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### 2024/25 ELECTED OFFICE HOLDERS—CONGRATULATIONS



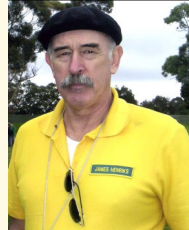
President  
Daniel Caon



Vice-president  
Mariagrazia Panetta  
To be confirmed



Treasurer



Coaching  
coordinator



Junior coordinator  
Club Steward  
Andy Stanford



Tournament  
director

Secretary and  
Social  
Coordinator:  
No  
Nomination



Building Officer  
Ass Jnr Coordinator  
Junior Alexander



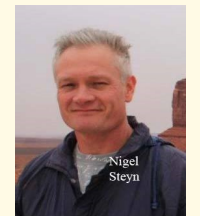
Recorder



Assistant recorder  
Alan Chapple



Publicity  
Annette Humphries



Equipment officer  
Field captain  
Thursday  
Nigel Steyn



Groundsman  
Tony Ward



Field Captain Sunday  
Kevin Buckett



Librarian  
Steve Sykes



Club coach  
compound  
Ken Osborne



Club coach recurve  
Andy Cooper



Assistant  
equipment officer  
Paul Bergin  
To be confirmed



Jean-Michel Favre  
Club coach recurve



Club coach longbow  
Jeff Nicoll



Deputy field captain  
Sunday  
Gianni Capurso



Field captain  
Saturday  
Keith Bown

Deputy Field  
Captain Saturday  
Rachel Anderson  
  
No photo  
available



Deputy field  
Captain Thursday  
Gerry Davies

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE NEED A COUPLE MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FILL THE SECRETARY AND SOCIAL COORDINATOR POSITIONS. ASK ANY CLUB OFFICER FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## FACEBOOK

LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO TOURNAMENTS,  
SHOOTING TIMES AND OTHER INFORMATION  
SALES OF EQUIPMENT  
INTERESTING ODDS & ENDS OF NEWS  
PHOTOS AND ACHIEVEMENTS  
**IT'S ALL ON THE AAC FACEBOOK PAGE**



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### **IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES, READ THE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September includes reports from the Treasurer, the Building Officer, the Club Steward, the Social Coordinator, the Equipment officer, the Coaching Coordinator, the Groundsman, the Librarian, the Junior Coordinator.

## **TOURNAMENTS October/November 2024**

**See Archery SA website for details & to enter these events: <https://archerysa.org.au/events>**

**Sunday 13 October:** Eden Field Archers Kate Turner Memorial Tournament at St Marys 10.00am-5.00pm; target/field event for teams of 2, shoot morning or afternoon flight; details on website

**Sunday 20 October:** Archery SA Tyro Tournament and AJ Barter 50+ Tournament at Oakbank Racecourse 1.00pm-4.00pm

**Saturday 26 October:** Southern Vales Archery Club Deb Upright Field Classic at Victor Harbor Archery Club, lower Inman Valley, 9.00am-3.00pm

**Saturday 26 October:** Torrens Valley Archers Jim Hale Memorial double Clout at Birdwood High School 9.00am-3.30pm

**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November:** Barossa Archery Club Archery Carnival at Tanunda; Saturday Dave Allery Field Shoot and Indoor; Sunday Dennis Rothe Memorial Target Shoot

**Sunday 10 November:** Southern Vales Archery Club MHAT Tournament at Morphett Vale 1.30pm-3.30pm

## **VALE GERALD HAWKINS**



It is with sadness that I pass on the news that one of our long term and highly respected members, Gerald Hawkins, has passed away.

Many of our newer members are unlucky not to have known Gerald, who was a member for many years, having done his beginners course in about October 1979. He shot until recently, at which time he was our club's oldest archer, at the age of 89.

When he joined the club, the field was west to east, with shooting towards Memorial Drive. He was one of two archers who had an arrow shot into his car.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, he assisted with the changing over of the grounds from west/east to north/south!

He was a regular coach at our beginner courses and was always generous with his time and advice. He has also held (and still does hold) several state records, including many with his Barebow Compound.

I suspect that I am not alone among those who have shot at Adelaide Archery Club to say that Gerald Hawkins had a significant influence on my development as an archer. Gerald's advice was offered with a generosity of spirit, and a genuine desire to see archers grow in their achievement on the line and their love for the sport. His thoughts were always worth listening to.

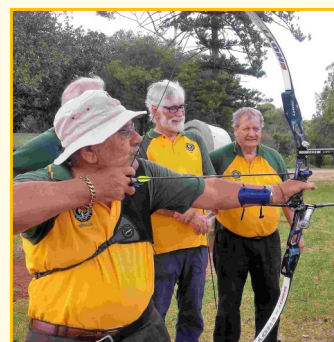
Many a Sunday afternoon Gerald would be among the last to leave the club's verandah. One, or two, or three of us keen to discuss the afternoon's shoot, and ways that we might improve would dawdle in packing away our bows as Gerald shared from his wealth of knowledge. Sometimes he offered general advice that was relevant to all, and often tidbits that were specific to one's own development; he was a great observer of technique and form and might note a flaw in yours, but not without offering a fix for the failing. (He had the uncanny ability to know exactly what you were doing wrong, even if he was shooting with his back to you!)

In his later years Gerald continued to shoot his recurve bow. Many will recall his commitment to proper execution, and how this would lead to taking a little longer than most to shoot his six arrows. And in those last years, many of us will also have been guilty at times of wishing that Gerald would get that last arrow away and "get off the line" a bit sooner. Many of us now wish that he might have stayed with us on the line just a bit longer.

*Contributions from Carol Ashlee, Greg Opie and Annette Humphries*

Gerald was a very sociable person. He was a storehouse of stories about tournaments in all weathers and conditions, and loved to share them during a Sunday afternoon post-shoot gathering.

He was also one of the first in a group of club members who meet for lunch after the Thursday shoot.





# Congratulations!

## AUGUST HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: **James Preston** with an adjusted score of 976

*The highest score since records were published*

LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: **Mark Weeks and Kevin Bucket** tied with an adjusted score of 841



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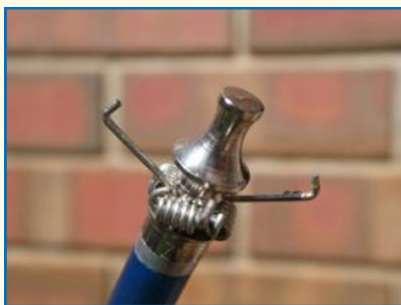
## TOTALLY FUN SHOOTING

A group of barebow and longbow archers from our club joined 20 or so from other clubs, and enjoyed a day of long distance shooting at Ashbourne Golf Course in beautiful weather, with the added challenge of a strong wind.

Two groups of foolhardy golfers decided to ignore the reservation of the course for archers, and wandered through the middle of a fairway. They kindly stood to one side, assuming that all our arrows would fly straight, until we persuaded them that it probably wasn't a good idea!

A wide variety of interesting and experimental arrows were used, and most of us managed to hit the target (a tennis ball) at least once.

While the participants carried a normal arrow for distance and accuracy, flu flu were in the quivers for shorter shots, when the distance to the tennis ball became less. Some also had arrows with judo points, which have forward facing protrusions that will grip short grass and prevent arrows with flat trajectories skidding past the tennis ball. Arrows that land within a metre radius of the ball are considered a 'gimme' with the archer adding one further shot to their total for the hole without needing to dislodge the ball with another shot. A judo point can help stop the arrow within the 'gimme' zone.



A judo point with forward facing spring supported wire protrusions to grip the ground and prevent a skid past the 'hole.'

And this is a collection of some of the arrows carried by AAC archers. Most were reasonably conventional, but some were more avant-garde, such as the bulbous judo point of Nigel and the double-ended flu-flu of Mark. Mark also revealed his latest invention, the 'feather duster' flu-flu, which after use suggested a need to return to the drawing board for some rethinking!



Steve Sykes

### *Do you want to allow music to be played during a shooting session?*

#### *Some thoughts from the recent club meeting:*



- National tournament plays music.
- Les Gazelles had music.
- What music is played?
- Who chooses the music?
- It must not interfere with the warning signals (whistles)
- Field captains can be asked on the day if there are any objections.
- If someone objects to nearby music, it should be turned off (it may be distracting them).
- It should be a consensus call – that way there would be no objection

**AND DON'T FORGET: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLUB CAN VOTE FOR/AGAINST ANY ISSUE THAT IS RAISED AT A CLUB MEETING—SO IF YOU CARE.....COME**

## FROM THE RECORDER, NAOMI JOHNSON



THE FIVE MOST	903 Geelong
POPULAR	362 AA 40/720
ROUNDS THIS	359 Newcastle
YEAR:	269 Drake
	265 Darwin



## SO WHAT DOES THE CLUB (AND ITS VOLUNTEERS) DO FOR THE MEMBERS?

### This is an extract from President Daniel Caon's Annual Report

Here's a list of significant events that occurred over the past year:

- Moved to a new website platform & design
- Moved to a new membership management & event booking system (Assemble Sports)
- Constructed a new target 9 and installed it
- Discussed with Walkerville Council to set up an indoor facility in their new sports centre on Smith St
- Negotiated with the Adelaide City Council to waive their site works fee for our building extension
- Selected a builder and started our clubroom extension project
- Discussed with the Adelaide City Council to extend our lease times into early mornings and late evenings
- Discussed with the Adelaide City Council our plan to install lighting on the field
- Registered for GST & lodged the new not-for-profit determination with the ATO
- Continue to manage Working With Children Checks
- Liaised with the executor of Hartley Davis' will, Equity Trustees – a very generous gesture from Hartley!
- Applied for multiple grants (two unsuccessful, one successful, one still live)
- Ran several come-and-try days for various groups
- Implemented improvements to canteen & building – keep the ideas rolling in
- Setup an electronic sign-in system
- Designed new club jackets & bucket hats
- Some stunning performances by club members at tournaments, at state and national levels
- Held the inaugural leap-year event, the Intercalary Tournament.
- AJADs has increased their total shooters by over 300.
- We've had articles published in the Advertiser and Adelaide Parklands Association newsletter
- And, we welcomed 107 new members!

Remember, if you have a suggestion or query, discuss it with a club official or bring it to one of the monthly General Meetings – together we can continue to grow and improve our club.

## FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, CAROL ASHLEE



The Tyro and Juniors Event was held on 31 August in the morning. In the afternoon, the Club Championships were held. The day was cool, windy and we had a couple of showers which lasted less than 5 minutes. 30 archers competed in the morning event and 33 competed in the afternoon. Several archers did not turn up when they had registered, but we also had some turn up who had not registered and were able to shoot. Lunch was supplied between the two events.

10 of our members took part in the Archery Golf Day at Ashbourne Golf Club on Father's Day. It was another sunny but very windy day, which added to the challenge.

20 archers took part in our Club Field Championships, which was held concurrently with the SA State Field Championships.

The Silver Quiver was held on 15 September with 33 competitors from 5 clubs. The weather was fine. The sun was out all day and there was very little breeze. For the first time that I can remember every player got a prize!

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