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ADELAIDE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAMP QUALITY FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 2 MARCH

We are hosting about 25 families, who have children with/recovering from cancer, for a day of shooting, including morning tea and lunch.

WE WILL NEED ABOUT 40 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH:

SET-UP: TABLES, CHAIRS AND UMBRELLAS UNDER GUM TREES, FIELD

HELP WITH SHOOTING INSTRUCTION

CLOSE FIELD AND PUT AWAY TABLES, CHAIRS AND UMBRELLA

CATERING:

RECEIVE VOLUNTEER FOOD DONATIONS; PREPARE MORNING TEA; PREPARE LUNCH, CLEAN-UP

NAME ON THE BOARD, PLEASE; BRING A SALAD OR DESERT, AND HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT DAY FOR THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES



- #### PROGRAM
- 9am Volunteers arrive to setup
 - 10am Families start to arrive
 - 10am Morning tea on arrival
 - 10am-12:30pm Shooting
 - 12:30pm Break for lunch
 - 1:00pm More shooting
 - 3:00pm Shooting ends, pack-up



Photos from last year's event

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Congratulations!

JANUARY HANDICAP AWARDS

KEYRING: **Ada Swift** with a score of 976

LONGBOW WOODEN ARROWS: **Mark Weeks** with an adjusted score of 858

MARK IS DOMINATING THE LONGBOW SECTION
CONGRATULATIONS, MARK



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SUCCESS FOR SOME OF OUR SPLENDID YOUNG ARCHERS

On 9 January, Field captain **Nigel Steyn** presented the 2024 annual trophies and medals to some of our young archers who shot Club Tournaments last year.

Young archers from left to right.

Medals for the AAC Junior Target Championships shot 31 August 2024

Eric Yang – 2nd in AAC Junior Target Champ Male U/14 recurve Mini Canberra

Erica Yang – 2nd in Junior Target Champ Female U/18 Female recurve Short Canberra

Anna Yang – 3rd in Junior Target Champ Female U/14 recurve Mini Canberra

Ella Cui – 2nd in Junior Target Champ Female U/14 recurve Mini Canberra

Mia Goodridge – 1st in Junior Target Champ Female U/14 recurve Mini Canberra

AAC Club Indoor Double Australian 18m & Double Australian 25m shot 2 June 2024

Eric Yang plaque – AAC U/14 Male recurve FIRST in Indoor

AAC Club Tournaments shot with State Events



Photo Carol Ashlee

Photo and information from Lorraine Nicoll



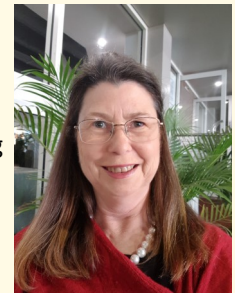
AND ERICA YANG RECEIVED ANOTHER AWARD

at the State Presentation Dinner on 15 February. President, Bruce Lang awarded Erica a Perpetual Trophy and a medal to keep, for the **U/16 2024 Best All Round Female Recurve**.

Photo and information from Lorraine Nicoll

LORRAINE NICOLL

devotes much time and energy to coaching, encouraging and assisting these young archers, and is justly proud of their achievements



TEETHING PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW TOILET CUBICLES

There are a number of teething problems with the new toilet cubicles which are gradually being addressed:

Storage bins for spare toilet rolls have been provided (please replace a roll if you use one up).

A different type of toilet roll holder will be installed which should make this easier.

The ventilation system is inadequate as the exhaust fans only run when the lights are on: we are considering connecting them to a thermostat so that they also run whenever the space gets hot. Alternatively vents could be inserted into cut-outs at the base of the doors.

NEW FREEZER

If you haven't noticed already, there is a new small freezer in the corner near the large fridge, where there was an extremely ancient and disused bar fridge. Club Steward **Andy Stanford** has stocked it with icecreams and Zooper Doopers—most welcome on hot days!

There are also ice packs (for use in case of injuries). If they are used, please wipe them down and replace them in the freezer.

FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER, NIGEL STEYN

We have received an *R-Core* Custom Bow grips "club pack" of sample bow grips. Our members can touch and feel them and then perhaps order a custom grip. They are on the table in the clubroom.



Member **Stuart Renwick** is investigating the timing box failures (i.e. batteries going flat quickly).

Louise Kennedy has been able to source cardboard and can continue to supply it. It is of a suitable size. **Jeff Nicoll** also provided more, as our regular source has come back from their Christmas break! (The cardboard is used to back the target faces, and we go through a huge amount)

The club has a bucket of miscellaneous arrows in the cupboard – they are used as hot spares, so are needed!

It has been suggested that the club should purchase a left-handed compound bow; **Ken Osborne** has been asked to purchase one.

AUSTRALIA DAY FIELD SHOOT SUNDAY 26 JANUARY AT EDEN FIELDS ARCHERY CLUB

Photos Chris Lech and Bruce Lang
Article Chris Lech



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The temperature was predicted to be 37°. A hot one! But that was to be in the late afternoon. The birds were singing, the ground mottled in shadows, and the mood was encouraging.



The setting, the Eden Field grounds, is one of the archery gems of South Australia. There is 50% shade at this time of the year. A lovely location.



The shoot began at 10am and finished around 1pm. Adelaide Archery Club was well represented. Eight out of the sixteen winners were ours, and four of them were juniors.



They did themselves proud, everyone collected a medal. At the end of the shoot, we had burgers and a dessert. The black forest gateau was yum.



If you haven't tried field shooting it's worth venturing out. You walk with a small group up hill and down dale and shoot four different target sizes at a variety of distances.



Erica, Rashaad, Hakeem, Casper

It takes little time to get used to and is very rewarding once mastered. Have someone at our club explain it to you. Research it online We have field shoot setups at our club on occasion (*see next page*)

TOURNAMENTS March 2025

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

Sunday 2 March: Eden Field Archers 'Ladies Day' at St Mary's 10.00am-2.00pm option of Come'n'Try included

Sunday 9 March: Great Southern Archers Iron Arrows Event at Strathalbyn, 9.00am-9.00pm

Sunday 30 March: Lord Mayor's Team Shoot at Oakbank, 10.30am (please arrive by 9.30am)

Sunday 6 April: The Farm Indoor Archery Club Jim Hale Indoor Memorial Tournament at Ingle Farm, 9.00am-4.00pm

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 2 March: AAC hosts Camp Quality: morning tea; shooting; lunch; shooting for those who wish to stay; afternoon tea; everything supplied by club volunteers; about 150 guests expected

Monday 10 March (public holiday): AAC practice/come'n'try clout, 9.00am on field adjacent to club; 1.00pm practice/come'n'try field course at club ground

Saturday 15 March: Loud Shirt Day; 15.00 pre-register; usual time; all proceeds to a men's charity; lunch 11.30am (no other shooting on the day)

**CLOUT AND FIELD
PRACTICE/COME'N'TRY DAY
MONDAY 10 MARCH**

**Clout: 9.00am on field adjacent to club
Field: 1.00pm using targets but with field faces
and distances**

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THESE VERY DIFFERENT
FORMS OF SHOOTING?
PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE A CHANGE FROM SHOOTING
AT THE SAME OLD TARGETS FROM THE SAME OLD
DISTANCES?



Archers shoot varying distances depending on bow type and gender, from 100m for the younger juniors to 185m for male compounders. This is one time when you can aim for the sky, *right*, and (particularly long bow and bare bow) see your arrow going way-y-y up high before dropping down on the target (hopefully) or maybe not.....



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Chris has given you a fair idea of what is involved with shooting *field*. The other option is *clout*.

This is long-distance shooting at a circular target laid out on the ground, a form of competition practiced for centuries.

The centre of the target was formerly a patch of cloth (clout). Nowadays it is a solid triangle, and scores 10. It can be seen in this photo, *left*, as well as the coloured flags that denote the size of the virtual target that is flat on the ground.



Scoring involves having a number of people moving in a circle and each collecting arrows that have fallen within a particular zone—gold, red, blue etc. Each archer then calls out to the recorder the scores for their own arrows, *left*. Yes, it sounds a bit complicated, but it all works out in the end!

Photos from the archives

SO COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A GO; THERE WILL BE ARCHERS THERE WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH SIGHTS, AIMING, SCORING, COLLECTING AND RULES.

BUT ABOVE ALL, COME AND HAVE FUN!

And the Editor thanks everyone who responded to her call for photos. I now have some extra contributors who, hopefully, help to make this newsletter more interesting. Please keep them coming!

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