



On Target

ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Adelaide Archery Club Christmas Dinner

Thursday 23 November 2023

Bring a partner or friend to join in the fun

Dress code (strongly encouraged)

**Theme: Christmas Sweater (or dress/t-shirt/shorts....)
as ugly/funny as you like!!**



Where: The Joiners Arms, 9 Manton Street, Hindmarsh

Venue: Undercover Beer Garden

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$40.00 Per Head

Dinner: Pub's classic menu—choose your own

Drinks: Pay at the bar

To book, email social coordinator, Louis, at: ljdeslandes@gmail.com

To pre-order your meal go to: forms.gle/y1ZzDob3fSWxfaQVA

Please pay in advance, using one of these methods:

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psykar@up.me

Bank transfer

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Contact Jeff Nicoll Mobile 0418 806 095



Congratulations!

SEPTEMBER HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Jess des Landes with adjusted score 956

Longbow Wooden Arrows was not awarded because, once again, the weather was uncooperative



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SNIPPETS

If you are wondering why you received a reminder to pay a membership fee that you didn't owe, it was a mistake by Archery Australia (maybe they hoped we wouldn't notice!!)

The Grill'd Burgers (Rundle St) "money jar" finished for the month, so we'll get about \$100!

FROM THE TREASURER, KYLIE STEYN

We currently have \$362k which is -\$2k from the last meeting. This was due to a large expense for new foam butts last month. Income is higher than budget at 33% (excluding loans), and expenses are on budget at 26% so we continue to be in a positive position.



FROM THE CLUB STEWARD, ANDY STANFORD

This is the first month since taking over from **Helen Illman** - who did an amazing job. I thank her for everything she has passed on and taught me.



Last month I sent out a canteen questionnaire, with 91/316 responses (with some surprises).

Changes have started to be implemented:

COME N TRY EVENTS

A Wellfest event was run on Saturday 7 October: eighteen attended and eight said they wanted to follow up with a Beginners Course.

Our club supported an archery-experience at the Iranian Festival recently.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS, PRESENTED AT THE AGM, THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DANIEL CAON

Our club continues to grow, with 294 members at the end of the financial year, and 311 as of this week. We have doubled in 4 years! More members mean higher costs and more work, and our club officers, officials and a small group of volunteers have kept our club running smoothly. As a not-for-profit organisation, the club is run by the members for the members, so remember to treat the club facilities well, as they are yours - and help each other out whenever you can



The club's finances continue to be strong this year - I won't steal the thunder of our treasurer - but will add that several members made tax deductible donations to the club totalling \$1,500 (which we don't have to repay), so thanks to all of those donors! We also received a \$100,000 building grant from the City of Adelaide and a \$3,000 equipment grant from the ORSR (Office of Recreation Sports and Racing). Unfortunately, we missed out on a State Government facility grant to provide funds to start our building extension, but we will apply again at the end of September. If we are unsuccessful again, I suspect we may have to start the process anyway.

There are more people practicing at the club outside of regular shooting times; it is great that our members are getting value from their membership. Also, we have an agreement with some training groups (namely Para archers and Invictus archers) to rent our facilities, which raises additional funds. Archery is getting more popular!

Remember, if you have a suggestion or query, discuss it with a club official or bring it to one of the monthly General Meetings - together we can continue to improve our club.

TOURNAMENTS November 2023

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

Sunday 5 November: SA Tyro and AJ Barter 50plus Tournament hosted by Light Archers at Oakbank Racecourse, 1.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 19 November: Archery SA 2023 State Target Championships hosted by Adelaide Archery Club at Oakbank Racecourse, 9.30am-4.30 pm

Sunday 26 November: Southern Vales Archery Club's 2023 Longly Longbow Tournament at Morphett Vale, 1.30pm-4.30pm

Sunday 3 December: Southern Vales Archery Club's 2023 Rosney Johns Memorial Juniors Tournament at Morphett Vale, 9.00am-3.30pm

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES



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There were about 46 butts, each of which had to be rolled up-hill by the volunteers

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, CAROL ASHLEE

This month we hosted our largest event, which was the Australian Masters Games Target Shoot at Oakbank Racecourse. The weather was perfect for the setting-up on Sunday 8 October and the tournament on Monday 9 October.

I would like to thank the following members for their assistance:
on Sunday

Junior Alexander
Andrew Burton
Gianni Capurso
Kate Eatts
Annette Humphries
Gerrie Mitra
Jeff Nicoll
Lindsay Webb

Sean and Mackenzie Buchanan
Alan Chapple
Gerry Davies
Brian Hill,
Brendan and Trish Kennedy
Mark Newton
Joe Vardon
Mark Weeks

and on Monday

Andrew Burton
Kate Eatts
Eileen Hullstrung
Lucy Kowalski
Daniel Caon
Bruce Lang
Norm Biggs

Alan Chapple
Brian Hill
Brendan and Trish Kennedy
Mark Weeks,
Jeff Ackers
Mark Evans
Mark Betterman



From comments passed on, I believe the Target event was a great success and enjoyed by all competitors. We set up a canteen, and a merchandise desk at which we sold some of our stickers and badges. One medical incident occurred on the Monday for which we thank Mark Weeks for supplying first aid.

Congratulations to the participating Adelaide Archery Club members, who performed well in all disciplines. They include our president, **Daniel Caon**, left, who won gold in the 3D shoot.

And let's not forget members such as **Jeff Nicoll**, right, who officiated at the target event.



For full results, go to <https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/archery/>

For photos, go to <https://archerysa.smugmug.com/2023/XIX-Australian-Masters-Games-SA/>

It seems that our housekeeping problems are shared worldwide!

Of all the articles in Edition 171, the one we as club members should all try to read is by Peter Hill, titled ***"The ABCD&E of being part of your club"***. It finishes with the following list:

- * Tidy up target faces
- * Wash up cups if you have a kitchen
- * Take rubbish home (or put in appropriate bins)
- * Help collect arrows, even if they aren't yours
- * Sweep or tidy the range
- * Pick up litter and more.....
- * There are surely other points that can be added!



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Our next Beginners Course starts on 5 November.

The Coaching coordinator, **James Henriks**, needs more volunteer coaching assistants, so if you can spare about three hours on each of three Sunday mornings please put your name on the board.



FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

It's been a bit of a rollercoaster ride for Bow International in the past few months, finally resulting in a welcome return to publication.

As a result, we have received Edition Numbers 170 and 171 in the past month. Both will be left on the table for member perusal over the remainder of October and into November.

Edition 170 includes a special on Field Archery

"Barebow: getting your string picture right" discusses arrows landing left and right in relation to the archer's string picture, which is bringing string blur into aiming and improving target accuracy, particularly at longer distances. Read on

"Field technique tips" has a little bit of something for everyone considering or involved with field archery. Topics covered include getting the basics right, equipment, judging distances on unmarked rounds, on-course gear for recurve shooters, tips for compounders and working with distances for barebow enthusiasts.

"6 Recurve mistakes you're probably making" covers, as the title suggests, issues for recurve archers from not making sure limb tips are straight, through to sticking with the wrong arrow spine.

"Arrows: the next level" is the last instalment of a series on arrow building. Not all arrows are created equally and this article looks at what can be done to build a set of arrows a cut above the rest.

"Compound: taking its place" looks at the myths surrounding the 'dark side' and its place in archery and possible Olympic inclusion. For those interested, the "myths" include "Compound archery is cheating because it's too easy" and "You don't need to practice as much with a compound" amongst others.

"How old is the bow and arrow" addresses a long-puzzling question with new evidence appearing in France. Often described as one of the first advance pieces of technology. Exactly when bows and arrows entered the human world has occupied researchers for hundreds of years and, because objects made from wood rarely survive, it has been finding and interpreting arrowheads (as opposed to spear points) that has aided the quest for dating the origins of archery

Edition 171 with a new editor, is the European Games Special with a full report of this event from Krakow. And also of the World Archery Youth championships held in Limerick. It includes

Interviews with World Archery's coach of the year Richard Priestman, which is part one of talent spotting;

Ella Gibson talks about the possible inclusion of compound in the LA28 Olympics;

Duncan Busby covers compound technique focussing on finding the 'perfect' bow arm - should it be bent or straight?

A special feature article is written by the new editor on South Korean, Ki Bo Bae, the "queen of recurve."

The usual history section has an excellent article by Jan Sachers on the Tudor Archery manual "Toxophilus, the Schole of Shooting" - the oldest known European guide published in 1545.

The Editor of this little newsletter humbly requests that you contribute photos and reports, especially of events which she is unable to attend. Photos of unusual/interesting/funny incidents on and off the field are also most welcome. PLEASE SHARE YOUR STORIES

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