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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF THE NEW ARCHERY SA AWARDS

James Henriks (left) was voted the 'most valuable committee member', and the award for the 'most valuable club member not on the committee' went to **Graham Winston**. They richly deserved these awards for their fantastic contribution to our club.



CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY

Once again, our club hosted about 80 children and family members to a great day out. For some of the families this was their second, or even third year, so it is clearly a much anticipated, and enjoyable day for them.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who showed up, some arriving very early to help to set up in the morning. It was particularly pleasing to see quite a few new faces, both new to the event and, some of them, very new to the club.



Our two youngest volunteers welcome two even younger guests



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CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY

BY JAMES HENRIKS



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Camp Quality started in Australia at the initiative of Vera Entwistle. There were a number of programs supporting children with cancer including Canteen. In 2017 to better to support their target people Camp Quality moved to support 0 – 15 year olds while Canteen undertook to support 13 -25 year olds.

The Camp Quality community includes the entire family of those children living with cancer, undergoing treatment, in remission, siblings, grieving families, and children of parents with cancer. To make this all function there are many volunteers and many activities over the year including visits to hospitals

The Adelaide Archery Club started an association with Camp Quality in 1985 through an initiative conceived by **Gordon Pawson** OAM, who lived near Camp Quality volunteer, Joan Watson. Gordon was an active member of AAC, shooting regularly up to the age of 92. Gordon died in 2021 at the age of 102. Joan still regularly attends the AAC family day.

The association with Camp Quality led to a variety of archery activities being offered by AAC, including archery activities at residential camps and the smaller cluster camps held at Narnu Farm, Hindmarsh Island and the largest event, the Family Day held at the AAC grounds in autumn each year. AAC has not been involved with the residential camps for some years but in the past provided archery as an activity at camps in places like Hahndorf, Keith and Tatchilla. We still provide archery as an activity at Narnu Farm, Hindmarsh Island several times a year.

AAC celebrated our 30 year association with Camp Quality at a Family day in 2015 and then 25 years of Camp Quality Family days in 2020. **Mariagrazia Panetta** made a splendid cake to mark the occasion.



Coordinating the Camp Quality activities is not part of my role as Coaching Coordinator. I was asked to take on the role in 2000 when Gordon, at the age of 80, was awarded the OAM and ran in the Olympic torch event. He still participated for a few years afterwards. He gave me a number of bows and I have added to the stock with AAC rejects including arrows.

James organised the day, and acted as field captain; coaches were warned to watch out for super keen children who were likely to dash up to the targets as soon as all their arrows were released!



Social Coordinator **Louis** managed the barbecue, and kept an eye on arrangements for morning tea and lunch, with the help of the kitchen crew.



TOURNAMENTS February-March 2024

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

Sunday 7 April: The Farm Indoor Archery Club Jim Hale Indoor Memorial Tournament at Ingle Farm Recreation Centre, 9.00am-4.00pm

Saturday 13–Sunday 14 April: Copper Coast 2024 SA Masters Games (field archery) hosted by Yorke Peninsular Field Archers

Saturday 20 April: Torrens Valley Archers Metric Philadelphia Shoot at Birdwood High School, 9.00am-4.00pm

Sunday 28 April: Great Southern Archers Vera Pennington Memorial Shoot at Strathalbyn 10.00am-2.30pm

Congratulations!

FEBRUARY HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: David Costanzo with adjusted an score of 951
LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Mark Weeks with an adjusted score of 843

THE BAKED BEAN AWARD is now held by Carol Ashlee with a score of 13. Who will go lower??



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SNIPPETS

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, CAROL ASHLEE

The inaugural **Intercalary event** was held on Thursday 29th February at 6pm. I was very pleased to see that we had 23 archers compete from 4 different clubs in South Australia. The winners were:

Ankur Chopra, Naomi Johnson, Katherine Kaser and Daniel Caon.

There were also mystery prizes, and they went to 6 archers: **Shirley, Peter, Pam, Daniel, Jeff and Michael** who shot an end with a score of 29. To top it all off the Baked Bean Award score was lowered to 13 by yours truly.

The **practice Clout and Field event** on Monday 11 March was partially held. Although we had 18 people enter for the Clout, only 8 braved the heat to start. Two of these had never shot clout before. The field event was cancelled due to the heat.

23 archers donated to Men's Health at the **Loud Shirt Day**. The Loud Shirt winners were **Louis des Landes** and **Georgia Benjamin**. The funds will be donated when the charity has been chosen.



The **Jacket Survey** has been completed. Jacket 5 (*above*, plain green with yellow collar) was the clear winner. Jacket 2 (*below*, yellow V with green collar) was a close second.



An option now is to approve both jacket designs to provide choice for members. They would be acceptable as over-jackets that meet the requirements of our regulations. Cost is between \$50 and \$60. We are waiting for samples to arrive.

CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY (CONT.)

Lunch was shared by volunteers and guests, followed by more shooting for the families who stayed on. Some of them were very reluctant to leave at the end of the day!



Hoverball, as always, attracted a queue of people eager to try this alternative to target shooting (using plastic bows and arrows with wide tips). Volunteers were not above giving it a go, either...





FROM THE CLUB STEWARD, ANDY STANFORD

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS:

I would like to see photos of the floors in your house.

WHAT? They don't look like this ???

Why treat the club any different?

Sure you pay fees each year. But it is me who has to clean up your mess because you can't be bothered **AND I DO NOT GET PAID.**

This is a weekly occurrence.



Please clean up after yourself if you spill something. Don't leave it for me. **Respect your club and your club steward.** Thank you

MORE FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, CAROL ASHLEE

Our club entered 12 teams for the **Lord Mayor's Team Shoot** but only 11 took part as there was a very late withdrawal.

Some of the teams chose their own uniform.



The **Twilight Shoot** finishes at the end of March.

Max Manuel WA Star Shoot

ARCHERY SA is currently negotiating with Qakbank Race Course to choose another date as the one in the program is not available.

We will need help with the set up on the day before, which is better than in the morning of the day.

I would like to wish the members of AAC who are going to Canberra for the **Youth Nationals** (over the Easter weekend) all the best for their events. Good luck also to the Team Managers **Steven** and **Kelly**, who are also AAC members.

THE SICK LIST

A number of archers have been on the sick list lately, including equipment officer, **Nigel Steyn**. The most recent is assistant equipment officer (target faces), **Paul Bergin**. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

Gerry is organising working bees to keep up with the demand for new faces. Please help if you can.

MISSING BOWS

Left-hand bow #53, and right-hand bow #55 are missing from the equipment room. Does anyone know where they are?

FROM THE GROUNDSMAN, TONY WARD

Irrigation

The pump on the bore has now been fixed, it turned out it only required a new capacitor, which was much cheaper than a new pump! On Monday 19 March, Jeff Nicoll and I did a full evaluation of our irrigation system. The automatic watering is working correctly, but 5 or 6 of the sprinkler heads will need to be replaced due to not functioning at 100%. These heads cost approx. \$80-\$100 per unit. The control box for the irrigation does not appear to be working correctly in manual mode and at some stage will need to be repaired. We will arrange for this to be fixed at a later date as it is not required for normal operation of the irrigation system. To enable these repairs to be done will require the grounds to be closed for a morning so we can access the grounds Safely. I will notify everyone of the date once this has been organized.

Grounds

Umbrella holes will be drilled out around targets 10 – 13 in the near future (when the ground is softer).

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