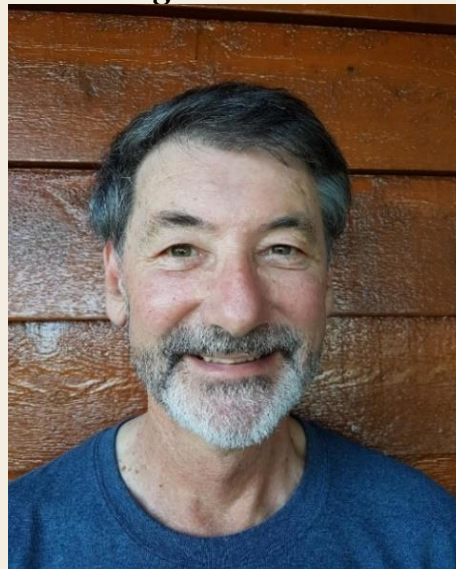
Schools Program

In 2023 the club ran a 10 week school program with 20 students from Samford State School with great success, and the club hopes to run the program again in 2024.

SQAS participated in a Queensland Academy of Sport initiative to increase the local talent pool for the Olympics in 2032. The first intake of young people wishing to try a "career" in archery to the Olympics was in 2022 and a second in 2023. The club participates in this "You for 2032" program.

Message from The Club President

Brian Hagaman – Club President



In the lead up to Christmas I wanted on behalf of the committee to wish all our members and their families the very best for the festive season. I thought it would be worthwhile recapping on our history and the journey to date.



Our Journey to Date

The club was established 1947 in Brisbane and relocated to Samford in January 2009. Over this period, we have gained over \$1.15M in grants and investment. The club has two indoor halls, a storage shed, 150m of shades (with only a 20 m missing link), and we operate up to three outdoor ranges with our 50 targets. It has been reported to us that the club has the best target archery facilities in Australia.

We are a club for everyone; for those seeking social and recreational archery, for self-improvement and discipline, to competitive archery and to high performance and Olympic/Paralympic aspirants – "a sport of all".

Nationals

Following the success of the Nationals in 2022, the club in concert with South Queensland Archery Society hosted the 2023 National Target Championships. This was the biggest Nationals ever held with about 280 individuals entered; and has been reported as the best ever. The entire field was used with 54 targets in play. It was a fantastic event to participate in or to proudly help deliver it, and I congratulate all medal winners and sincerely thank the crew of volunteers that "made it happen" in the lead up and during the tournament, with an estimated 2000 hours of volunteer time contributed. Thankyou.

Tournaments being hosted in 2024

Samford Valley Target Archers history with hosting National events is,

- Australian Open in 2016
- Australian Open in 2017
- National Target Championships 2022
- National Target Championships 2023

In 2024 the club will host,

- 3 target QREs
- 10 indoor QREs
- SQAS Short Range Championships
- SQAS Target Championships
- SQAS Selection Event - WA Star/WA900 tournament
- SQAS Matchplay Championships

Major Equipment

The club undertook a major purchase of a ride-on line marking machine. This has made marking the field quicker and easier for the volunteers.

And the target towing device was a real success. A big thank you to everyone involved in concept and prototype development, and manufacture.

Projects

2022 saw the completion of,

- installation of subsurface drainage to the Mid Field and West Field and some levelling with the works – the effectiveness of the subsurface drainage is very pleasing
- extending the pipe to fill in the drain near the "bridge"

in 2023 the club has been very successful with a large grant for,

- additional shades, gravel surfacing and accessible pathways

These improvement projects follow the club's strategic plan.

A future project subject to funding includes,

- the joining of the indoor sheds – and we are working actively with Council to bring this about

Other concepts being investigated include the,

- Airconditioning of the East Indoor Hall
- Additional Solar panels

Barebow

Barebow Business

Exciting times as barebow participation continues to grow with the bow type formally included in the Nationals and the Australian Open for the second year in 2023. It was so good to watch the best barebow archers in Australia battle it out over the five days of competition.

For me, I love watching how different each archer's process is in barebow – there is a lot more variety of styles between the archers and how they each solve the problem of shooting without sights or a clicker. The fundamental question is – how do I make sure I am doing the same thing each time?

How do I achieve consistent results at the target when there is only my own sensation to tell me how far I have drawn my bow back?

In essence, the fundamentals are the same as freestyle recurve, and when you watch the top archers you can see commonalities:

- Strong stance
- Engaged core
- Low ribs
- Low and stable front shoulder right through the shot

Below is Mick Fisher and Nicky Fairweather, exhibiting all of the above.



Start with this, and you're halfway there! Until next time, happy barebowing!



Club Members



Christmas fun shoot 2023



SQAS Calendar 2024

Plan your year ahead, mark your diary!

Go to the SQAS web site at archerysqas.org.au to view the 2024 calendar of tournaments and other events. The SQAS tournaments are open to all members and are very worthwhile tournaments.

All archers are strongly encouraged to enter them.

Archers that may be considering participation at Archery Australia Tournaments, like the Youth Nationals, the National Championships, or the Australian Open, it is worthwhile planning ahead and using the SQAS tournaments as lead in events.

While participation at Archery Australia national tournaments is open to all, to be on the official SQAS Team you will need to qualify, and thus SQAS Selection Tournament are listed on the SQAS Calendar.

Thanks once again to all the volunteers who helped with the Nationals and Open this year. This tournament could not have happened without all your help. Some great photos can be found on the club website samfordarchery.org. Click on 'About Us' & 'Gallery'.

