



2018 Fun Shoot and Party Report

The fun shoot was held on Saturday, December 1st in warm sunny conditions. On offer were a speed shooting course, a pendulum target and some clout. The clout was a favourite, utilising the dry creek bed as a shooting line.



Alex Haward hit the middle of the clout target with a complete fluke, using a club recurve bow and one of Matthew Webster's arrows. Vincent Chau scored a random headshot on one of the boars.



The annual card games returned and were a great source of amusement.



The day's shoot was followed in the evening by a dinner in the clubhouse. Alex Haward prepared a delicious BBQ of lamb and pork, with sides of salads and a couple of cakes for dessert courtesy of Matthew Webster and Antony Wijesinghe. Whiskey tastings followed, with Alex and Leonard Hoon offering some of their finest.

A big thank you to all involved in organising the day's festivities, and if you missed out this year, there's always 2019!

Committee and General Meetings

Chris Wood, our former Secretary turned Treasurer reminded me us at the last Committee Meeting, that these also double as general meetings. If I recall correctly, we're supposed to have at least four a year, so if you have something to propose I encourage you to come down on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm to attend the discussion. We would prefer it if you emailed us (Secretary: secretaryboxhillca@gmail.com, General: boxhillcityarchers@gmail.com) with the proposal you intend to raise so that we can make sure it's on the agenda. This is especially important for issues where some homework needs to be done for an educated discussion to be possible.

The meetings follow a format of committee members submitting their reports on their areas of responsibility, followed by general and further business which is the point where we would discuss proposals.

Scoring and Recording

Those of you that are interested in the scores on the website will have noticed that over the last couple of months scores haven't been somewhat delayed getting onto the website. There are multiple reasons for this, but currently the main issue is that our hosting company, Panthur, has made some technical changes that prevent our recorder, Leonie Chevalier, from being able to enter scoring data into the database. Until the support ticket we have with Panthur is resolved, the maintainer of our database, Irene Moser, will once again be taking on the responsibility of entering scores into the system. We apologise for the delays in presenting your scores online.

We have had questions about using Archers Diary in addition to our club's own scoring system, and that's fine. Stephen Morley will be getting access to the Archers Diary system in the near future, which will allow him to configure the weekly shoot in the system for those that wish to use Archers Diary to record their weekly shoot scores to do so. We'll probably have more information after that happens so please be patient until then.

We have plans to support online score entry with the club's scoring system, but these are spare time projects that have to fit in around full time day jobs.

Monthly Shoot

This time we have two monthly shoots to report winners for!

Our November winner was [Monica Rutherford](#)! She shot 687 for her Drake score and absolutely walloped her previous rating of 33 by shooting a 50 rating! Well done! Her adjusted score was

1054/900. Josh Bubic came in next with an adjusted score of 894/900, followed by Michael Thomas with 861/900.

Our December winner is [Vinh Ha](#)! He shot a 724 for the Darwin, and beat his previous rating of 43 by 10, resulting in an adjusted score of 967/900. Tessa Sherry was hot on his heels, beating her rating by 7 points for an adjusted score of 953/900. Michael Thomas was third again, with an adjusted score of 893/900.

2018 Club Championship

It was great to see many new contenders for the Club Championship this year! For those that aren't familiar with the Club Championship, it is a multi-round event shot over the course of the year. Four rounds contribute to your Championship aggregate score, shot on their allocated weekends as specified on the club calendar. At the end of the year your best scores count towards the Championship and only the first score of each Championship weekend is eligible. For example on a [WA 60/900 \(Canberra\)](#) Championship weekend, only the first Canberra round you shoot may be submitted for the Championship, with your top two Canberra scores of the entire year contributing to your Championship aggregate. We used to only shoot the club round on Saturdays in Summer, and on Sundays in Winter, but in the interests of encouraging more participation in the Club Championship we altered this a few years ago to allow members to shoot their Championship round on either day of the weekend during Summer. We recognise that in this era of busy schedules that some weekends Sunday isn't available but Saturday is, and if this allows people that might otherwise miss out on Championship because of that one Sunday they couldn't make it then that's a success.

We award the Championship on handicap adjusted score across all equipment and categories, and raw score in each equipment and category. Winners of the open category in each equipment have their names added to the club honour boards.



The [2018 Handicap Championship](#) winner was Josh Bubic, shooting Open Male Compound. Josh is one of our great finds of 2018. He joined us early this year, simply looking for a club where he could tune up his hunting bow and get a bit of practice in. He's found in us a family and enough passion for target archery that he picked up a target bow to complement his hunting bow. Despite a bad foot that sometimes necessitates the assistance of a crutch, you'll find him volunteering his time and skills at working bees.

The full list of 2018 Championship category winners can be found [here](#), but I would like to announce our Open Category winners who will have their names immortalised on the honour boards.

Open Male Longbow goes to Robert de Groot. This is a category we haven't seen at the club before, and it will be great to see a new entry on the Honour Board.

Open Male Compound goes to Antony Wijesinghe. Aside from sporting a beautiful beard, he helps run our Beginner Courses. Sadly, he had a bow malfunction just before Christmas, and so you might find him shooting his recurve instead next year while he waits for his bow to be repaired.

Open Male Recurve goes to Vincent Chau, who is no longer winning by default!

Open Female Recurve goes to Irene Moser.

Congratulations to all our winners. I encourage all of you to join in the club shoots that you're qualified for. You'll get to make some new friends, have a yarn, laugh at some bad jokes and learn from watching how other archers shoot.

Member Responsibilities Reminder

It's time for another periodic reminder of our [responsibilities as club members](#). Whether you're a committee member, a keyholder or you've just joined, helping with the setting up or tearing down of the ground and the targets on it is your responsibility. If a petite, septuagenarian lady can move a target across flat ground, or help set up or tear down the safety rope, you probably can too. Obviously if there's something you're not physically capable of, for example moving a target up or down the embankment next to the storage container, you should leave that for someone that is. But that doesn't mean you can't assist with something else that requires less physical effort. If you are capable of pushing a target across flat ground, then let the more physically capable members move the targets in and out of the container while you take them between the embankment and the shooting lanes.

Members that are setting up the ground, your primary responsibility is setting up the safety cordon. Beyond that you need only set up the targets that you yourselves plan to shoot on. Do not create any more work for yourselves than is necessary by setting up additional targets that may not end up being used. If there are returning beginners that are not sure what they are supposed to be doing, do not be afraid to bring them down to the container with you so that they can be shown how to set up. If there is a novice among you, do not send them to set up the rope unsupervised. Please take them along with you as an extra helping hand so that they can be shown how to set the rope up correctly.

If you arrive down at the ground after everything has already been set up but there isn't a target available for you to shoot on at your required distance, go and get one from the container and set it up yourself. If people are shooting, please take great care and only cross the field when they have stopped shooting to retrieve their arrows.

If you have reached the end of your shooting session and are ready to leave, check with others to see whether they would like to use your target. If the target is no longer needed then please put it back into the container.

Keyholders

I would also like to remind members, particularly those that have joined in more recent times that it is possible to become a [keyholder](#). This key allows you to access the club rooms as well as the target container. Keyholders are important for the club as they allow the club to be opened and run even if no committee members are present on a shooting day, or delayed for whatever reason. Since the club can only be open until the last key holding member needs to leave, they also allow the club to remain open for later in the day if you happen to be more of an afternoon person. Since having access to the club house and the targets is a great responsibility, we only grant this privilege to those that we feel are capable of handling it.

Criteria for eligibility:

- 18+ years of age.
- Current, financial member paying a yearly shooting fee. If you cease to be a financial member you need to return the key to us.
- Have been a member for at least 12 months.
- Have your own shooting equipment.
- Pay a bond of \$100, which will be returned to you when you return the key to us.
- Be approved for key access by the committee.

Keyholder responsibilities and privileges:

- The key provides access to the main club room and kitchen, and to the storage containers, but not the equipment storage room.
- All members are already expected to help with setting up and packing up the ground to the best of their abilities, but keyholders especially so, and should be able to help direct newer members with ground setup or pack up.
- The last keyholder to leave the club must make sure that the ground is completely packed up, and may direct any other members to finish up and assist with packing up.
- Keyholders may make use of the indoor facilities outside of regular shooting hours to practice.
- Keys remain the property of Box Hill City Archers, and the committee may recall keys at its discretion.

If you wish to apply to be a keyholder, please submit a written request via [email](#) and the committee will discuss your application by the next committee meeting (held 2nd Thursday of each month).

The committee may elect to bestow keys upon members that do not satisfy some of these criteria, for example to members that have displayed high levels of responsibility and are contributing significantly to the club. The committee does so at its own discretion.

Final Words for 2018

Personally I would just like to say thank you to everyone that has participated or contributed in our shoots and events this year. Matthew Webster and Robert de Groot, your trade skills are indispensable. Faye Logan, retiring after an outstanding innings spanning over 40 years, thank you for all that you've done. I hope we continue to see you on the shooting line for many years to come. Thank you Chris Wood, for stepping over to fill Faye's Treasury shoes and thank you Stephen Morley for stepping up to take over Chris's Secretary responsibilities. That transition was smoother than I'd hoped for. Thank you also to Irene Moser for pushing us to get the Whitehorse Trophy to happen and not let it fall by the wayside again. Thanks also to Michael Reilly for taking the reins on the club's social media front. Thanks of course to my Beginners Course partners in crime, Antony Wijesinghe, Michael Thomas and Leonie Chevalier.

This club is a great place to socialise and shoot at because you all make it so. At a time of year when friends and family are foremost in our hearts and minds remember that our club is a family too. Though we've come from many different places, cultures and walks of life, we share a common interest. Look out for one another, shoot together and treat one and all with kindness.

On behalf of the Committee, I hope that your festive season has been a merry one, and that your 2019 is as happy as can be.

Vincent Chau
President