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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Adelaide Archery Club Christmas Breakup and Barbecue



Sunday 21 December 9.30am
Novelty Shoot starts at 10.00am
Lunch 12.30pm

Followed by the Presentation of Trophies
Come earlier if you can, to help set up (targets, tables, chairs, bbq etc



***GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WITH APPROPRIATE DRESS
CLUB UNIFORM STRICTLY DISCOURAGED***

**ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST ON THE NOTICE BOARD BY 14 DECEMBER
AND NOTE WHETHER YOU WILL BRING A SALAD OR A DESSERT**



Raffle - drawn after lunch

Please make a contribution to the hamper (food and beverage) and/or the Christmas Stocking (gifts for adults and children) – then buy some raffle tickets!

The proceeds will be donated to a charity which will be chosen at the beginning of next year.

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Congratulations!

OCTOBER HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: **Henrietta Chan** with adjusted score of 958
LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: **Mark Weeks** with adjusted score of 866



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CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESS AT THE NATIONALS

1440 ROUND

First, open female compound: Georgina Graham
Second, 50+ male recurve: Chris de Mello
Third, 60+ male recurve: Daniel Caon

900 ROUND

Second, open female compound: Georgina Graham
Third, 50+ male recurve: Chris de Mello
Third, 60+ male recurve: Rob Thomas

SNIPPETS

FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER, NIGEL STEYN:

Nigel has purchased new controllers for the timers, as well as some new bows, which will give us a wider range of low poundage bows.

FROM RECORDER, NAOMI JOHNSON

In the past month our most popular round remained the Geelong – 83, followed by the AA 30/720 – 77, then by the Darwin – 43

FROM CLUB STEWARD, ANDY STANFORD

Facilities Update:

Club members, **Kate Eats, Michael Devonshire-Gill And Gerrie Mitra** are willing to share the cleaning of the club on a weekly basis. They have done cleaning training and started on 1 December.

Thanks for putting up your hands. It is hugely appreciated.



Canteen Update:

The state Champs (in appalling weather) netted us about \$70 in canteen sales for the club. Comments passed were "Where is the coffee and Tea".

LM Trade Supplies have booked a "corporate day" on the morning of Friday 19 December, and coaches have been arranged. ArcheryGW will run it, with 50% of income going to the club.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



A small group of archers switched their attention to horses on Melbourne Cup Day. They had an enjoyable lunch before the race started, enlivening the wait with discussing the sweepstake, and testing their knowledge of horses with a quiz (best scores 13/20). *Photo Eileen Hullstrung*

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP (BRIEFLY)

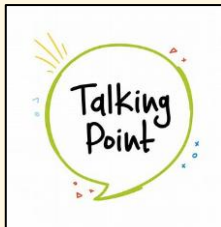
20 December: Southern Vales Archery, the Bulls Tournament
17 & 18 January: Blue Lakes Tournament Weekend
25 January: Australia Day Field Tournament



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GROUND LIGHTS

There is a suggestion that we should install ground lights so that we can shoot on dark evenings



Some questions are (and you may have others):
Is this a great idea?
How much would it cost?
Would this be value for money?
How many archers would use such a facility?
What if only a few wanted to use it?

A lighting quote of \$160k, supplied, installed, commissioned, has been received from CME

- 4x 18m towers.
- 2x towers at 80m line, each with 2x 1200W light fittings (to light the field)
- 2x towers at ~30m line, but outside the edge of the field, each with 3x 1200W light fittings (to light the targets)

To compare, there is also a quote from Plusrite www.plusrite.com.au (Ross Herdman)

- 9x towers, supply only, \$63k
- Each tower has: 6m pole, 240W solar panel, battery, 2x150W LED lights (30,000lm each)

And don't forget: ALL decisions taken by the club are open for ALL members to vote on, so you can leave it to those who attend meetings, or you can bring YOUR views forward, and take part in the decision making. There is also the club's private Facebook page for discussion and comment.

A tale from Sherwood

Little John (played by Stephen Sykes) challenged Robin Hood (played by Vincent Baldacchiono), to see who could get closer to the centre. John thinks: "I know, I'll block the path with an arrow". Robin thinks, "haha", and shoots through John's knock. "Oops", says Robin, "didn't know that would happen, sorry". Kindly John replies to Robin, saying "fear not friend", and pulls out a length of horsehair (dental floss), quickly wrapping the damage: "that'll be as good as new come the morrow".



Story and photo Keith Bown

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORY, CAROL ASHLEE

Congratulations to those archers who competed at the **Australian Masters Games** and the **National Target Championships** in Canberra.

I would like to thank the following people for assisting with the set-up of the **State Championships** on Saturday 1 November: **Gerry Davies, Brian Hill, Brendan and Trish Kennedy, Kevin Bucket, Daniel Caon, Alan Chapple and Junior Alexander**. We also had assistance from **Bruce Lang, Karen Hockley, Peter Knox and Ian Dall**. This was a few more than required but their assistance was greatly appreciated even though, on occasions, it was a case of too many chiefs (or cooks?.....)

On Sunday, thank you to **Sandra, Cherina and Davide** for preparing the ordered lunches. This was completed less than 10 minutes before they called an early lunch break! With the assistance of club members and some members of other clubs the event was ready to go by 9.30am - except for the weather. Pack-up at the end of the short event was quick due to the assistance of lots of archers and parents

THE EDITOR NEEDS PHOTOS!

As I am rarely able to attend events and tournaments, I would very much appreciate receiving any photos and/or stories that your fellow archers might enjoy:

publicity@adelaidearchery.org.au

THANK YOU!



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FROM ANDY STANFORD, WEARING HIS JUNIOR COORDINATOR HAT

This year's **Break-Up and Presentation Shoot** will again feature a shared-plate format, which has proven very successful in recent years. The event will be held on Saturday, 13 December, with the club providing sausages (as per last year) and a selection of small salads. To date there are about 111 registered for the event!

Once again **Sheridan's Accountants** has donated \$150 stock from Archery Supplies for a free raffle on the break up day. AJADs has matched the \$150 from the AJADs budget to have some decent quality stock to give away to the juniors.

Also, thanks to **Steve Hann at Archery Supplies**, for donating a \$100 voucher to the winner of the **Errol Scott Archer** of the Year award this year.

COACHING COORDINATOR, PETE BEROS, reports that the coaches for the November beginners course were **Michael Devonshire-Gill, Jarrod Swift, Davide Constanzo, Andy Gribble, Elana Parnis, Jeff Nicoll, Peter Stamatakis and Steve Sykes**. **Andy Cooper** demonstrated compound, **Elana Parnis** demonstrated recurve, and **Peter Stamatakis and Jeff Nicoll** demonstrated longbow.

FROM THE GROUNDSMAN, TONY WARD

I arrived at the club one morning and found the control for the Roller Door like this. Please make sure the door is closed correctly when you leave.



NEW AAC DIVISION STARTS TRAINING

As evidenced by seemingly random piles of dirt around the club rooms and field, there is apparently a new equipment division at play. The Bare-Shovel- Handle (Leaning) Division has been seen getting ready for competition. *Gerry Davies*

FUTURE FACILITIES ENHANCEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS TO THE CLUB HOUSE

1. Connect the exhaust fan to a thermostat so it runs when the toilet area becomes too hot.
2. Purchase additional (lightweight) portable butts (total of 10) to store in the extension.
3. Replace some more round concrete-backed target butts with a similar type as target 9 concept.
 - Start with butts 4 and 10
4. Install some bollards near the roller door entrance
 - Jean-Michel kindly arranged for 4 bollards to be manufactured at no cost to the club
5. After the council repairs the pathway to the clubroom:
 - Pave the area to the north of the path, as it is a dirt patch now
6. Install ground lighting (to a portion of the field) to permit shooting after sunset
7. Install path lighting to improve safety.
8. Excavate the 90m shooting line so it is level.
9. Engage an artist to paint a mural on the northern wall of the building.
10. Tile the toilet floors to make them easier to mop.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

Repay the \$24,500 in loans from our members.

Shelving/cupboards in the new extension to store foam products

Get solar panels – say a 6.6kW system (*in progress*)

Extend pavers at front of veranda (to cover the storm water pipe that is a few centimetres below)

FROM THE TREASURER, KYLIE STEYN

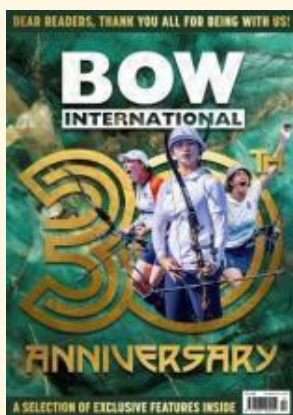
We currently have about \$92,000 which is up \$6,000 in the last month. This is the 4th month of the financial year, so we are 33% through. Income is higher than budget at 48%, and expenses are below budget at 39% so we are in a positive position.



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FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

Issue 190 of **Bow International** has arrived heralding its 30th anniversary.



As the cover claims, there is a selection of exclusive features inside by way of which the magazine celebrates its history, and the people behind the pages over the years since 1995. This is achieved primarily via an **eight page article** from the current editor, Kristina Dolgilevica, which ends with the words '*to be continued...*' - presumably in a future issue.

- Other interesting reads in this issue include one from **world-renowned coach Juan Carlos Holgado** who brings his expert knowledge to the issue of string alignment.
- **Duncan Busby offers advice** on what to do when you are stuck in a rut. A behind the scenes interview with Chris Wells covers the backstage logistics of World Archery broadcasting, the use of AI and other technology, and the revolution in the viewer's experience
- **Psychologist Dr Karl explores the question**, is perfectionism in sports a good or a bad thing? – and answers various questions on this topic.
- **There are a couple of reports on international events** with Felicity May summarising the 2025 Hyundai World Cup outdoor season in which she predicts the winners and highlights likely outsiders for the Nanjing Finals (remember we get Bow International a couple of months after it is published in the UK!).
- **Articles covering archery gear** include the second instalment of the Bow's Buyer's Guide by Andrew Smith which features equipment for barebow beginners. Felicity May looks at Rcore Grips and what sets them apart from others.
- **Finally, John Stanley explores** why the image of an archer at full draw endures through the ages in art and popular culture as a powerful symbol of humanity.

Bow International issue 190 is available for members to read in the club room until the next edition arrives after which it will be available on loan.

SOMETHING NEW TO TRY??

Kyūdō is the Japanese martial art of [archery](#). **Kyūdō** is based on *kyūjutsu* ("art of archery"), which originated with the samurai class of [feudal Japan](#). In 1919, the name of *kyūjutsu* was officially changed to *kyūdō*, and following the example of other martial arts that have been systematizing for educational purposes, *kyūdō* also reorganized and integrated various forms of shooting that had been used up until then. Many practitioners may refer to themselves as *yumihiki*, or 'ones who draw the bow'. *Kyūdō* is practised by over a hundred thousand people worldwide. The bow they use is called a [yumi](#). It has an asymmetrical shape and length of more than 2.0 metres, and its use is characterized by the archer gripping the lower third of the bow to shoot.



AND NEXT YEAR.....

Although the club is in recess after the 21 December except for Twilights, you can come out and practise as usual on Thursday, Saturday and Sundays. The calendar has us re-starting on Saturday 3rd January 2026. The calendar will be going to the printers next week. There is a possibility of two events having to be changed from the State Calendar.