



On Target

ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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This koala visited the AJADs.
Who knew that they live in the
Parklands? Photo: Andy Cooper

FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER, CHRIS LECH

Bits and Pieces

Members, if you happen to have any spare small fasteners such as nuts, bolts, and screws, of the size used on bow sights, please consider donating them to the **Equipment Room**. We keep a store of them to support new (and old!) archers when they realize their new sights will start to fall to pieces if they don't form the habit of attending to them.

Coaches of juniors, beginners and Pulteney students:

PLEASE MONITOR your pupils' shooting, and explain to them how the cock vane can easily be stripped off, if the arrow is incorrectly nocked onto the bow string. There have been several times when the arrows handed in for repair have had three or more of just the cock vanes missing from the set.

Maintaining club equipment—someone else's job?

It has become evident that we have had a considerable increase in the number of people shooting at both senior and junior levels so far this year.

An increase in the overall arrows shot also means the workload on particular club officers also has to increase, for some more than others.

In particular it's the hands-on club officers who have taken the brunt of the extra workload; it is

- The equipment repairer
- The target maker
- The butt repairer,
- The volunteer maintenance workers,
- The field captains and so on



To keep our club running in tiptop shape please help out whenever you see an opportunity

TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER EVENTS APRIL 2022

TOURNAMENTS

Saturday 2 April: Kidman Archers John Burton Memorial Tournament at West Beach Primary School, start 1.30pm.

Sunday 10 April: Lord Mayor's Team Shoot at Mylor Oval, practice 10.30am, start 11.00am, Southern Cross round (90 arrows per archer at 55m) **For details, see page 5.**

Saturday 23 April: Torrens Valley Archers Philadelphia Shoot at Birdwood High School, start 9.00am.

Saturday 30 April: Silver Leprechaun Postal Tournament concludes.

Sunday 1 May: Great Southern Archers Vera Pennington Memorial Tournament at Strathalbyn, start 10.00am.

See Archery SA website for details & to enter these events: <https://archerysa.org.au/events>

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 17 April: LOUD Shirt Day, practice 9.00am, start 10.00am, round Short Canberra, enter online. Entry fee will be donated to Men's Health charity.

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CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY

Camp Quality Family Day, held on Sunday 6 March, was a great success. The weather was very kind. Approximately 75 guests attended and 43 club members, including 6 juniors, who put in a long day, starting with setting up at 8.00am. The last guests left by 3.00pm and cleaning up and packing up (followed by a drink or two) was completed by 4.00pm.



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Sue helped out with this happy family

Balloons to shoot at were replaced with removable stickers on the target, which if hit, could be refunded for a lolly. This proved very popular, some children managing multiple hits in order to score lollies.



Hover Ball was not only a hit (pun intended) with the guests, but also with club members, who couldn't resist having a go (or many goes!)

Bob directs the shot towards the target!



Brendan and Brian slaved over a hot barbecue once again



Terry and her 'kitchen bitches' - **Trish, Jill, Grahame, Helen, Terry, Robyn and Jan** - who did all the food preparation and clearing up. **Christine** (not pictured) pitched to help with the dishes.

Photos: Chris Lech and Annette Humphries



Dad helped out this little guy



Four Camp Quality representatives included Cristina Nazar, the Family Program Coordinator, a photographer and a first aid person



James and his volunteer coaches put in a long day at the butts

FROM THE JUNIOR COORDINATOR, ANDY STANFORD

Paul Bergin has allocated an AJAD's Target cupboard and has supplied us with our own AJAD's targets. This is working very well as we are not hunting through shot-out targets or nearly shot-out before they are replaced. Thanks for this one, Paul



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JUNIOR WAND

The numbers in the Wand shoot were unexpectedly down from the average, with only 29 participating. Still everyone enjoyed a great day. Next year I will be looking at changing the divisions. At the moment 16-year olds are up against 9-year olds, which is a bit unfair in the scoring, and very noticeable. Next year we might employ handicaps and do something like the Robin Hood, using age and distance to make it fairer.

Photos: Andy Stanford



FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

Bow International No. 156 has a thought-provoking section entitled "**Back to the Woods - FIELD SPECIAL**" and as you might guess has a number of articles on field archery.



Getting started in field archery, as with many pieces in this magazine, has a British focus. Another one covers **on-course gear for the field archer**. There is also an article dedicated to **the longbow angle for field**. This includes a short section on maintaining longbows. An interesting paragraph concerns **stringing a longbow** in which the author advises against using a step-through method as it has potential to twist limbs out of true. The best advice here is to use a bow stringer and make the process simpler and safer for both bow and archer.

The usual **archery history section** covers bow sights and shows some early sights, the images of which are interesting when compared to today's modern versions.



Issue 157 has the major headline **2022 - Getting Back into the Groove** and provides some good reading on a number of subjects, some of which are obviously focussed around exiting pandemic restrictions. **The new WA time per arrow rule** (30 seconds from 40) gets coverage. There is a good article on **strings and getting it right** covering most bow types.

Other articles cover some training routines, archery clothing, heart rate monitoring during shooting, a new plunger button called the Zniiper Zextant, and one on how to analyse and select the best arrow for any situation.

ARCHERY AS A MARTIAL ART: Members interested in this, and in what Confucius had to say about the sport will find a couple of articles worth reading. The centre pages' image is a great photo of Kyudo archer preparing for a shot with an out-of-focus background Confucian-style coach looking on! (not reproduced here, but another Kyudo picture instead)



MORE FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER, CHRIS LECH

Electronic Timer



A motion was passed earlier this year to buy our own club timing system. This order has not been placed as yet. Since then the club has been storing the ARCSA timers, which has naturally led to discussion on the potential financial benefits of hiring and maintaining the ARCSA timers, rather than buying our own. This is certainly something to consider when there may be useful alternative ways of using the club budget.

Last Saturday morning the club was able to trial the ARCSA timers at AJADs with a field of around 50 shooters. Our club has the largest junior development scheme in SA and what coaches, archers and parents thought noteworthy was:

- * The rate of shooting sped up
- * The shoot was easier to manage
- * The programme was simpler and more straightforward to follow

So, whether the timing equipment is hired or bought it appears that we will be making a positive contribution to the improvement of AJADs' and seniors' shooting by using an electronic timing system



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SNIPPETS

FROM THE TREASURER, KYLIE STEYN

\$200 from the Xmas raffle will be donated to the charity, Backpacks for Kids.

Please submit budget proposals by the next meeting, as the budget for next year will be formulated shortly.

Any members unable to pay their full fees all at once are invited to discuss their situation with **Vice-President (Memberships), Chris de Mello, or Treasurer Kylie Steyn.**

FROM THE BUILDING OFFICER, JUNIOR ALEXANDER

Last Thursday a white ant "track" was found. If you spot one, please report it promptly so we can eradicate them. Junior will arrange for an exterminator.

At the beginning of March the building was not double locked. Officers are responsible for locking the building so if they leave early, they **MUST** ensure another officer locks up.

FROM THE CLUB STEWARD, HELEN ILLMAN

A small container has been placed in the kitchen to take green waste. For events a larger one will be supplied.

CLOUT SHOOT Monday 14 March



Scoring the arrows



The clout was shot in beautiful weather (not much wind) with 24 archers taking part, including some from other clubs. There were several archers who had never shot clout before and 5 juniors. Distances ranged from 100m (juniors) to 165m (male recurve). The sultry conditions meant that most archers opted to shoot a single clout (36 arrows plus 12 practice arrows) but 12 hardy souls stayed on for the second clout. Highest scores for either clout were:

Female recurve: **Mariagrazia Panetta** 225

Female barebow recurve: **Caroline Girke** LIGHT ARCHERS (220)

Male longbow: **Alan Chapple** 160

Male barebow recurve: **Mark Schulze** LIGHT (287)

Female longbow: **Yujia Wu** 172

Male recurve: **James Azli** 199

*Photos: Jean-Michel Favre
and Annette Humphries*

Congratulations!

February Handicap Awards

Keyring: **Stephen Nockles** with a handicap adjusted score of 924

Longbow Wooden Arrow: **Norm Biggs** with an adjusted score of 876



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An idea has been floated and will be discussed at the next meeting, to make life easier for beginners, and to encourage them to continue with their archery after the first few weeks. This will be to establish a 'buddy system' where club members offer to help them with the intricacies of the start of each shoot (remember what that is like?)

NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET

Saturday 9 April at 11.00am

If you've joined the club in the last year or so, senior or junior, please come along. Wear your club shirt if you have received it, as your name is on it.

Discussion points:

Brief introduction to the club—etiquette

Club constitution - the club is run by its members

Archery Australia shooting rules - the rules of archery

Club officials— who they are, what they do

Club coaches—how you can shoot better!

Then mingle, chat and ask questions

Bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea

Stay for the normal Saturday afternoon shoot starting at 1.00pm

Members who have been part of the club for longer, and especially club officers and officials, are invited to come along, share your experience and stories, and make our newest members welcome.



Dieter's first Robin Hood has initiated him into a small but very select group of archers

Photo: Chris Lech

LORD MAYOR'S TEAM SHOOT

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

In this event, teams of 3 compete against each other.

Think up a good name for your team!

Teams must be in one of these divisions:

Compound (1st & 2nd Divisions)

Recurve (1st & 2nd Divisions)

Longbow

Barebow Compound

Barebow Recurve

Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. For divisions with 1st and 2nd, if the average rating of your team members is less than 75 for compound, or 65 for recurve, the team competes in 2nd division.

If you wish to participate, please put your team name and personal name on the list on the club notice board by Sunday 3 April.

The Juniors' Loud Shirt Day morphed into a Dress-up Day for the children. Definitely not loud. The coaches though, they were **LOUD**, especially **Stano** (see below) and **Junior** (hiding at the back). Can't wait to see them in the adult shoot.

Photo: Chris Lech



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