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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

Congratulations to the following Officers elected at the AGM

Position	Elected member	Position	Elected member
President	Daniel Caon	Social Coordinator	
Vice President	Chris DeMello	Groundsman	
Secretary		Club Steward	Helen Illman
Treasurer		Publicity Officer	Annette Humphries
Tournament Director	Chris Drown	Librarian	Steve Sykes
Coaching Coordinator	James Henriks	Club Coach Recurve	Andy Cooper
AJAD Coordinator	Brendan Roberts	Club Coach Compound	Kenneth Osborne
Asst. AJAD Coordinator	Junior Alexander	Club Coach Longbow	Jeff Nicoll
Recorder	Naomi Johnson	Field Captain Thursday	Nigel Steyn
Asst. Recorder	Alan Chapple	Dep. Field Captain Thursday	Keith Bown
Building Officer	Junior Alexander	Field Captain Saturday	Tony Loi
Equipment Officer	Chris Lech	Dep. Field Captain Saturday	Kenneth Osborne
Assistant Equipment		Field Captain Sunday	Gerald Hawkins
Officer		Dep. Field Captain Sunday	

The positions marked in red are vacant. As there were several positions unfilled, nominations from the floor were accepted:

- Daniel nominated **Jonathon Cox** for Groundsman. He accepted
- Daniel nominated **Kylie Steyn** for Treasurer. She accepted.

These will be ratified at the next general meeting.

Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless but because they are PRICELESS

BUILDING EXTENSION PROJECT MOTION AT AGM

THE MOTION: Do we proceed with the next stage of the building extension project, Stage 3 (Tender), which will provide the club with a firm price for the building project?

THE MEETING PASSED THE MOTION TO PROCEED.







Thank you to Gerry Davies for the following interesting article



THE SEVEN AGES OF ARCHERY ...



... OBSERVATIONS ON THE AAC MEMBERSHIP PROFILE OR, WHY AJAD IS IMPORTANT

There seems to have been quite a lot of beginner's courses lately with new faces appearing, and disappearing, at the Saturday morning Adelaide Juniors Archery Development (AJAD) sessions. It got me wondering about the attrition rate – how many people went on to join the club? Will we be over-run with 'newbies' or do we have enough 'replacements' coming-through to keep the club viable and vibrant?

As someone who joins his child at the AJADs on Saturday morning and also shoots with the Seniors, it got me wondering what exactly is the age distribution of our members and have we got a good membership 'pipeline'? Club VP, Chris de Mello, provided summary data on the current seven categories of club membership, presented below, to help answer the question.



* http://www.archery.org.au/Membership/Age-Divisions

Of the 189 members, there are 54 below 20 years old, a further 74 in the Open & Master, 'mid-career' category and 61 Veterans. Another way of looking at the data is to group Masters and Vets together to give a 54/50/85 split or note there are 70 members below 50 years old and 85 above. Is that a good balance?

A more nuanced interpretation was proposed by AJAD Coordinator, Brendan Roberts. He estimates that around 75% of beginner course attendees do not subsequently return. The current numbers indicate that there is also a significant attrition rate in the group that does engage. However, Brendan has suggested that people who have a positive, early experience with the club but, due to family or job circumstances at the time, don't immediately engage may do so when their circumstances allow them the opportunity.

Looking at the numbers again, the 'pachyderm in the parlour', as most will have already noted, is that the membership categories are not equal in age span. In particular the 'Open' category covers a 28 year period! Are the numbers in this category evidence to support Brendan's hypothesis?

SNIPPETS

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Chris Drown

This is a reminder that the **Silver Quiver** is on 22 September, a double **QRE** is on 28 September, and the **Major Duncan Clout** is on Monday 7 October (public holiday).

The Ros Johns Memorial Field Shoot has been cancelled for this year. SVAC are working on a different format.

BOW PRESS

The Bow Press is the newsletter of Archery South Australia. It is worth having a look at, as it keeps us up-to-date on what is happening in our state. It is now published on-line monthly, and you will continue to be notified via email that it is available.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget that our club has a Facebook page for our club members only, as well as a public one. To join contact the club president, **Daniel Caon.**

TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020

Congratulations to the men's recurve team of our member **David Barnes**, as well as **Ryan Tyack and Taylor Worth** who finished fifth at the recent World Archery Championships in the Netherlands, securing Australia a team quota (3 positions) for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

WHAT IS AN RGB?

Last month we learned what a QRE is; this month's jargon translated stands for Regional Governing Body, which in turn means Archery SA.

GOOD NEWS FROM ARCHERY AUSTRALIA

With changes to the AA business structure and the great work being carried out by the team, the Archery Australia Board would like to announce that **there will not be any increase to members fees this coming year**. Rick and his team have worked hard to improve our cost position delivering improved services while keeping us within budget. The last increase in membership fees was in 2016 and the Board are looking to introduce a CPI increase in 2021



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CLUB CATERING FOR EVENTS Social Coordinator and Volunteers

For some time now the club has not had a designated Social Coordinator to oversee the catering requirements for events, and any other activates that may be scheduled; e.g. Club Dinner.



RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Organise venue a couple of months ahead for the Club Dinner and circulate information to membership through notices etc.
- Update list of club events each calendar year that require some catering, and circulate to membership, with request for assistance.
- Ascertain requirements of food and drink for each event. Liaise with Club Steward and order.
- Seek the help of 2-3 volunteers to assist in set up, cooking, and clean up.
- Organise other social events, eg visits and tours; Chinese New Year;



We all know how valuable our free time is. However: we should not expect those involved with the event to also have to attend to the catering.

SO IF YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SPARE OC-CASIONALLY, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT WHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED.

Sue Martin

The Farm Archery Golf Day

Ashbourne Private Golf Course:
Sunday 1 September



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About 25 archers showed up to shoot a nine-hole round at Ashbourne Golf Course on Sunday 1 September. The weather looked a little doubtful, but the sun soon came out, and it was just windy enough to provide an additional challenge.

The archers started at different holes in three groups, teeing off down fairways that varied in length from 175mts to 465mts (approximately).

The compounds did well over long distances, but the recurves and longbows had the advantage when they closed in on the target (a tennis ball on a stand alongside the green).



An interesting variety of arrows were used including *flu-flus* (Fig 1), which are designed to travel a short distance, and *grabbing points* (Fig 2), which (hopefully) stop the arrow sliding away into the bushes far beyond the green.

After the shoot everyone gathered for a picnic lunch in the sunshine, followed by a presentation of awards by Bob Hay of The Farm Archery, who organise the annual event.





DID YOU KNOW.....

Archery Golf is an official competition round, governed by Archery Australia Shooting Rules?

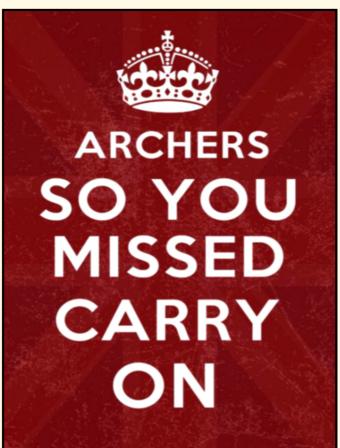
See Section No. 14.9—14.16 Who would have thought it!!



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Tom Dorigatti

Release Aids—A Final Look

William Moltzan

Reduced Duplex Targets for Cramped Quarters

Bob Ryder

Get a Grip

Hugh D.H. Soar

The Compleat Archer, Pt 3 of 3

Steve Ruis

Want to Get Better? Learn to See Patterns

Nick Kershaw

Shoulder Mobility Exercises

Simon Needham

Building Consistency of Shots

Veronica-Mae Soar

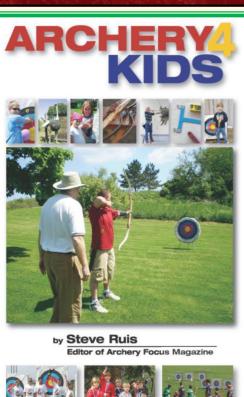
Helping the Helpers, Pt 2 of a Series

Randi Smith

Coaching at Tournaments, Pt 2 of 2

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Getting Serious: Tuning New Arrows, Pt 2



NEED AN ARCHERY BOOK FOR KIDS?

Written for an 8-14 year old audience, *Archery for Kids* explores with text, photos, and diagrams all the questions new archers have about the sport they are embracing. And, each chapter ends with a Q&A session based on the most common question kids ask about archery.

Kids learn about the sport from one of the most knowledgable coaches around, Steve Ruis.

Topics include

- : How to always be safe
- The ins and outs of bows and arrows
- How to buy your own gear
- How to shoot, and
- How to compete

MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR A
YOUNG ARCHER

WHOSE PHOTO IS THAT ON THE WALL?



MAJOR COLIN DUNCAN
Woodmen of Arden.
Inaugural President-ASSA.
A.A.C. President 1947 - 53 & Patron 1953 - 63.

In 1939 Captain Colin Duncan gathered together interested parties to bring back formal archery to Adelaide, and in August, 1940 the first meet of the Archery Club of South Australia was held. This club went into recess in 1942 during World War II.

Captain Colin Duncan, (later Major) is remembered annually at the club with a clout tournament held in his honour. He donated a trophy for an annual competition between club members shooting the Old English Clout round.

The Major Duncan Clout is shot on the Monday of the October long weekend. It differs from the modern clout in that the clout itself (the target centre) is round disk rather than a triangle. The target area is 10 yards diameter rather than 15 metres, but the distances shot are the same as the modern clout. There is one winner in each bow-type division, on the theory that the different distances shot even things up.

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