



What's This?

Hello members!

I decided it would be a good idea to start putting out a monthly update to highlight the various things that are happening around the club because. This is because many people, especially new members, aren't always aware of events such as the Monthly Shoot, or the good work that particular individuals have done around the club. Being the first issue, there are many things I want to draw attention to. Future issues will probably be lighter, but important announcements will always be found here. Let me know if you have any suggestions for content, or things you would like to announce, such as things you are looking to buy or sell.

- Vincent Chau, President.

Membership Renewal Process

In the [June 2017](#) issue of Archery Australia's Board News, they announced the following:

"As of the 1st January 2018, all payments for membership, new members and renewals, will need to be made on-line via the membership portal, as invoicing to RGB's for membership and acceptance of bank transfers will be phased out by Archery Australia."

Like many other clubs, we were caught by surprise since we haven't been reading their Board News either. We realise March is a bit late to be telling you all this, but anyone needing to renew should do that via the button on Archery Australia's [website](#).

Any members that pre-date the online membership system and have been paying Faye directly will need to determine their online login details:

“If a member does not know their username and password contact their club or Archery Australia at info@archery.org.au or 02 9772 2995.”

Working Bee - Saturday 14th April

We've scheduled a working bee to cover a number of routine maintenance tasks as well as a slightly more unusual job. Our working bees are a great opportunity for members looking to learn new skills that they can apply to their own equipment such as fletching.

Targets

The foam blocks in some of the targets are in need of rotation/replacement. Members volunteering for this job will need to unpack the blocks from their frames, assess the blocks for integrity and replace blocks that are too shot out to be used again. We will also need to take stock of remaining foam blocks to see if we need to order more.

Arrows

Our beginner carbon arrows need to be inspected and refletched. An experienced member can guide you through this if you don't know how to do it.

Bow Rack Labelling

Matt will be installing some steel strips over the bow racks so that magnetic bow labels may be attached to them. This new system is intended to make re-arrangement of the bow racks easier. Rather than re-printing sticky labels every time bows need to be re-organised, magnetic labels can be moved to their appropriate places.

Mounting Honour Boards

Our honour boards were taken down last year to make way for some council maintenance work. We hope to raise them back up again.

Flagpole

A few of us were looking at the flagpole outside the club house thinking it would be nice to raise a BHCA flag whenever we're shooting. The flagpole is currently out of commission, but some of us think it might be possible to get it working again. We'll be trying to mount a new cord and pulley.

Website Overhaul

I've recently undertaken an overhaul of the content on the Box Hill City Archers [website](#), with the intention of continuing to update the content on it. Among the changes you will find a great deal of new content currently located under the **Members** menu. I've added an annotated Google Map of

our [range layout](#), showing the distance lines and the location of the safety cordon and instructions on how to set it up. There are also instructions on the [portable targets](#) that Matt built, and the information I emailed to everyone a couple of months ago about helping with opening/closing the club on shoot days by becoming a [keyholder](#).

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly for members who don't know everyone at the club yet, I've put together pages for [notable members](#) and [committee members](#) that you can look up for assistance or advice, or to report an issue to.

Have a look through the website and let me know if there's something you think we should put on the website. Hopefully this will become a useful resource to our members.

Scoring System

Older members already know this, but Irene Moser was our Recorder for many years before handing the role over to Leonie Chevalier last year. During that time she implemented the online scoring database we now use. The data entry was limited to our aging club laptop for a while, but no more. Irene completed both a database hosting transition and improvements to the data entry software and workflow, affording Leonie and future club Recorders to use the scoring app on their registered device of choice.

You can find your scores [here](#).

Internal Club Competitions

Every shooting day at BHCA is a competition day. Our club shoots are handicap adjusted shoots. You can learn more about handicap adjustments [here](#). Each weekend we hold the Weekly Shoot and the first weekend of each month is the Monthly Shoot. The winner of the Monthly Shoot receives a shiny medal! You can view upcoming shoots on the club [calendar](#). Consider adding the calendar to your smartphone or organiser software if you're interested in keeping track of upcoming club shoots.



Our January shoot was a [Darwin](#), won by [Alex Haward](#). Our February shoot was a winner was a [Samford](#), won by [Vincent Chau](#). This month's shoot was a [Geelong](#). The medal will be awarded at the next Monthly Shoot, on Sunday 1st of April. **Spoiler Alert:** [March Monthly Shoot Standings](#).

Club Championship 2018

The Club Championship is an annual competition, with archers submitting scores for each of the rounds in the Championship. Although we're already in March, there are still many opportunities to submit scores. Look on the calendar for weekly shoots labelled "Club Championship".

Championship rules are listed on the website [here](#).

There are multiple winners for the Club Championship. There is a winner in each category, and those in the Open age group will have their names embossed on the club's honour boards. A single handicap adjusted Champion will have their name engraved onto the perpetual handicap trophy in the clubhouse.

In recent times we have only had male and female recurve, and male compound champions. We hope that more members will take up the challenge! Yes, it involves shooting some 144 arrow rounds and shooting your maximum distances, but those rounds are fantastic tests of skill and stamina that all archers should attempt at some point. If you've qualified, give it a go!

You can view the [Category Championship Standings](#), or the [Handicap Championship Standings](#) on the scoring website.

Beginners Course - March 25th

Our next beginners course will commence on Sunday March 25th. There are still quite a number of places available, so if you know anyone that is interested in archery get them to sign up! The side effect of a beginners course, is that the club will be open until 4:30 pm on March 25th, April 1st and April 8th. Feel free to have an extended shoot!