



Archery Australia Board News

November 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Archery Australia has bestowed the great honour of electing me as President and Sue Gliddon as Vice President of Archery Australia.

On behalf of all members of Archery Australia I would like to express our sincere thanks to John Chaplin retiring President and Bruce Lang retiring Vice President for their many years of dedicated service on the Archery Australia Board. John and Bruce have both given their time freely and worked tirelessly often in very difficult circumstances for the betterment of archery in Australia . We give them a vote of thanks for this great work..

The Archery Australia Board and I wish them and their families the very best in the years ahead. I am sure John and Bruce will not be strangers to the archery family and that we will see them on many occasions into the future, and on all these occasions we will remember the strong foundation on which Archery Australia now stands.

With the recent elections the Board members are now myself, Sue Gliddon, Ed Crowther and John Hyde, with Jim Park being reappointed at the meeting by the Board as an Appointed Director. Please feel very free to discuss any archery issue with any of these Board Members.

The Chairs of the Archery Australia Committee were also appointed and they will be announced as soon as practicable . The Board is very grateful for the enormous contributions made by the committee members in the past, and it is with sadness that we see some members not seeking to continue and are retiring. All members of these committees have done a fantastic job for archery in Australia and their contributions are greatly appreciated.

The future brings many challenges and the Board, the Committees, and staff of Archery Australia look forward to working with you to advance our sport.

We have all witnessed the fantastic growth and increase in enquiries over the last 12 months and we expect this growth to continue thanks to the great efforts of clubs and RGBs who have responded magnificently to the opportunities this demand has presented.

Archery Australia is in the midst of discussions with the Australian Sports Commission regarding the next future the High Performance Program . We are currently in the process of recruiting a National Coaching Director and the selection process is currently underway. While the selection process is taking longer than expected it is hoped to make a formal announcement by mid December.

Critical to continued support by Government at all levels is our future performance at international events coupled with our grass roots and development programs.

In the last Board News an outline of the future plan for the next 4 years was given for the High Performance Program, Athlete Pathway, and Coaching Development. Going forward the National Coaching Director and the High performance Manager will play a critical role in working with RGBs in a decentralised program to deliver on these elements.

To refresh our strategic direction, in the next few months everyone will be asked to provide input through their RGB into the next Archery Australia Strategic Plan which we will be designing as an integrated plan from grass roots to elite level.

The volunteer base of our sport is our real strength, and the enormous contribution is appreciated at all levels and must not be underestimated in our strategic direction.

I ask everyone to continue to look to the future with a positive outlook, grasp every opportunity to publicise our sport, and build cooperation. That way we will continue to deliver so much for the sport we all love so dearly.

THANKS TO CLUBS FOR STEPPING UP IN CURRENT POPULARITY TREND

A big thank you to all clubs that have stepped up to the recent upturn in demand for instruction courses and Archery "Come and Try" sessions. This increase in demand was flagged about 12 months ago and many clubs have responded by scheduling additional courses and training additional archery instructors.

This increased demand has been a real positive for our sport and bodes well for the future for all the disciplines of archery we offer. And thank goodness we have the National Member Database! The system continues to exceed expectations and one can only imagine the chaos that would have resulted using the old paper-based system!

Since April this year the Membership of Archery Australia has increased by 36.6%. This has been a huge increase and is directly related to the hard work and efforts of Clubs, Club Coaches and Officials as well as the Club Members themselves.

SHERBROOKE ARCHERS and the AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2012

Sherbrooke Archers ran the 2012 Australian Open in October on behalf of Archery Australia.

The Australian Open is an important event and a major opportunity for our archers to gain high-level matchplay competition.

The Board was delighted that the event attracted a large number of archers and ran well (despite the mud).

Importantly, Sherbrooke Archers demonstrated that it was viable to run the event with a full individual and team program over two days on a small club ground of just 16 target butts.

The Officials Committee was pleased to be able to use the event to add to the experience of some of the newer judges.

The Board thanks Sherbrooke Archers for the time and effort they devoted to the event, and notes the extensive positive feedback received from many of those involved.

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board was pleased to see a number of our top archers representing Australia in the Oceania Championships in New Zealand. While the conditions were quite challenging due to the weather our archers did well.

Matchplay Final RESULTS

Mens Compound -	Michael Brosnan (AU)	Gold
	Derek Jacobs (AUS)	Silver
	Peter Cave (AUS)	Bronze
Womens Compound -	Sherry Gale (AUS)	Gold
	Rebecca Stubbs (AUS)	Silver
	Karina Marshall (AUS)	Bronze
Mens Recurve -	Callum Ingley (AUS)	Gold
	Teiva Winkelstroeter (TAH)	Silver
	Rob Peterson (NZ)	Bronze
Womens Recurve -	Alice Ingley (AUS)	Gold
	Elizabeth Andrew (NZ)	Silver
	Sylvana Plazanet (NC)	Bronze

For full information including the FITA Target results visit <http://mercurybayarchers.co.nz/oceania-championships>.

SCORE INDEX

Archery Australia uses a score index to relate scores in one round to those for another. This has been widely used within Archery Australia for many years and includes the scores required for various awards (such as classification awards).

At the recent Board meeting it was agreed that a small software program would be provided to enable members to be able to easily calculate the index for a particular score or vice versa. Board Member James Park, who was one of the small group that created the score model for Archery Australia back in the mid 1970s has now done that work and it should be available to members shortly on the Archery Australia website.

FEEDBACK ON UNMARKED FIELD AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board has appointed Bruce Lang as Technical Delegate to the 2013 Nationals, the Youth Nationals and the Australian Open. Following a request from the AA Field Committee about the possibility of unmarked field in future Nationals, the Technical Delegate has been requested to contact the Organising Committee to determine whether provision can be made to incorporate an unmarked field round. We will advise you if this change is to be made.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Archery Australia has a recognition scheme in place for individuals and organisations who have contributed significantly to archery.

The Awards Committee administers the scheme which comprises Life Membership, Gold, Silver and Bronze Plaques, certificates and other awards. The Board is keen to see this scheme used extensively to recognise our members who have made significant contributions to the sport we all love so much.

So if you know of someone deserving of recognition why not nominate them to the Awards Committee, contact awards@archery.org.au.

TRIAL ON TEAM CHANGES FOR 2012 NATIONALS

Whilst motion 2012/11.1 presented to the November Board Meeting was lost, the Board determined that there was some inherent merit in the proposal and passed the following resolution:

Motion "That for the 2013 National Championships Rule 3.1.4 1. be set aside and the following used:

3.1.4 National Team Championships

1. National Championships

There will be a Recurve Team and a Compound Team competition. (Recurve includes Recurve Barebow and Longbow; Compound includes Compound Barebow.)

The composition of each team shall be up to four Men and four Women competing in any of the Open, Masters, Veterans and 70+ Classes.

Each team may be accompanied by up to two Team Officials who will be accredited for entry to the Field of Play.

Only one team in each Division of Recurve and Compound shall be entered by each RGB.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Organising Committee by 3.00 pm on Day One (Registration and Official Practice).

Teams will compete in Target and Field Events with the results being the total of the best three Men's scores, expressed as ratings, plus the best three Women's scores, expressed as ratings, shot for each event.

The ratings will be calculated using the official online calculator developed for the purpose. In the event of a tie and to decide the final Team result, one man and one woman from each tied team will shoot one arrow each on the Target Field of Play at 60 metres on an 80 cm FITA field face.

The winning team will be determined by the arrow that is closest to the centre. In the event that the closest arrow for each team is the same distance (within 1 mm) from the centre, the distance from the centre of the teams' second arrow will be used to determine the winning team."

(Note: This format will be reviewed after the National Championships to consider its acceptability or otherwise for future Championships.)

ONLINE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

You may have noticed that it is now possible to register your QRE's, AA registered Tournaments and World Archery Tournaments via the link on the AA website using the online tournament registration system.

This simplifies the process of registering your events and lets you also pay for them via credit or debit card (you can still register your events using the paper based forms as well if preferred).

There is no additional charge to register online and use the card payment method.

Just click on the "Register a Tournament" link on the right hand side of the screen on the AA site, www.archery.org.au and select the type of event you wish to register.

ONLINE TOURNAMENT ENTRY

During the recent Australian Open 65 percent of entries were received using the online entry system.

This entry method has proved popular with both the competitors and the organisers of events where it has been used.

You can customise the online entry form to ensure that it is not possible to enter without providing all the necessary information, so it saves the problem of chasing people up when they do not provide all the needed information, as can happen with paper based entries from time to time.

A number of Club, State and National events have already been run using the system and it is available to all organisations to use if they wish.

If your Club is interested in using the system just contact AA Office at info@archery.org.au and we will point you in the right direction.

FUTURE NATIONALS HOSTS

Archery Australia is seeking hosts for the following events:

- 2014 National Championships
- 2014 Australian Open
- 2014 Trans Tasman
- 2015 National Championships
- 2015 Youth Nationals

On many occasions, these events have been run by clubs with support from their RGB and AA.

With the appointment of a Technical Delegate by Archery Australia, assistance of a technical nature is provided for these championships.

The 2014 Youth Nationals will be in Adelaide, South Australia.

For more information contact Archery Australia CEO at info@archery.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS TO Archery Australia

A note for RGBs and Clubs to clarify the payments of the RGB and Archery Australia fee components.

Please remember that this money is in fact the RGB's and AA's and has been collected as part of the member's fees when they have either joined or renewed.

It should be passed on in a timely fashion when you receive your statements from either AA or your State body, as per the arrangements in your State.

If you believe that there may be a discrepancy when you get your statement then please either contact your State or AA so that we can look into it.