



# On Target

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**Carol Ashlee** has held many positions in the club during her many years of membership. She is currently a very busy **Tournament Director**.

This is the report on activities she has organised and run during the past month:



- At the Memorial Shoot fourteen archers competed. Although she sent out thirty three emails inviting ex-members to the club, only seven accepted. The afternoon tea supplied by Social Coordinators, **Jess and Louis des Landes** went down a real treat.
- The alfresco Indoor Championships was shot on 4 June in dry weather, even though the forecast was for rain.
- On 18 June, we held the first of our Matchplay Events for this year. Twelve recurve archers and six longbow archers competed. The gold medallists were **Michael Forester** (LB) and **James Azli** (R).
- The next tournament in our calendar to be organised is the Wand Shoot on 16 July. As Carol will be away, Chris de Mello has agreed to run the event. She will organise the target faces before she goes.



### IT'S TAX TIME

**You are definitely paying too much tax!**

There's only a couple more weeks to make a tax-deductible donation to our club's (building) fund.

**DONATE NOW**

**NEW MEMBERS** may not realise that the club has a Facebook page where they will find up-to-date information, equipment information and much, much more!



### TOURNAMENTS April/May 2023

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

**Saturday 1 July:** Southern Vales Archery Club's The Bull Tournament, 1.30-4.00pm

**Saturday 8 July—Sunday 9 July:** Archery Australia National and Archery SA State Indoor Archery Championships at Mid North Archers, Port Pirie (two day event) Blue Lake Archers, Mount Gambier (8 July) Goolwa Sports Stadium, Goolwa (two day event) The Farm Indoor Archery Club, Ingle Farm (9 July) 8.00am—5.00pm

**Sunday 16 July:** AAC Annual Wand Shoot takes priority over other rounds

**Sunday 23 July and Sunday 30 July:** Level 2 coach Course at SACOSS House 47 King William Road, Unley \$175

**Saturday 5 August—Sunday 6 August:** Whyalla Bowmen Berger Nielsen Memorial Shoot at Mullaquana; 9.45am—3.00pm Saturday clout, Sunday target

*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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### FROM THE CLUB STEWARD, HELEN ILLMAN

Members often ask for different canteen items. This can be a problem as we have a large selection already, and limited space, so something would have to be removed. Items that are stocked also need to have a long shelf life.



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### Our Alfresco Indoor Club Championships June 2023

On a mild yet chilly Sunday morning 52 archers showed up at our grounds, bows in hand, ready to pit themselves against fellow club members in our yearly Indoor-Outdoor Club Championship.

There were 120 arrows to shoot. The tension was palpable.

All bow types were represented, and most of the age and gender categories were filled.

Would you believe it, the shoot began with an equipment failure. Then as the 20 ends wore on, expectations began to level off and, in some cases, hopes became dashed.

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters. And well done to the novice archers who turned up to give it a try.

Thank you to **Carol Ashlee**, our club Tournament Director, for all the preparation and Field Captaining.

Also, thanks to those who helped in setting up in the morning and cleaning up at the end of the day.

Everyone had a yummy BBQ lunch provided by our Social Coordinators, **Jessica and Louis des Landes**, and **Kevin Buckett** prepared all the target faces.

*Photos and article by Chris Lech*



### FROM THE COACHING COORDINATOR, JAMES HENRIKS

The June beginner's course started on Sunday 11 June.

Instructors are **Pam Pettman, Dean Pettman, Chris Lech, Alan Chapple, Michael Devonshire-Gill and Andrew Burton.**

**Louis Des Landes and Jeff Nicoll** added to the team on the second Sunday while **Chris Lech** managed the course while I attended the Level 1 coaching course.

There was an unfortunate accident during the first session when one participant injured her hand and withdrew from the rest of the course. It appears that she hadn't noticed that an arrow was damaged after hitting the butt, and it was either pulled off the rest, wasn't put on the rest or being shorter due to the damage.

Something pierced the underside of her hand close to her palm, causing extensive bleeding. Pam Pettman provided immediate first aid.

It was noted our first aid kit was inadequate to treat that injury.



## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to seven young archers who join  
**Annabelle Conboy** to make eight who have  
completed all AJAD rounds

Below: **Josh and Cameron**



Left: **Tilly**

Below: **Hayden**



Left: **Noa**

Below: **Charlie and Bracken**



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## Australian Masters Games Mylor, Monday 9 October

Thank you to the following club members have indicated that they are willing to assist on the committee:

**Sue Martin, Margaret Betterman, Gerry Davies, Junior Alexander and Alan Chapple.**

**This is your opportunity to help the club by volunteering for a few hours**

Our club is responsible for hosting the target event.

For this we will receive \$25/archer.

So far there are 103 competitors.

**We need people to assist with:**

- Equipment (including set-up)
- catering,
- scoring,
- administration,
- sales and
- car-parking.

**Please let Tournament Director, Carol Ashlee, know if can spare a few hours on the day**

## FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER, CHRIS LECH

### ARROW CONSTRUCTION

The replacement of the club's aluminium arrows with carbon arrows is underway. It may take a while but when finished it should make the matching bow poundage and length with arrow spine, simpler and faster for junior and senior coaches.



Thank you to **Lance Holmes**, who has been helping with the arrow construction and to Archery Supplies for providing the shafts and points at a reduced cost.

### HEAT SHRINK TRIAL

To prevent bow strings from falling off the unstrung bows kept in the Equipment Room we are heat shrinking the bottom loop of each bow string to its string limb groove. So far, the trial has been promising. Thank you to **Alan Chapple** for the suggestion.

# Congratulations!

## MAY HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Kristofer Merris adjusted score 1000

LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Mark Weeks, adjusted score: 888



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## COMING UP FOR THE BRAVE (*STUPID?*) FEW THE WAND SHOOT SUNDAY 16 JULY

Shooting at a narrow strip from 90, 70 and 60m for seniors, and 60, 50 and 40m for under 16 and under 14, is only for those who are willing to take a chance and have some fun.



Some efforts in recent years.....  
I wonder why longbows are strongly represented? (Brave? Stupid?....)



### SNIPPETS

#### *Our newest fully qualified Judge (of archery!)*

Congratulations to AJAD's Junior Co-ordinator, Stano (**Andy Stanford**), who has become Australia's newest fully qualified National Archery Judge in target, field and clout.



#### *Prototype Butt*

**Graham Winston and Gerry Davies** successfully applied for a SA State Government grant (under the Active Club Program) for \$3000 to assist with program and equipment funding, which will be used to get a prototype butt built.

#### *Donation to Juniors*

There is a small fund that was raised for the Junior program, years ago.

As **Ammrutha** and **Lily** are heading to the World Youth Championships, 25% of the fund will be donated to each of them, support that these up and coming young archers richly deserve.

### *What is the SVAC Bulls Tournament? Their answer:*

This is a **tournament for longbows and unsighted Recurve bows**. It is a light-hearted competition and any persons found to be taking it too seriously may be disqualified, as determined at the discretion of the Organiser.

#### *Sunday Mail Results*

You may be un-aware that AAC results are published each week in the Sunday Mail. This includes AJADS and seniors. Juniors love seeing their names in the paper.

Thanks to **Alan Chapple** and **Andy Stanford** for submitting them each week when possible.

#### *From the Librarian, Steve Sykes*

Bow International abruptly ceased publication with the last edition. Our subscription has been converted to "The Field", a magazine which is not specifically for archery.

**Steve and Daniel Caon** have searched alternatives, the closest being the Archery GB publication "Archery UK" which is online only and published quarterly. The current quarter is only available to their members, but earlier publications are for all.

It appears to be very similar to Bow International!. Steve will review these as they come out quarterly and an email will be sent to our members with a link.

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