



Archery Australia Board News

NOVEMBER 2011

The quarterly meeting of the Archery Australia Board was held on the weekend of the 19th and 20th November 2011, below is a summary of the key points from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Archery Australia Board is pleased to advise the addition of Sue Gliddon from Western Australia to the Board as an Appointed Director.

2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The 2018 Commonwealth Games has been recently awarded to the Gold Coast Australia. Unfortunately Archery has not been included in the schedule for the games despite a detailed submission and extensive lobbying by Archery Australia and World Archery (FITA). The Queensland Government has decided only to include the ten mandatory core sports plus seven other optional sports.

The Archery Australia Board is now looking for opportunities to host an international archery event in Australia around the same time.

WEBSITE and NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

The new Archery Australia website has now been operating for some months and from feedback has been well received. Over the coming months as new options are being rolled out these will be added to the website.

Shortly RGBs and Clubs will be contacted by IMG Sports Technology offering similar look and feel websites that can be set up with local content and managed by the RGB or Club. As part of the agreement Archery Australia has with IMG Sports Technology these websites will be offered for free.

The website is also the entry portal to the Archery Australia Online Shop which is starting to prove very popular. Additional items will be added to the Online Shop over the coming months. RGBs and Clubs can also place items in the Online Shop to assist in bringing in local revenue.

The next major project which has been discussed for sometime is the introduction of a National Membership Database. Archery Australia as the National Governing Body for the sport is legally obliged to maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all registered affiliates and their details.

For some years the Archery Australia Office has maintained a locally managed Membership Database but with the support of the Australian Sports Commission and IMG Sports Technology we are able to offer Individuals, Clubs and RGBs a state of the art truly Online National Membership Database.

Information has been distributed previously on the use and advantage of the database and this information can be found on the Archery Australia website under "About Us".

The database is now ready for use; currently RGBs are being set up in the system along with a few clubs on a testing basis. As the RGBs are trained and experience with the database, clubs will then be invited to set themselves up and to start using the database; training will be provided.

Long-term this will enable clubs to enter new members or update renewing members straight into the system through their own login and password, reducing much of the work duplication and paperwork currently encountered.

Due to the reduced flow of paperwork that is currently encountered a quicker processing turn around is expected, as well as a reduction in errors that will follow.

Clubs will also be able to store and view their members' details on a secure database. Clubs will be issued with a Login and Password to ensure they have secure access to their club's information.

Individuals will also be provided with a personal Login and Password which will enable them to view and update their own personal information.

Information on the National Membership Database can be found on the Archery Australia website www.archery.org.au under Community/Database.

2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

The Shadow Team for the 2012 Olympic Games has now been established with the following athletes in the team.

Men

Ryan Tyack
Taylor Worth
Matthew Gray
Sky Kim
Mathew Masonwells
Jesse McDonald
Ben Nott

Women

Deonne Bridger
Alice Ingley
Odette Snazelle
Elisa Barnard

The next step on the road to the Games is for Australia to obtain quota position/s. There can only be a maximum of 64 Men and 64 Women compete in the Games and these 128 quota positions must be obtained by a country before the country can nominate athletes to their National Olympic Committee to fill any position obtained.

There will for 2012 be a maximum of 12 team quota positions in Men and 12 team quota positions in Women which also equates to 72 individual positions. Nine of these team quota positions were awarded at the 2011 World Target Championships and the remaining 3 team quota positions will be awarded following the World Cup in Ogden USA in June 2012.

There will be 56 remaining individual quota positions with a maximum of 1 quota position available to any country (who does not have a team quota position) for each gender.

So, if Australia does not obtain one of the 3 remaining Men and 3 remaining Women team quota positions in Ogden USA the best we can expect is one Men and one Women individual position.

Our best chance at obtaining these two individual quota positions will be at the Oceania Continental Qualifying Tournament (CQT) to be conducted in New Zealand in January 2012. It should be stressed if we obtain these two individual quota positions in New Zealand they are for the country and the individuals who fills the positions will be determined by the nomination process detailed in the 2012 Archery Nomination Criteria, which can be viewed on the Archery Australia website.

At the CQT in New Zealand we will be sending a team of three Men and three Women to contest the two available quota positions for Australia. The athletes we will be sending are -

Men	Women
Ryan Tyack	Alice Ingley
Taylor Worth	Odette Snazelle
Matthew Gray	Elisa Barnard

NATIONAL RANKING LISTS

Archery Australia wishes to advise that Fiona Hyde will be taking over the role of National Ranking List Coordinator commencing immediately.

Fiona will be managing the Open Ranking List for Recurve and Compound and the first list will be available in January 2012 if not sooner.

RESIDENTIAL STATUS

A question has been asked concerning an individual's residential status,. The Archery Australia Board have reviewed the matter and has determined -

1. Individuals wishing to become affiliates of Archery Australia Inc may at their discretion become a registered member of any club affiliated with any RGB irrespective of their residential status.
2. For the purpose of any event coming within Chapter 3 of the Shooting Rules, an affiliate may only represent the RGB through which they are affiliated with Archery Australia Inc.

WORLD ARCHERY

Most people should be aware that FITA has now changed its name to World Archery to better reflect its role in international sport.

To answer a number of questions received following the change, the CEO has been in contact with World Archery and we can advise that the term FITA will still be used for rounds and awards, so the name FITA Star , FITA Arrowhead or FITA 90/1440 Round will remain unchanged.

NEW TARGET ROUND

The Archery Australia Board has approved the introduction of a new target round called the Samford Round. The new round will be 90 arrows at 40 metres on an 80cm face.

This new round fills the missing gap on the Target Round Table, the revised table is attached with this Board News and available on the Archery Australia website under "About Us" and Constitution and Shooting Rules Chapter 9.

National Records will not be available for this round but RGBs and Clubs may wish to provide records for this round.

EQUAL RECORDS

The Archery Australia Board is seeking opinions following a request from the Tournament and Records Committee to abolish Equal Records. Currently Archery Australia recognises a new record if a person breaks a record by one point or more. If the score is a perfect the record cannot be broken unless more X's have been shot than the existing record.

The issue arises with a perfect score which do not include X's, such as Clout, National Indoor Round etc is shot. Both of these rounds are out of 360 and the maximum score for each arrow being 10 points. So to have shot the Perfect Score you would have shot the maximum number of tens. Currently in this case we would recognise multiple record holders and this is where the question has arisen.

With World Archery and most other sports they do not recognise multiple record holders (only one person can hold a record) so the suggestion has been in the case of a perfect score which cannot be broken by X's, we should only recognise the first person to achieve the score. The person will hold the record forever as it can never be broken.

Of course the alternative agreement is we should recognise everyone who shoots a perfect score.

What are your thoughts?

Send your comments to info@archery.org.au and title the email Perfect Score.

YOUTH COMMITTEE/YOUTH PROGRAM

Recently the CEO issued advertisements for Team Manager and Coach for the 2012 Trans Tasman to be held in New Zealand in April. If you are interested you can find more information on the Archery Australia website.

In the last Board News it was mentioned that we plan to introduce a Youth Committee, the principal goals of the committee being -

- Youth Nationals and Youth tournaments and events allocation, development and promotion
- Develop and promote 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

It is expected the Youth Committee will work closely with the High Performance Program and soon to be appointed National Coaching Director.

Are you interested in being a member of the Youth Committee?

Send an email to info@archery.org.au and title email Youth Committee.

2011 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The 2011 Australian open was a great success and the Archery Australia Board would like to thank Southern Vales Archery Club, its members and volunteers for putting on a great event.

The Board would also like to express it's thanks to Greg Opie who provided all the video equipment and freely gave of his time to video and then spent long hours editing the various videos together. The videos can be viewed by going to the Archery Australia website.

ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY

The Archery Australia Board encourages RGBs and Clubs conducting events, to cater for Athletes with a Disability by providing appropriate divisions. We understand during the long history of Archery in Australia we have always welcomed and catered for athletes with a disability who have shot equally alongside non-disabled athletes.

We have been requested and it has been agreed that at future National Championships Disabled Divisions will be offered. Athletes with a Disability will shoot the same events alongside non-disabled competitors but they will shoot for specific awards.

PARA-ARCHERY / ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY COORDINATOR

In an effort to promote and grow Para-Archery we are seeking Expressions of Interest for someone who is familiar with Athletes with a Disability and Para-Archery rules to act as a point of contact for athletes, Clubs or RGB's who may have questions?

Long term, one of the projects for the National Coaching Director is to work with Clubs and RGBs to introduce Para-Archery Development and Pathway Programs.

Are you interested in being the Athletes with a Disability/Para-Archery Contact?

Send an email to info@archery.org.au and title email Para-Archery Committee.

You can find more information on Para-Archery by going to the Archery Australia website www.archery.org.au under Community/Para Archery or go to the World Archery website www.archery.org.

2014 TRANS TASMAN

The 2014 Trans Tasman Youth Challenge is planned for Australia and we are seeking Expressions of Interest from either an RGB or Club/s to host this event.

Expressions of Interest should be emailed to info@archery.org.au and title email Trans Tasman 2014 and the CEO will then arrange for further discussions.

2013 and 2014 YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are seeking Expressions of Interest from RGBs or Club/s interested in hosting the 2013 and 2014 National Youth Championships and the 2014 National Championships.

Information on hosting these events can be found on the Archery Australia website www.archery.org.au under About Us/Policy and Procedures

Expressions of Interest should be emailed to info@archery.org.au and title email National Championships, the CEO will then arrange for further discussions.