



Archery Australia Board News

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From the President

Welcome to this first edition of Archery Australia Board News

Sometimes the pressure of other business seems to leave too little time for communication and consultation with those who are the sinews and strength of our sport in Australia: the individual archers and their Clubs and RGBs.

To help with this process the Board formed a Strategic Working Group which met recently in Melbourne and which reported back to the Board when it met over last weekend.

The Working Group identified and discussed many issues which will be addressed as a part of the ongoing development of our sport. However one important aspect on which we can take some immediate steps is communication and information.

This issue of the Archery Australia Board News begins the process. It is intended to provide a short snapshot of some of the matters discussed by the Board at its recent meeting. It does not replace the more formal Minutes of the meeting which will be posted on the web page shortly, but, we hope it will highlight some matters of general interest.

The intention is to publish future issues of the Board news following each meeting of the Board.

JOHN CHAPLIN
President

2012 Annual General Meeting

At the 2011 AGM the question of when the Archery Australia Financial Year should end was raised. After discussion it was resolved to retain the current Financial Year for the time being and to conduct the 2012 AGM in May each year away from the National Championships. This time frame will improve the logistics of obtaining and distributing the financial reports.

Website & Online Shop

On the 15th June 2011 the new Archery Australia website went online. The website has to date has had 15,966 visitors.

The Online Shop also went online on the 15th July and can be accessed through the Archery Australia website.

National Member Database

The new online National Membership Database is currently being rolled out with RGBs. The next step is to set up each club and bring them online.

As each club comes online members will then be provided with a Login and Password. This will enable each person to login into their details in the Membership Database and make changes and updates.

2011 National Indoor

Again this year the 2011 National Indoor was a great success with a number of competitors from ArcheryNZ and Archery Alliance visitors.

Congratulations to Alec Potts from Archery Victoria who achieved a World Record at the 2011 National Indoor Championships.

2012 National Indoor

The Board has approved the dates for the 2012 National Indoor which will be Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July 2012.

The Board further resolved to change the format of the 2012 National Indoor Championships, the event to be Single FITA Indoor 1 Round (60 arrows at 18m) followed by 2 x 30 arrow Australian Indoor 1 Rounds (2 x 30 arrows at 18m) **shooting to Las Vegas rules**. Following the 2012 National Indoor Championships feedback will be welcomed.

Further information will come from the Indoor Committee in due course.

National Ranking Lists

Due to the illness of current coordinator Lindsay Webb, we have been forced to suspend the current Ranking List while a replacement is found.

The Tournament and Records Committee are currently looking for a replacement or other options but in the meantime RGBs and Clubs wishing to register or make alterations to a Tournament or QRE should contact the Archery Australia Office at info@archery.org.au.

RGB RLS should now submit results to the Tournament and Records Committee at rankinglist@archery.org.au.

The Board wishes Lindsay all the best with his treatment and the future.

2012 Insurance Renewal

The insurance policy for Archery Australia is due for renewal on the 1st February 2012.

Good news, the insurance broker has advised unless there is a significant claim there will be no increase in the premium for 2012. Renewal documents required for each club to complete will be distributed in September this year.

Club Insurance Package

At the last Archery Alliance meeting the insurance broker presented draft premium options for Club Insurance.

The Club Insurance policy will offer coverage for buildings, contents and equipment cover at what were considered competitive prices although these premiums will vary dramatically between states due to taxes, stamp duties and fire levies.

The insurance broker will be providing shortly a detailed quote which will be distribute to RGBs and Clubs for their review.

Archery Alliance of Australia

The Archery Alliance of Australia was formed with Archery Australia, Australian Bowhunters Association and 3D Archery Australia as a co-operative group working together to promote and grow the sport while still maintaining separate identities.

One of the incentives of the Archery Alliance has been to investigate an endorsement program of archery dealers.

Recently the Archery Alliance has developed an Archery Dealers endorsement program and archery dealers have been invited to become part of the program. To date there has been a positive response received from many archery dealers.

The basis of the program is to introduce a system of self regulation with Archery Alliance endorsed dealers and to provide them with promotion material for display and distribution relating to the sport and the three associations.

In addition with each bow sale Safety Information and Code of Conduct information will also be provided from the Archery Alliance and made available by endorsed dealers.

High Performance

Since 1995 Jim Park has been carrying out statistical analysis of each World Target Championships considering which relationships lead to the greatest likely success in these events.

This data continues to be used to develop MQS and Team selection criteria and supports the need to set high MQS as part of the selection process where the objective is to win medals. The latest analysis is available on the Archery Australia website under High Performance.

Youth Development Committee

The Board resolved to re-form a National Youth Committee and will be seeking nominations from each RGB.

Initially the principal goals of the committee will be -

- Youth Nationals and Youth tournaments and events allocation, development and promotion
- Club and RGB based Youth Development programs
- Archery in school and community archery programs aimed at youths
- Review of Youth Age Divisions
- Review of Youth Events and appropriate Youth distances
- Consideration of mandatory maximum bow weights for youth age groups

Strategic Planning Meeting

Steve Caldicott provided the Board with a detailed report on the meeting of the Strategic Working Committee. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Committee for the report.

It was agreed that the Strategic Development Plan requires on-going review. It was decided that a meeting be held in Melbourne on 12/13 or 19/20 November to provide an opportunity for the Strategic Planning Development Committee to meet with representatives from the RGB's so as to provide a forum for further discussion. It is anticipated that the Board will be meeting and available at this time and that the services of a Facilitator may well be sought to aid the direction.

Tournament Registrations

With the soon to be introduced Online Tournament Registration System resulting in the removal of the need for the current manual system it was decided to change the fees that are currently charged.

Currently the fee for FITA Registered events is \$90.00 which covers both the FITA registration fee and the awarding of FITA related awards by Archery Australia for free.

The Board resolved that for 2012 events listed on the National Calendar, the following fees will be -

FITA Registered Tournament - \$40.00

Non FITA Registered Tournament - \$20.00

QRE - \$10.00

This will then mean as from 1st January 2012 all medals and awards will now be user pay.

National Coaching Director

After consultation with the ASC the Board decided to defer any appointment of the National Coaching Director until after the 2012 Olympic Games. In the meantime coaching support for athletes for the 2012 Olympic Games will be provided by Australian based coaches and invited specialists.

National Team Uniform

The recent World Cup in Utah was the first time the new Archery Australia Team uniform was officially worn.

The new Shooting Shirts were well received by team members, with extensive positive feedback by many other teams.

The uniform also included a new Jacket, Vest and Pants combination which were introduced in response to team members requests for shower proof items that could also be used as dress uniform.

Shorts and trousers remain the main issue and the decision is to revert to the Beige dress shorts/trousers used in previous years.

2012 World Indoor Championships

Following the 2011 National Indoor Championships as part of the selection process for the 2012 World Indoor Championships the Board is pleased to advise it has approved the following athletes who have qualified archers who have submitted forms to date are as follows:

Men Recurve - Ryan Tyack

Junior Male Recurve - Alec Potts

Men Compound - Michael Brosnan, Pat Coghlan, Marcel Verstegen

Women Compound - Karina Marshall, Sue Martin, Rachel Morgan

Junior Women Compound - Louise Abbott