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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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State and National Indoor Championships



Bravo to our 33 AAC members who competed in the recent indoor championships that took place over the weekend of 8 - 9 July.

They dared to shoot against the whole nation, and our club doesn't even have our own indoor venue (yet!) We had representation in all four bow types and a multitude of age categories from our younger AJAD shooters to our more seasoned individuals.

Quite a lot of this competitive interest must be attributed to the quality of our dedicated club coaches and a supportive community, both at junior and senior level. Several of our members won gold, silver or bronze. There were also several who placed well in their categories. And those of you who weren't so happy at the finish, we're proud that you had a go. Check Archers Diary or ARCSA to see who placed where.

Chris Lech

TOURNAMENTS August 2023

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

Sunday 13 August: Great Southern Archers Fairweather Invitational at Strathalbyn, 9.00am. For teams of one compound, one recurve and one longbow or barebow. Handicapped WA 24 Field round.

Sunday 20 August: AAC and Archery SA State Clout Championships: hosted by Light Archers at Kapunda, 9.30am-4.00pm

Sunday 27 August: Cressy Bowmen's 2023 Invitational Tournament at Salisbury South, 10.00am-2.30pm

Sunday 3 September: The Farm Indoor Archery Club's Archery Golf Day at Ashbourne Golf Course, 9.30am-4.00pm; bring lunch; enter on the day.

Saturday, 9 September: Female only indoor tournament at Ingle Farm Recreation Centre, 6.30pm-9.00pm

Sunday 10 September: Archery SA State Field Championships: hosted by Great Southern Archers at Strathalbyn, 1000am-4.00pm

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Congratulations!

MAY HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Jonathon Heath adjusted score 981

LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Mark Weeks, adjusted score: 845



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WHO RUNS THE CLUB? WHO DOES ALL THE WORK?

Well, the answer to both questions is, of course, club members. They help with beginners courses, AJADs, equipment care, grounds maintenance, events such as Camp Quality and many, many other things. Some take on the more demanding roles of becoming elected officers, including the president and treasurer and the field captains, and everything else in between (if you are not sure, take a look at the club calendar).

If you have an hour or two to spare each week, join the team that makes your (archery) day

Would you like to know more? Talk to any club officer—their details are listed in the club calendar.

New club officers are elected at the AGM in September. The Equipment Officer, Chris Lech, and the Saturday Field Captain, will not be re-nominating.

THE WAND SHOOT, SUNDAY 16 JULY

The Wand was shot in beautiful weather, so this year we did not have to wade through a bog. Twelve archers took up the challenge with, not unexpectedly, compounder **Keiran Moors** scooping the field with 23 hits. Top scoring recurve was **Simon Souphandavong (Soupy)** with 12 hits, and the longbows were led out by **Alan Chapple** with 8.



Jess des Landes beat **Louis** 5 hits to 1, but Louis came to the rescue when Jess got not one, but two, arrows in the long-suffering gumtree. As always, great fun! *Photos: Naomi Johnson*



While on holiday in the Czech Republic with **Carol Ashlee**, **Eileen Hullstrung** spotted this 18th century statue of St Sebastian in the Charles Bridge Museum

It drew a couple of comments on Facebook:

From Jill Vardon: Will it fit in your suitcase?

And from Sue Martin: Good to see the statue. Perhaps if you explain the museum people will let you bring it back for our Annual St Sebastian event.

Archery Golf on Sunday 3 September.

For those who seek a different slant on Archery, and those who just want to get out of the house on Fathers Day, the good folk at The Farm Indoor Archery Club are running their annual **Archery Golf tournament**. Anyone familiar with Archery Golf will have stopped reading by now, but for those who are not familiar with this noble pursuit, read on.:



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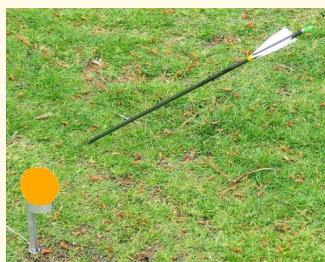
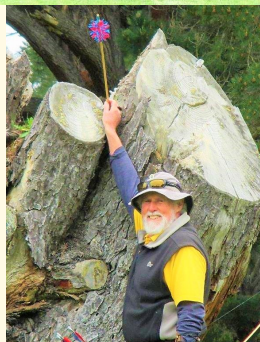
The Archery Golf day will be held at the Ashbourne Private Golf Course at, surprisingly enough, Ashbourne, near Strathalbyn! Tee off is at 9:30, so get there around 8:45 and you will have plenty of time to sort yourself out.

There is no advance booking, just show up, register and pay on the day (about 20.00). There are usually about 30 archers, plus various hangers-on. **The event is open to Compound, Recurve and Longbow, but beware, it is for barebows only. No sights, no stabilizers, no fancy bits, only a weird variety of arrows.**



The general idea is that you stand at the tee, where the 'normal' golfers hit from, and launch your single arrow as far down the fairway as possible, or, if it is a par 3 hole, as far as you dare, in the direction of the hole. The "hole" is actually a tennis ball on a wire frame, positioned off to the right of the green.

Then, like normal golf, you find your arrow, stand where it landed, and take another shot in the direction of the hole (ball) - or tree, bush, long grass..... Eventually you get to a position where you can actually hit the ball—or maybe not.



Once done, you proceed to the next hole, counting your shots as you go.

In the end, after everyone has completed 9 holes, someone from each division wins, the rest don't, and you sit down and have lunch if you have brought something, or head on home via the Meadows Bakery, if you haven't.

This is a once a year event, so if you feel it is for you, this is your only chance until September next year. Alan Chapple

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, CAROL ASHLEE AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES WEEK STARTING 9 OCT

The venue for the target event (which we are hosting) has been moved to Oakbank Racecourse. Mylor is now not available due to drainage works. Clout, on the Wednesday, is also at Oakbank.

Oakbank has better facilities (more parking, toilets, and ability to setup the day before and leave the butts out).

There are already 136 archers registered, exceeding the total when AAC hosted the games in 2019.

Thank you to the following who have already volunteered to help out with the event:

Jeff Ackers
Margaret Betterman
Junior Alexander

Sue Martin
Gerry Davies
Alan Chapple

OTHER EVENTS

Come and Try event:

To acquit a grant obtained by **Graham Winston** from the Adelaide City Council, we have to run some come'n'try events (which will also generate income).

There will be one Saturday, 7 October, available as it is during school Holidays and no AJADs. It will be part of "Adelaide WellFest"

On Sunday 6 August there is Athletics SA Fitzy's 5 fun run: We will need to open our clubroom at 7am.

FROM THE GROUNDSMAN, TONY WARD

I would like to thank **Gerry Davies** for his help on the grounds over the last couple of months while I have been unwell; his help has been much appreciated. We have been filling some of the holes around the grounds and have flattened out the areas in front of the safety signs

VALE AILEEN ANDERSON



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It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of Aileen Anderson.

Aileen was Adelaide Archery Club's Assistant Recorder in 1999 and then our Recorder for twelve years, 2000-2005 and 2007-2012.

Aileen was also Assistant Recorder in the Australian Junior Archery Development Program from 1990-1994.

Aileen volunteered many hours to the AJAD Program and also coached families annually at Camp Quality.

For her services, she was awarded a Life Membership of the club in 2003.

As the club's longest serving Social Director, from 1996-2005, Aileen not only organised events, but continued to be an enthusiastic participant in them, for example at the Melbourne Cup Lunch.

In May 2006 this included volunteering to have her head shaved at the Great Australian Shave in support of cancer research.



She will be much missed by her many friends and fellow archers.

Photos: Sue Martin

FROM ANDY STANFORD

State Clout practice days:

I am organising a couple of practice days for archers wishing to enter the State Clout. (maximum distance available is 165m). If space permits, I am happy to extend it to those who want to try clout. It will be held at the Almond Orchards, Munno Para Downs. **You must register with me or in Archers Diary.**

Dates are:

- Sunday 30 July: 10am to about 2pm
- Saturday 19 August: 1pm to about 4pm
- Both days: 100, 125, 145 & 165m ONLY

WINTER WATER REPAIRS

Thank you to **Jeff Nicoll, Mark Weeks and Gerry Davies** for cleaning out and repairing the gutters, down pipes and outside water drainage to our club house. It was all ladders, buckets, muddy fingers and furrowed brows.

Also, our resident hole filler, **Gerry Davies**, has located the larger cavities in our field and packed them in with good 'hole-some' soil.

The missing archers haven't been found



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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