



# ARCHERY AUSTRALIA BOARD NEWS

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## **Resignation of one of our Appointed Board Members**

It is with some regret that the Board announces the resignation of Mark Brothers from his position as an Appointed Board Member.

Mark has been of great assistance during his time on the Board and will be missed I am sure.

We all wish him the best with his archery and non archery life as well as to thank him for his help and friendship.

## **Youth Development Committee**

Archery Australia is pleased to advise the appointment of Anthony Maxworthy to the role of Chairperson for the Youth Development Committee.

The role has been vacant since the two year term of the former Chair came to an end in September 2014.

The Committee is instrumental in contributing to the development and pathway of our youth archers.

We are seeking committee members to join Anthony. Please send expressions of interest to [info@archery.org.au](mailto:info@archery.org.au) by the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## **Coaching Committee**

Steve Jennison has been appointed as Chair of the Coaching Committee. Steve has a wealth of experience from coaching at a local club to being the former Archery Australia High Performance Manager.

The committee will be comprised of RGB representatives. The purpose of the Coaching Committee is to review, formulate and lead the direction of coaching in Australian in the coming years. Member assistance in providing information and feedback when requested will be appreciated.

**Contact Us**

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## **Online Training**

Archery Australia has reached a decision on the system it will use to provide online training to members.

This system will now be developed to allow for training in a number of areas to be done at the persons leisure and all training will be setup in a modular fashion. This fits in more with the time constraints that most people have these days and will replace a lot of the current full weekend seminar type training.

Some of the first areas that will be developed is the training of our Club Officials to ensure that they are sufficiently trained and qualified to run Club level competitions.

We will then continue to roll this into the training of our Archery Australia Judges so as to simplify the process for those wishing to become a National Judge.

Other areas that this system will lead into down the track could be instruction, coaching, team management, etc.

## **Club Registration / Re registration**

Recently Archery Australia introduced the ability to register your club details via an online form to make it easier and quicker for Clubs. A number of Clubs have already responded but there are a few who have not submitted their details.

Archery Australia needs this information so that it can comply with the insurance requirements for the clubs as well as to ensure it has up to date contact information for the Clubs and there Officers.

If your Club has not completed the form or if the club details have changed at anytime please have the authorised person update them online using the form available on the Archery Australia website via the following link.

<https://eventdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=10269&OrgID=8150>

## **Videos of Major Events**

Archery Australia is seeking expressions of interest from members around Australia who may like to form a group with members in each RGB who would like to help in taking videos and photos at our major events.

The intent is to purchase some equipment so that clips from major events can be posted on our website and Facebook and Twitter pages. It is felt these will assist in the promotion and growth of our sport.

The idea would be to start small with a reasonable quality semi-professional standard and build from there.

We will be starting with the upcoming Australian Open in Hobart followed by other events such as the Australian Field Open and the National Matchplay Series Final.

If you would like to help with this initiative could you please contact the Archery Australia Office on (02) 9772 2995 or email [info@archery.org.au](mailto:info@archery.org.au)

## **Proposed Change to Membership Process**

A member's annual membership fees fall due on a person's anniversary date. This is usually the date of joining. Ideally fees should be paid prior to the anniversary date. Currently if a person does not renew at this time but decides later in the year to renew then they have pay for their full membership backdated to the time of their last anniversary date.

This policy does disadvantage people that may have been ill or out of the country or unable to participate for any number of reasons.

Board has been considering for several years how to be fairer and we propose the following change to the Membership Terms and Conditions which would be more attractive to members;

1. Outstanding membership fees which are paid within 5 months of the anniversary date will be backdated to the anniversary date.
2. Outstanding membership fees paid after 5 months of the anniversary date the member will be provided with two membership options.
  - a. If the member wishes to maintain a continual unbroken record of membership which may be necessary to achieve awards or long term member rewards they must ensure their membership is backdated to their anniversary date.
  - b. If the member is not concerned with maintaining a continual unbroken record of membership they can opt to agree to a new anniversary date. To take advantage of this provision they must not have shot at any club within the period they have been unfinancial.

We understand some Club or RGBs may see this as a deferral or loss of income as the person may join 6 months after their anniversary date depriving the club of 6 months of fees and giving them a new anniversary date. This may be true but the other option is to force them to pay fees for a period they have been unable for a number of reasons to participate in the sport. It is felt the advantages and good will this change will instil will outweigh any disadvantages.

The Archery Australia Board considers that this policy needs to be reviewed and we are seeking comments from stakeholders who this policy may affect by such a change such as RGBs and Clubs. We are therefore seeking feedback from RGBs and Club and ask the following questions –

1. Should such a change in policy be adopted?
2. Is 5 months an appropriate time period or should the period be less or more, give your suggestions?

Please send replies and other comments to [info@archery.org.au](mailto:info@archery.org.au)

## **Team Selection Procedures**

Archery Australia is please to release Team Selection Procedures for the following events –

- 2015 World Para Archery Championships
- 2016 World Indoor Archery Championships
- 2016 World Field Archery Championships

These procedures can all be found on the Archery Australia website.