



2018 End of Year Fun Shoot and Party

This year's fun shoot and party will be held on Saturday, December 1st. For those that have never participated, the fun shoot is an opportunity to try some archery that's a little bit different to our usual target archery. There will likely be an ad-hoc field course, a social game of cards played on the target, and some floating ping pong balls inside the club house. Who knows what other craziness Matt will come up with!

A party will be held in the clubhouse from 5pm onwards. We will be providing a roast or BBQ of some sort. To help us cater appropriately, please let us know if you will be partaking by [visiting this poll and RSVPing](#). We encourage people to bring along something small to share, such as a bit of dessert, an appetiser or maybe a salad. Soft drink is provided, but please BYO any alcohol you wish to consume responsibly. It's a chance to get together and chat about the year gone by. We'll also take the opportunity to formally announce the winners of the Club Championships.

Monthly Shoot

Our winner of the October Monthly Shoot was [Robert de Groot](#)! He shot 440 for his Samford score, beating his previous rating of 32 by 5 points, resulting in an adjusted score of 960/900 and taking his rating up to 37. Stephen Morley beat his rating by 2 points with a 694, to take second place with an adjusted score of 917/900. Jonathan Wirjoprawiro wrapped up third with an adjusted score of 893. Great shooting, everyone!

Our December Monthly shoot is a [Darwin](#). Please note that due to the end of year fun shoot being held on the 1st of December, the Monthly Shoot weekend will instead be held on the 8th and 9th of December. It's a handicapped shoot, so whatever your skill level, give it a go. Come and join in the fun!

Beginners Course Retrospective



Our last course for the year concluded on Sunday 14th of November, with a group of 10 students graduating. It was an unusually talented group, such that we had moved them back to 20m by the end of the first session, and had them scoring by the second half of the second session. Enough of them completed two qualifying scores at 20m that we ended up moving them all back to 30m for balloons and equipment try-outs.

Our beginner equipment range has been recently expanded. Many of you will recall the blue, right-handed Mission Menace beginner compound. We have now added a second right-hander, a Mission Menace II. To round out the numbers we've also picked up a pair of left-handed Mission Menace II beginner compounds. If you never had a chance to try these out, please see Michael Thomas or Antony Wijesinghe for a fitting and instruction on use. Unlike recurves, the compound bows will need to be fitted to your draw length and adjusted for poundage. We've also added a single piece, 25# wooden longbow for the beginners to try. This differs from the two 30# longbows we already have both in poundage, but also in construction. The 30# longbows are of a laminated construction, while the 25# is a single piece wooden staff.

Archery Instructor Thanks and Expressions of Interest

This rounds off a good year for the Beginners Courses, and they wouldn't be possible without the contributions of our instructors, Leonie Chevalier, Antony Wijesinghe, Michael Thomas, Alex Haward. Special thanks too to short notice substitute, Irene Moser.

I would like to take this moment to encourage any of you that are interested in giving the gift of archery to other novices to consider becoming a qualified instructor. Irene Norman, Archery Victoria's Coaching Coordinator, has indicated that they are planning to hold an Instructor Course in the first half of 2019, though no dates nor location have been finalised. No costs have been announced, but in the past this course has run at a cost of \$180 per candidate, with government grants covering \$80 of that cost. The club is willing to cover the remaining \$100 with the understanding and expectation that members graduating from the course will participate in the running of Beginner Courses.