



On Target

ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WORLD ARCHERY OCEANIA TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Australia hosted the World Archery Oceania Target Championships at Ashton Oval last weekend. In spite of some inclement weather it is clear that the competitors enjoyed themselves, and many new friendships were made



TOURNAMENTS April/May 2023

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

Tuesday 25 April: Light Archers Anzac Day Invitational Clout at Kapunda, 9.30am-4.30pm

Sunday 30 April: Great Southern Archers Vera Pennington Memorial Shoot at Strathalbyn, 10am-2.30pm lunch available

Sunday 7 May: Archery SA Max Manuel Memorial WA Star Tournament at Mylor Oval, 9.30am-4.00pm hosted by Adelaide Archery Club

Sunday 21 May: Eden Field Archers Eden Invitation at St Marys, 10.00am-4.00pm; 24 target WA field

Sunday 28 May: Hills Archers Invitation Clout Tournament at Oakbank Racecourse, 10.00am-3.30pm

Sunday 4 June: AAC Indoor Championships, 9.30am

Sunday 11 June: Mid North Archers' Christine Player Memorial Tournament at Solomontown, 10.00am-2.30pm

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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Congratulations!

FEBRUARY HANDICAP AWARDS

SPOON: Keith Bown, adjusted score: 932

LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Nigel Steyn, adjusted score: 871



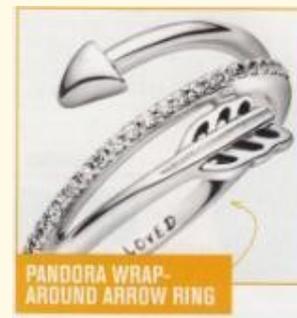
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FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

This year's **Ultimate Gear** Issue of Bow International (Vol. 167) has arrived.

As usual, the articles highlighted in this report are just a selection to be found in the current edition now in the club room. There are other more newsy items and reports from competitions that members may wish to read about while the current edition is available for reading in the club room or when it can be borrowed on loan.

Ultimate Gear features risers, limbs and bows, with significant price tags, to smaller items such as tabs, grips, arrow rests, hats, at lower costs, and gear in between, there are 8 pages to peruse if you are in the market for some new equipment. For those looking for something a little different, the Rinehart 3D Velociraptor target or the Pandora Wrap Around Arrow ring may appeal.



Field and 3D Archery are the subject of 4 excellent pages well worth reading. . The article suggests that shooting field teaches skills leading to a better overall archer and it looks at what needs to be learned if venturing into this aspect of our sport. Apparently, due to all the variables involved, field is the thinking archer's game!

Archery Trade Association of America's annual show: This 5 page report covers some equipment on show not necessarily covered in the gear guide.

Building Arrows: The second instalment follows on from the previous issue and focuses on ways of achieving a good bond between the shaft and the other pieces of hardware that are fitted to get the best possible arrows

The usual "**Ask the Experts**" covers motivation, especially lack of it, with answers from two contributors.

The History Piece this month looks at the 18th century and in particular the revival of archery as a sport.



Archery still had a military significance during the 15th and 16th centuries, but by the 17th century the bow and arrow had fallen out of martial art use due to advances in other weapons. At this time, archery was largely competition shooting as a pastime. This article charts the progress of the formation of societies and clubs that led to an 18th century revival, to be consolidated during the 19th century and go on to form the basis of modern archery.



THE MEMORIAL SHOOT SUNDAY 21 MAY

Invitations are being sent to former members to join us for afternoon tea. If they would like to shoot, they can borrow (for free) our club equipment and have a brief shoot.

THIS SHOOT IS OPEN TO ALL CURREN MEMBERS TO SHOOT, AND TO MEET SOME OF OUR FORMER MEMBERS.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM MEMBER LANCE HOLMES

As a beginner and new member, I would be fascinated to learn what kit AAC Archers are using, and I'm sure others would be too. I just read the enchanting interview with **Heidi Monk** in the Archery SA newsletter where she mentioned what bow she was shooting (Recurve MK Alpha). I had never heard of it!

It could take the form of a simple bullet point email template something like this:

Bow type? Compound (C), Long Bow (L) or Recurve (R)

Bow set-up? Barebow, Olympic etc

Bow manufacturer and model? E.g. WNS Motive FX

Bow limbs and draw weight? E.g. WNS Explore W1, 26#

Sight manufacturer and model? E.g. Avalon Carbon Tech One

Plunger manufacture and model? E.g. Avalon Tech One Micro Click

Finger tab manufacturer and model? E.g. Fivics Saker 1, Cordovan leather

Arrow manufacturer, material and model? E.g. Alpha, carbon, X Target

ANY COMMENTS?

THIS IS YOUR EQUIPMENT TEAM

PLEASE HELP THEM BY BEING CAREFUL WITH ANY CLUB EQUIPMENT YOU USE



Equipment Officer **Chris Lech** is in charge of the equipment room. He repairs and replaces all club equipment

Assistant Equipment Officer **Paul Bergin** makes and repairs target faces



Kevin Buckettt helps Paul with the target faces



Groundsman, **Tony Ward** has undertaken to remove all the left over cardboard and put it in recycling

With club membership increasing steadily (now standing at 280, up from less than 200 pre-covid) and with many visiting archers, the pressure on the club equipment and butts is enormous. For example, beginners often destroy arrows and give bows and other equipment a hard time, so that they require constant upkeep and replacement. And if you think of four people shooting at one butt at least three times a week, that is over 1000 arrows No wonder the target faces and butts wear out so quickly

Photos: Kevin Buckettt, Paul Bergin



Building Officer, **Junior Alexander** has, for many years, taken on the (often thankless) task of looking after the butts

MAX MANUEL TOURNAMENT MYLOR SUNDAY 7 MAY

Assistance is now required to set up the field.

This will be on either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning
(TBA)

If you can help please advise **Tournament Director, Carol Ashlee**



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FROM MEMBER, KEN OSBORNE

As most are aware, Colonel William Light, Surveyor General and designer of Adelaide, was a keen archer, who brought his bows & arrows here on a ship from England.



I have been in the city today, chasing up the collection, after incorrect reports of it on display in the Adelaide Town Hall.

After some frustrating discussions with a few Public Servants, I eventually spoke to the History Trust of SA, who informed me that the entire collection is securely in storage ready for display in a new facility planned for 2024.

They very kindly emailed me a few photos, which I hope members find interesting.....

**A BLAST FROM THE PAST
WHO KNOWS WHEN AND WHY THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN?
OLDER MEMBERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THEM, AND NEWER MEMBERS
SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE AT LEAST THREE WHO ARE STILL SHOOTING**



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