



BOARD NEWS

AUGUST 2015



2016 Calendar

2016 Australian Open

Date: 4 to 6 March 2016

Location : Samford Valley Archers (Qld)

2016 National Crossbow Championships

Date: 5 - 7 March 2016

Location: Barossa Archery Club (SA)

2016 National Club Challenge

Date: March 2016

Location: Clubs

2016 National Youth Championships

Date: 25 to 28 March 2016

Location: Penrith City Archers

2016 National Para and VI Championships

Date: 17 to 18 April 2016

Location: Waverley City Archers (Vic)

2016 Trans Tasman

Date: 18 to 24 April 2016

Location: Christchurch New Zealand

2016 Australian Field Open

Date: TBA May 2016

Location: TBA

2016 National Matchplay Series Final

Date: TBA

Locations: Adelaide (SA)

2016 National Indoor Championships

Date: 16 and 17 July 2016

Location - Various

2016 National Championships

Date: 1 to 5 October 2016

Location: Adelaide (SA)

Longer Term National Event Planning

The Board recognised that there is a need to set Archery Australia's national event dates well in advance, which would then help facilitate top down planning from AA to RGB's and into club calendars.

To help in this process the Board has resolved to establish a long term calendar with event dates set in advance by month, and as bids are received to fine tune these dates within that monthly window.

Initially this calendar will be expanded out to 3 years as a rolling calendar and then for a longer period. This process is hoped to provide longer term planning and longer notice time periods for clubs so that they can set their annual calendars earlier and also to help members in planning attendance at national events.

Recent International Competitions

The Board wishes to congratulate our Archers on their recent performances overseas.

Our archers have recently competed in the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton, USA and in the World Archery Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In the World Archery Youth Championships our compound cadet women's team of Madeleine McSwain, Madeleine Salvestro and Niamh Jones shot very well and won the bronze medal in the team event.

At the World Archery Championships our highest placed archers were Taylor Worth and Robert Timms, both at 9th.

The weather for both events was quite challenging!

A major achievement at the World Archery Championships was our recurve men's team of Taylor Worth, Ryan Tyack and Alec Potts winning a team place for the 2016 Olympic Games by finishing in the top 8 teams.

Semra Lingard went very close to winning an individual place. Note that these are places at the Games for Australia – the archers who will fill them at the Games is decided later.

As we now have our maximum of three places in the men's event at the games the task for the men is now to push on with getting the scores high enough to win a medal.

We still have two opportunities to gain women's places in the Games. The first of those will be the Oceania Qualifying Event in early 2016, where it is possible for us to gain one position.

The final opportunity is the World Cup event in Antalya, Turkey in mid-2016, where it is possible to gain either a single place or a team place.

2016 National Club Challenge

With the introduction and capabilities of Archers Diary, the AA Board have approved the Introduction of the "National Club Challenge". Archers Diary can be used as a means for archers to compete with others nationally from their own club.

The National Club Challenge is a tournament aimed directly at the average club archer with the scores and results nationally managed.

In essence the National Club Challenge will be what used to be known as a Postal Shoot but will be internet based with live and up to date results using the Archery Australia Archers Diary Scoring and Results system.

The National Club Challenge will be conducted in two forms

1. Individual Handicap
2. Club Team

The National Club Challenge will also give members the opportunity, experience and understanding of the Archery Australia Rating and Handicap System while being given the opportunity to claim Classifications, Medals and Awards.

Proposed Dates

The 2016 National Club Challenge will be conducted at clubs over the weekends of the –

6 and 7 March 2016

13 and 14 March 2016

20 and 21 March 2016

27 and 28 March 2016

Operation

Clubs can conduct events on any or all of the 8 days listed or select only specific dates. The National Club Challenge will be contested in two forms, Individual "Handicap" and Club Team.

Long-term the National Club Challenge could possibly be conducted twice a year in March and August.

The National Club Challenge will be open to all current financial members of Archery Australia.

Clubs will host their own National Club Challenge event/s on any or all of the days listed. Of course the shoot should be listed on the club calendar so everyone knows and has an opportunity to compete.

Clubs will have a number of opportunities to shoot over the period to conduct events in particular to avoid poor weather conditions and provide members with as many opportunities as possible.

Irrespective of how many times an individual shoots during the period, only the highest score they have shot will be used.

Although only the archer's highest scores shot during the period will count toward the National Club Challenge every score they shoot will give them the opportunity to raise their rating, qualify for higher classification or shoot All Gold or Perfect badges.

Clubs will submit scores using the Archery Australia Archers Diary Scoring and Results system.

Further details on how the event will be run will be released shortly including the rounds to be shot etc.

Online Training

The Board is pleased to announce that it is now finalising the steps involved in creating the Archery Australia online training system.

This will allow us to setup our own training courses for archery specific roles and activities and will allow the student to carryout the training in the comfort of their home and at a pace that suits them.

Some of the areas that will be addressed shortly are,

- Club Official or Range Captain training.
- National Judge Training
This will be done over a series of modules that will be delivered in bite sized pieces in specific roles and responsibilities of a Judge.

It also allows us to introduce Regional Judges who will become qualified in a particular discipline that is relevant to them and their clubs. Such as Field, Target, Indoor, Clout etc.

Once they have completed a core module – general principles of Judging, they then can go on to complete the modules they need towards becoming qualified to Officiate at specific events in that discipline.

They can also go onto to complete all modules and become a qualified National Judge at their own pace.

- Team Management (overseas)
- Team Participant (overseas)

There are many other areas that this system will help us with including Coach Training, Club Officers (Recorders, Treasurers, etc).

Down the track it may be possible for the training that the RGB's or Clubs are currently offering their members to be rolled into the online system.

More information on where, how and who can carryout these course will become available as we develop the system. But it will allow us to raise the qualifications of our members and also to ease the way we deliver our training.

Report from 2015 World Archery Congress

WA Congress was held in Copenhagen recently in conjunction with the 2015 World Target Championships.

This is where all the Member Nations send a delegate to attend and take part in the voting of both the World Archery and its Committees elections and any motions that have been put forward by World Archery.

AA sent our President, Mr John Hyde, over to attend the event along with our CEO Mr James Larven.

Congratulations to the following Australians who were elected to hold positions within World Archery.

Mrs Susanne Womersley from Australia was elected to the World Archery Technical Committee.

Mr John Chaplin was elected to the World Archery Board of Justice.

As part of this event World Archery made a number of presentations and ran a series of seminars to help to assist the member nations in development areas.

It was obvious from the presentations and seminars that World Archery is moving forward with the sport and continuing to support growth and publicising of events wherever possible. This is an exciting time for Archery as we continue to develop and grow the sport.

Shooting at Human or Humanoid Targets

With the current creation of a number of businesses that have arisen that consist of games where Archers shoot at each other the Board feels it is timely to remind all members that it is against the policies of AA to ever shoot at human, humanoid, zombie, once human or human shaped targets under any circumstances.

The extract below in italics is from the AA Ethical Standards and Practices Policy which is available from the AA website -

TARGETS

At all tournaments and Club activities standard target faces should be used.

For Target and Indoor standard five colour target faces or recognised variants and for Field standard Black and Gold or Black and White target faces.

3D Archery or the shooting of animal images has become very popular, although Archery Australia does not openly engage in such events RGBs and Clubs may conduct tournaments using this type of target face or butt.

Archery Australia discourages the use of Australian Native animals as 3D targets or printed targets. Only feral animal 3D targets or printed targets should be used.

*For special activities and events such as a demonstration or social activities the organisers may use targets as they see fit such a Dart Target, Wand etc **but the use of targets that depict human figures, human effigies, humanoids or used-to-be- human silhouettes or any human images are not permitted.***

The shooting of apples (or similar) off a human head and human head representation is not permitted.

SHOOTING ARROWS

Archery Australia prides itself on its excellent safety record and strives to present a positive public image; to this end we have developed very strict rules in regard to the shooting of arrows.

We do not support or encourage any activity that involves the shooting of arrows at other participants even if the activity involves equipment specifically designed for the propose.

These activities may include re-enactments or commercial activities, which involve games where people shoot arrows at each other, similar to Paintball.