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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 3 MARCH

We usually host between 80 and 100 children with cancer and their families for a day of shooting, including morning tea and lunch.

WE WILL NEED ABOUT 40 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH:

SET-UP: TABLES, CHAIRS AND UMBRELLAS UNDER GUM TREES FIELD INCLUDING HOVEBALL BOOTH

HELP WITH SHOOTING INSTRUCTION

CLOSE FIELD AND PUT AWAY TABLES, CHAIRS AND UMBRELLA

CATERING:

RECEIVE VOLUNTEER FOOD DONATIONS; PREPARE MORNING TEA; PREPARE LUNCH, CLEAN-UP

NAME ON THE BOARD, PLEASE; BRING A SALAD OR DESERT, AND HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT DAY FOR THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES



TIMELINE

- 9am Volunteers arrive to setup
- 10am Families start to arrive
- 10am Morning tea on arrival
- 10am-12:30pm Shooting
- 12:30pm Break for lunch
- 1:00pm More shooting
- 3:00pm Shooting ends, pack-up



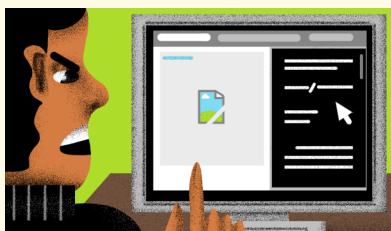
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NEW MEMBERSHIP DATA BASE STARTS ON 1 MARCH

Archery Australia are transitioning from Gameday to Assembly. This means that there will be changes to how the website looks, and how memberships will be renewed. The platform looks quite different – more “modern” – but has a similar menu structure.



The new data base is supposed to start functioning on 1 March, but there will certainly be a few hiccups, so please be patient if things are not working as you would expect them to.

Club president, **Daniel Caon**, has transferred all our data, but the website is not yet completely up and running. Some functions of the present system have not been replicated, so we are not yet confident that it provides the features that we currently use.

We may have to adapt some of them to be compatible, such as the beginners courses. Also, the administration is quite different, and all club officers will have to be trained.

HEALTHY FINANCES

Treasurer, **Kylie Steyn** reports that our finances continue to be in a positive position. We currently have ~close to \$389,400 which is up by \$6,700 from the last meeting.

This is the 7th month of the year, so we are 58% through. Income is higher than budget at 92% (excluding loans), and expenses are just above budget at 61% .



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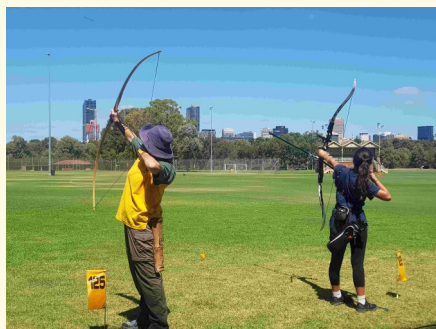
WHEN DID YOU LAST VOLUNTEER?

The club now has nearly 350 members. 24 members have volunteered to be club officers; another 16 or so help out with beginners courses, which are crucial to the success of the club.

But where are the rest of you? You were all beginners once, so how about giving something back?

I know there are lots of other commitments, especially for young families, but surely there are some of you who could help out.

Coaching coordinator, **James Henriks**, requested extra helpers recently, both in the Notices and through Facebook, but there was *not one, single response*—a pretty poor showing, it has to be said.



CLOUT AND
FIELD—ALL GOOD
CLEAN FUN
MONDAY 11
MARCH

Have you ever fancied trying to shoot arrows a long way (Clout) or in awkward places at different faces (Field)?

Come and have a go on Monday 11 March: Clout 9.00am on soccer field next to archery field.

Field at about 1pm on archery field.

So can try both if you want to.



TOURNAMENTS February-March 2024

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

Sunday 25 February: Great Southern Archers Super Field at Strathalbyn, 9.00am-5.00pm

Thursday, 29 February: AAC Intercalary Tournament at AAC, 6.00pm-8.00pm, open to longbow and one-piece barebow recurve

Sunday 3 March: AAC hosts Camp Quality all day, no other shooting

Sunday 3 March: Eden Field Archers “Ladies” Day at Shepherds Hill Recreation Park, 10.30am-2.00pm

Sunday 10 March: Great Southern Archers Iron Arrow Event; target and field at Strathalbyn, indoor at Goolwa, 9.00am-9.00pm

Monday 11 March: AAC Clout and Field Day: Clout 9.00am-12noon on soccer field west of archery field, Field approximately 1.00pm (if you haven’t tried them yet, this is an opportunity to learn about these disciplines)

Saturday 16 March: AAC Loud Shirt Day; Juniors am, Seniors pm, shared lunch 11.30am-12.00pm

Sunday 17 March: Lord Mayor’s Team Shoot, hosted by Hills Archers at Oakbank Race Course, 11.00am-3.00pm

SNIPPETS

FROM THE GROUNDSMAN, TONY WARD

Trees

On 17 January Tony sent an email to the council regarding some dead trees on Bundeys Road, and some that had branches hanging. These were promptly removed the next day.

After the tragic accident in Park 10 Tony sent another email asking if they could conduct an audit of the trees on our grounds. This has been forwarded to their Horticultural Team for their attention. He has yet to receive a reply.

NEW LOST ARROW REGISTER

Thanks go to **Christine Favre** for arranging to print a new Lost Arrow Register. When it is needed, the new book can be found in the librarian's draw near the club room telephone.

UNIFORMS

All parents and junior shooters are wearing the club uniform at AJADs, that is, green, yellow or white shirts. Even those that have not joined the club yet are complying with those instructions, which is good to see. Our uniform shirt supplier is experiencing quite a backlog, with some shirts delayed by several months.

Many thanks to vice-president, **Mariagrazia Panetta** has started unpicking names from some of the many new shirts that were never collected, so we can add new names (and thanks to **Stano** for printing them) so that they can be issued to some of the members who have been waiting a long time for their shirts.

JACKETS FOR COLDER DAYS

We are investigating some possible designs for a jacket for all club members. They are now displayed in the club room, where you can vote for your choice.



LORD MAYORS TEAM SHOOT UNIFORMS

THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE



All three members of the team must wear EITHER their club shirts OR other shirts of their own choice but they must be IDENTICAL

THIS IS ACCEPTABLE



As representatives of your club, which pays half your entry fees, you are asked to comply with this rule.



CLUB ROOM EXTENSIONS

President, **Daniel Caon**, reports that the club has, once again, missed out on an SA Government grant.

As our development application approval expires this year we now have to go ahead with the building using our own funds and the \$100,000 already received from the Adelaide City Council. Depending on quotes, we may have to proceed in stages.

Congratulations!

JANUARY HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Kath Shepard with adjusted an score of 986
LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Simon Cameron with an adjusted score of 891 (interestingly Simon also won in January 2023 with an adjusted score of 871)

FROM THE PRESIDENT, DANIEL CAON

You might notice some issues at the club:

The sprinklers are not running as the bore pump is inoperable (so the grass is getting browner);

The air-conditioner is on the fritz (and may need a replacement) - opening the clubroom windows may help;

The drinks fridge motor is making excessive noise;

Please be patient as our team of volunteers work to fix these over the next few weeks.



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FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

BOW INTERNATIONAL ISSUE 174



Obituary: With the usual content of archery news and event reports from around the globe, the most recent issue of **Bow International** to arrive is in the club room for members to read. Of note is an obituary for **James L. Easton** who passed on 4 December, 2023, and whose incredible life touched millions around the world not just through his contribution to archery, but many other sports.

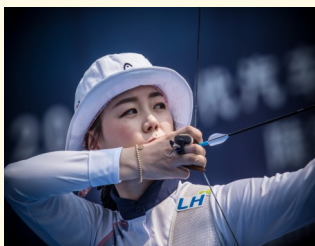
Event reports cover highlights from the JVD Open 2023 in Kings of Archery series, the GT Open in Luxembourg, and a special *Kyudo* event commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Honda Ryu Sekiyukai Groups. The article covering the latter event gives an interesting insight into this traditional Japanese form of archery; *kyudo* roughly translates as "the way of the bow."



One of this edition's **gear reviews** looks at a new product launch by Easton, the Easton Parallel X10" and asks the question, is this answer to every archer's prayers? There is a four-page piece on release aids in which the author explains the importance of an appropriate release aid and how to choose one - a useful read for any budding or existing compound shooters no doubt.

The other **gear-related article** covers a new product launch from Gillo, the Gillo GF Riser and introduces the innovative "tunnel" weight system allowing for more finetuning of weight distribution for individual bow set-up. This announcement follows part 2 of the article on Vittorio Frangilli started in the previous issue in which the needs and wants of the barebow market are discussed.

Will a **fitter archer** always be a better archer? Two pages are devoted to one author's thoughts and observations concerning this question and a ten-minute read will see if you concur with his conclusion.



This month's **ask the experts** section addresses the following questions: Should I shoot with both eyes open? Is purchasing the top-level expensive equipment absolutely necessary to shoot your best scores? I see different sizes and shapes for the thumb button on release aids. Is there a best option? Answers to these and one other question concerning shooting a recurve show there are no silly questions. It is worth noting that the answer given to the first question included a recommendation not to shoot with both eyes shut, however!

On the **archery history** side of things and in addition to the notes on *kyudo*, there are two other articles with a history focus in this edition. A letter of introduction covers the origins and activities of the *Society of Archer Antiquaries*, which dates back to 1954. The other piece, in another Olympic year, covers the designs and developments of pictograms used for the archery events every four years. Pictograms in an Olympic context were first used in 1964 and since then the image used for Archery has been of a stylised archer. That for this year's Paris games has moved away from this theme of which there has been some criticism, including by the author of this article.



Finally, the **picture of the month** in the centre spread suggests you may one day find a dead flat-head or whiting emitting odours from behind a butt when shooting. Puzzled? I suggest a quick look at the image in article 174 will provide a possible explanation - good luck!

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