



On Target

ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*A Happy New Year of Shooting to Everyone!
In December we had the Christmas Break-up Shoot*



Once again, **Tournament Director/Social Coordinator, Carol Ashlee**, set up a range of novelty targets; half the fun was not knowing how they would score! There was a minor hiccup when the 'arch' collapsed (left).

The last target (lower left) fooled everyone as the highest score was actually in the centre.

The swinging target was an innovation, constructed by **Stuart Renwick**; **Sonja** scored the best task of the day – sitting in the shade of the tree, pulling the string that made it swing!



Not quite reindeer, but a much-petted pair of interested observers.

Carol looking regal (left) with a personal escort.

And Barbecue Buddies, Brendan and Brian (right) cooked up a storm.

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day
Especially Carol*



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DEBRIS ON THE GROUNDS

What a mess!

The amount of butt foam and litter on the grounds is dismayed, as well as it being an offence to litter parklands.

The **Field Captains** will remind you to **PICK UP** around your butt, but they **SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DO THIS.....**



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FROM THE COACHING COORDINATOR, PETE BEROS

The January coaches are Michael Devonshire-Gill, Jarrod Swift, Davide Constanzo, Gerrie Mitra, Daniel Preston and James Preston. Heidi Monkman demonstrated recurve and Kevin Buckettt demonstrated longbow. Thanks to Mariagrazia for purchasing extra finger tabs.

OTHER SNIPPETS

Adelaide City Council has arranged a **FREE** workshop that will equip club volunteers with practical tools, perspectives, and confidence to manage complaints and tension with integrity. ■

Monday 23 February

6 pm to 8:00 pm

Unley Oval Community Hub



Marni Holmes was at a community event in Prospect and was chatting to our **local state MP, Lucy Hood (left)**, who, has expressed as interest in visiting the club, and even "having a go" at archery. We are going to reach out to her and will invite her to an AJAD session.

SAFETY IN ARCHERY

This month there was a number of safety issues at the club:

- a bow riser snapped in half while being shot, causing it to deflect back into the archer's forehead. Having been provided with first aid, the archer required stitches to the wound, but is recovering well.
- the limbs on a one-piece wooden bow snapped on both ends.
- a longbow snapped in half.



THIS IS A TIMELY REMINDER TO:

- regularly check your equipment for damage
- maintain and/or adjust correctly
- correctly matched i.e. the riser/handle can support the weight/power of the limbs
- arrows are correctly spined and an appropriate length

FROM THE BUILDING OFFICER, JUNIOR ALEXANDER

Unfortunately, someone decided that they required the outside tap behind the clubroom more than the club does. They removed the tap from the pipe, and a large amount of water was wasted. (we will have a larger water bill). Thanks to Jeff who repaired the leaking pipe. The tap has been removed from the back of the building and if required in future we will refit another tap. If needed, a hose can be attached to the tap over the sink in the equipment room.



FROM THE CLUB STEWARD, ANDY STANFORD *Facilities Update:*

- The club is constantly looking amazing now - with thanks to the 3 new cleaners who are taking turns in cleaning the clubrooms. It has made life so much easier. They have been cleaning the club for a month and a half and it's fantastic.
- A new communications book has been placed in the cleaning cupboard so please write any notes in this book if you see something that requires attention, for example: broken soap dispensers, empty items, etc.
- Please wipe up the counters if you spill coffee/foods etc. as in this heat it is not taking long for ants to appear.
- I have placed some ant baits around. Feedback is always good, so please write your feedback, or any requested items, on the whiteboard on the side of the fridge thanks.

FROM ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT OFFICER

PAUL BERGIN



Thanks Kevin (*left*) and Gerry (*right*) for their ongoing and invaluable help



with making target faces – a never-ending job with up to 350 archers making holes in them every week



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LONGLY LONGBOW TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 2025

From Steve Sykes

Of the 17 longbow archers that shot a Darwin for the 2025 Longly Longbow Tournament at Southern Vales on Sunday Nov 30, 10 were from AAC. The breakdown was for 11 male and 6 female archers with 7 and 3 being from AAC, respectively. Optional medieval dress (or something like it) was adopted by 50% of the AAC participants. Successful AAC archers on the day were Makayla and Tanya who achieved first and third places, respectively, in the female competition. In the male event, Ankur and Peter secured first and second, respectively. Apart from a gusty cross wind, the weather was kind unlike in recent years and an enjoyable time was had by all both on the shooting line and at the BBQ offered by the hosts after the event.



Archers on the line



AAC archers in their finery



Kevin bends an arrow towards gold



Lady Longly Longbow winners



Steve was hoping to score 22 for these aluminium-piercing arrows!



Gentlemen Longly Longbow winners

FROM THE JUNIOR COORDINATOR, ANDY STANFORD

The breakup shoot was again a massive success with catering being spot on with no leftovers. Thanks to the BBQ team for cooking the BBQ and the string of helpers who assisted with the prep inside the clubrooms. Weather was exceptional and not too hot for the day.

Daniel assisted with the handing out of medals, which was great to see the president involved. Thanks to everyone for attending the Breakup shoot, with a total around 140 (including, parents and grandparents). Share plates also proving a success again.

AJADs juniors loved the medals this year. And a special mention to **Mia Goodridge**, who took out the Erroll Scott archer of the Year. Congratulations.

Tony White has left us, retiring to other adventures. Tony was the “Chief Field Operations Setter Upper” who set the field for me for the last 4 years, **so thank you for all your service**. I have 3 parents who have shadowed Tony for the last term and were willing to take over his role.

Congratulations!

NOVEMBER HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Dawn Thean with adjusted score of 997
LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Keith Bown with adjusted score of 830

DECEMBER HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: Andrew Gribble with adjusted score of 999
LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: Mark Weeks with adjusted score of 863



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ARCHERY SA AWARDS

Our club has submitted the following nominations for the annual awards



Most Valuable Committee Member
Andy Stanford

Most Valuable Non-Committee Member: Gerry Davies



A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM CLUB SECRETARY, CHRIS FAVRE

If you are the first to arrive at the club, make sure that ALL eight flags are open (four on the field and four behind the green fence), and if you are the last to leave, make sure they are ALL closed.

When you put away your target (fixed or portable), please remove any foam or cardboard which has fallen to the ground.

If you put away a portable butt, please ensure that the storage room door is lowered, and that the key box is closed and locked.

When you leave the club room before or during the shoot, turn off the lights and close the door.

SOME VERY NICE FINANCIAL NEWS

As we have now solar panels, we applied for an \$880 grant/refund from the City of Adelaide via their sustainability program – 20% refund of the total cost. These funds have been received!

The club has registered with **the Drakes Community Dollars Program**, which means when you shop at Drakes, you can select our club within their App and scan it at the checkout. 0.5% of sales are then donated to our club!

Grill'd Burgers Rundle St notified us we will receive \$100 from the last time we featured in their "jars". They also asked if we wanted to feature on one of their "Local Community jars", again.

Thanks Grill'd Burgers!

BUTTS SHOT OUT!



Seven out of the nine portable target butts were out of action due to the middle being shot out. The remaining 2 weren't great either. On hot days it's nice to have the opportunity to move the field into the shade which wasn't possible last Saturday. It was also noted that three of the fixed butts were also in poor shape.

On Sunday morning, after the training session, Five of us stayed to fix the seven portable butts. However, we only could repair four of them with double-depth cores (there were no more left) and three with single-depth new cores, reinforced with extra backstop layers using used Damage rectangles. More double-depth cores need to be purchased (if/when available).



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:

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THANK YOU!



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MAKAYLA'S NOVEL USE OF FOUND OBJECTS



You may remember that some time ago, Makayla started picking up feathers and fletches that had come off arrows when being shot, planning to create an art piece with them (*left*).

Well, here it is (*right*). Makayla brought it to the Christmas Break-up to show us. We look forward to seeing her next creation!



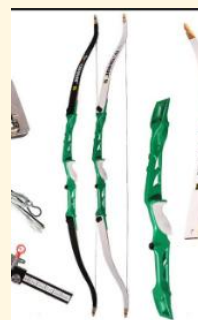
FROM THE LIBRARIAN, STEVE SYKES

Bow International

Issue 191 has arrived and is on the table in the club room for members to read before it becomes available for general loan.



Being the pre-Christmas edition in the UK, it is the Annual Gift Guide. To say it is colourful would be an understatement and the BI staff have selected gift ideas for recurve, compound and barebow based on their favourite and unique colour options. These include anything from "rust juice lava" to "twisted green" presented in over 15 pages of pictorials. According to the editor, readers are bound to discover a colour to match their gear!



To supplement the gear theme the journal has prepared the reader for the UK indoor season with a checklist of suggestions to help archers transition from the outdoors.

Following on from the previous anniversary issue, **the Behind Bow series** is continued giving a behind-the-scenes look at those who write for the magazine.

As usual there are **reports summarising various archery events** including the Nanjing World Cup finals, and the European 3D & Field. If you have a fear of failure, and who doesn't at some time, psychologist Dr Karl answers your questions about this human trait in an archery context.

There is an interview with bow maker Ryan from Rossing Archery about his passion for traditional ILF (international limb fitting) risers for traditional recurve bows. This is of special interest to traditional recurve shooters who want a takedown bow as opposed to a so-called cumbersome, one piece.

Indian cricket has the IPL and now there is the APL or Archery Premier League. This new competition is explained by Kristina Dolgilevica and works based on 6 teams under separate coaches representing 6 Indian states. 48 athletes (36 Indian and 12 foreign archers) are divided into the six franchises. The league engages in mixed team competition between recurve and compound archers at 50 and 70 metres. Not sure if there are player auctions as in the IPL, but our future stars should keep an eye on developments!

Book donation

Thanks go to **Helen Illman** who has made a generous donation to the club's library. Helen presented me with Vol. 4 of the Traditional Bowyer's Bible and a Beginner's Guide to Traditional Archery last week. Once I have catalogued these, they will be added to the collection in the club room. Thank you, Helen!

