NEWS FROM ARCHERY VICTORIA

Hi all,

One of the messages that has been coming through to the Archery Victoria Board is your desire for enhanced communication between Archery Victoria and the Clubs.   To begin that improvement process we will be sending out a regular Newsletter with decisions made, items of interest and the like.  We hope you find this information useful.   If you have any suggestions for topics or issues for the Board and /or the next Newsletter please feel free to send your suggestions or info to boardmember2@archeryvic.org.au .

NEW CLUBS

AV is pleased to advise that two new clubs have been granted membership of Archery Victoria and Archery Australia over the last couple of months.  Many of you would be aware that A.I.M. Archers in Melbourne Inc was approved as a club at the AV Board meeting in March 2016.   AV is also pleased to now advise that Heidelberg Archers Inc was approved as a new AV and AA club at our Board meeting in May.   Details for the new club will be available on the AV website shortly.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

A reminder to clubs that there is support available to members of your club who are chosen to represent Australia in International competitions.   With this becoming more frequent for our Victoria athletes it is timely to advise everyone of the availability of this support.   For those travelling and competing overseas it is a significant financial burden.   AV is supporting those athletes with a small subsidy to assist in offsetting these costs.   The grant is available once per calendar year for each archer.  Details are available in document 0492 on the AV website.   The events defined in this document are currently under review and more events may be added over the coming months.   Please ensure that your athletes are aware of this support.

ARCHERY VICTORIA EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO CLUBS

Over the last few years Archery Victoria has built up an inventory of equipment which is available for loan to clubs.  This equipment includes:

1.       Timing equipment for tournaments and events

2.       PA system

3.       Come and Try kit consisting of bows, arrows and accessories (for events and the establishment of new clubs)

4.       Tournament Kit consisting of folders and hi-vis vests

5.       Flags – Australian, Victorian, Indigenous and Archery Australia flags are available

6.       Banners – both flat banners and teardrops with AV logo and website details (for use at events and promotional activities)

The equipment needs to be booked and picked up.   Those using the equipment are responsible to make sure that it is returned in good condition (e.g. repair arrows, strings from the come and try kit before return).

If you wish to book this equipment please contact Irene on 0417 538 672.   The equipment is available for pick up from Point Cook or by negotiated arrangement.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

AV has been very fortunate to have picked up some major support from the Victorian Government over the last 18 months.

We have been successful in grant funding to assist in travel and accommodation expenses for athletes competing at the National Youth Archery Championships and the Para & VI Championships.   We will also shortly receive travel and accommodation funding to support our State Team at the National Championships in Adelaide later this year.

In addition to these specific grants we have been advised that we were successful in our bid for funding under the Victorian Government Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation Program.   These new funding arrangements, administered by Sport and Recreation Victoria, are being provided over a 3.5 year period from 2016 – 2019.   Archery Victoria was required to put in an extensive Expression of Interest for the program and was successful in being granted $178,500 for use over that period (approximately $50,000 per year).   The money is to be spent based on the details provided in the Expression of Interest but there is quite a bit of leeway on the specifics of how that funding can be used.   It is AV’s intent to maximise the benefit to clubs and to have involvement from clubs in how that money is used.  The project name for this funding is Archery – Building Our Future.

Details of how Clubs can participate in these discussions will be out shortly – along with the first opportunity for clubs to directly benefit from this funding.

PRESIDENTS FORUMS

One of the messages from Clubs which AV is responding to is the need for stronger communication between the Board and member Clubs.   These newsletters are one part of our strategy to do that.   Another part of our strategy will be instituting President’s Forums.  These Forums will be held 3-4 times per year and will provide an opportunity for Club President’s to bring forward suggestions and issues from their clubs and to be part of the decision making processes of AV.   These forums will supplement the opportunity currently available for this to occur at the AGM.   Suggestions for use of grant funding (as mentioned above) will be part of the first Forum.   We will initially be taking advantage of technology for these forums thus minimising the travel and expenses for all concerned.   Of course, your Board Mentor remains your conduit for information on an ongoing basis.

AV OFFICIALS

We have some new AV Officials on board – and another to come.   Firstly a big thank you to Leanne Strahan, Fiona Guest and Merv Grinstead for all their work as the State Badges Recorder, State Records Officer and Judges Co-ordinator.   For those who may not be aware, Merv is hanging up his spurs in relation to judging effective the end of this month.   Paul Gardiner (ably assisted by Ros Greig) has taken on the role of AV Badges Recorder,  Dawn Nelson-Furnell has taken on the task of AV Records Officer and we currently have an EOI out with the judges to take on the role of Judges Co-ordinator.   These roles – and those of the other AV Officials – are important to all archers in Victoria and we thank those taking on these roles for the time and effort they put in.

BOARD POSITIONS

For those who may not be aware, Tania Sacco, who was the Member’s Rep on the AV Board, has had to resign her position for personal reasons.   The Board thanks Tania for all her endeavours over the last 18 months and wishes her well for the future.   To keep up with who is who on the Board at the moment just go to the Contact Us page of the AV website.   The Board is currently negotiating for a replacement for Tania until the position can be formally filled at the next AGM.  You may notice that the CFO role is currently listed as unfilled on the webpage.   As per the duty statements for the Board, the Vice-President takes on any unfilled roles until they are filled.   So Guenter Licht is your contact for CFO information at the moment.   The CFO and Member’s Rep emails are being monitored so you can still use those addresses.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

As many would be aware, AV has started the process of reviewing and updating all our policies and procedures.  They have all been drafted and are now being reviewed by the Board.  As they are approved, they are going up on the website.   You will notice that some have started to go up with (new) beside them.   They are the latest versions.  Make sure you have a look and keep an eye on this webpage for all the latest information.  Of particular note for you all, is the new Championship Schedule which has been finalised (document 0415).   This schedule sets the hosts for the championship events for 2017.   As per the document, there will be an opportunity in Sep/Oct for clubs to request to be included in (or excluded from) the championship events for 2018 and beyond.

ARCHERS DIARY TRAINING

We are currently in negotiation for a session to be conducted for all Club Recorders in Archers Diary.   Some of our Club Recorders are well advanced in their understanding of how Archers Diary works whilst others of us are unsure.   We will keep you up to date on the details of this training.

COACH AND OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

The new funding grant mentioned above will allow AV to subsidise a number of courses for Coaches and Judges.  As soon as we have received the first round of funding, details of upcoming training courses will be released.  Thank you to all those who have already registered their interest in either coaching or judging roles.   If there are others who are interested please forward through to coaching@archeryvic.org.au if you are interested in coaching and judgesadmin@archeryvic.org.au for judging.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Keep an eye on the AV website.  It is being redesigned and relaunched in the next couple of months to provide a better experience for you as users and for those seeking information on taking up our sport.  Many thanks to Damien Sinclair and Shaun Hastie for their efforts in working with IMG on this.

ARCHERY HEROES

As you know, Tania was revitalising the Archery Heroes program.   The Board confirmed the first round of recipients at the May meeting and Guenter Licht is currently organising lapel pins and certificates for recipients.  You should hear the results in the next few weeks.   The next round of Archery Heroes nominations will be out in August/September.  Many thanks for your patience with this one.