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Your Quarterly Traditional Archery Australia News: Promoting and Protecting Traditional Archery in all Forms

Sticks and Strings



Save the Date >>>July-September

- **Wammenusking WA 8th-9th July**
Interclub Shoot
- **Gympie Field Archers Qld 8th-9th July**
Phoenix Muster
- **Far North Queensland Qld 14th-16th July**
TAA Qld State Muster
- **Sunshine Coast Bowmen Qld 30th July**
Traditional Knot Shoot
- **Mossman Archery Club Qld 29th-31st July**
Invitational
- **North Burnett Field Archers Qld 4th-6th August**
Traditional Shoot
- **Golden Triangle Archers Vic 5th-6th August**
Traditional Shoot
- **Kurrimine Qld 5th-6th August**
Invitational
- **Lakeside Bowmen Qld 12th-13th August**
Jules Trad Shoot
- **White Rose Archery Klub Vic 12th-13th August**
Asian Event
- **Townsville Bowhunters Qld 19th-20th August**
Traditional Shoot
- **Tully Bowhunters Qld 1st-3rd August**
Invitational Shoot
- **Maydaan Archery Club of Aust 3rd September**
Maydaan Cup
- **Break O'Day Tas 15th-17th September**
Invitational Shoot
- **Southwest Bowmen WA 23rd-24th September**
Interclub

The Travel Bug Trad Talk!

This past month or two has seen the Traditional Calendar hotting up with all manner of events. Some members have talked about their Hunting Excursions, others Club Traditional Shoots and some visiting clubs within their own area for Interclub Shoots. Archers travelling to enjoy themselves, shooting with old and new friends, camping out and chatting by the campfire.

I can highly recommend planning holidays with an archery event or two added in..... I call it travelling with a purpose. Retirement allows the luxury of time to wander, sometimes aimlessly. Over the past six weeks hubby (Towball) and I have taken in many of Victoria's sights in autumn and visited four archery clubs. For me three of those were for the first time. We have been following Tim's advice of

going somewhere different and experiencing how others enjoy their Traditional Archery. I will include Tim's Challenge Flyer again in this Issue. Stories are starting to come in, however all of you have until December 1st to try and win the beautiful set of custom wood arrows on offer. Australia is so diverse and easy to move around. There are shared stories from each of those four clubs included within.

The TAA Raffle has been drawn, the lucky winner of the custom BSA Leatherworks Quiver is Sharon Dowd from Tully Bowhunters. Congratulations Sharon! A big thank you to all the folk who purchased tickets and a huge thank you to Beth Allott for offering to give her time and skills to make the quiver. I cannot wait to see what design Sharon picks for her special prize.

This newsletter belongs to members so don't forget to send in your trad stories. Email them to me at: gladioli015@gmail.com



Take care everyone,
Leslie

Leslie White
TAA Newsletter and
Merchandise
TAA R-E-P

Focus on the Target...

Committee News



TAA National
Vice President
Paul Sparkes



G'day to all,

Just a short letter to let you all know the things as a committee we have been up to and what is happening in the near future.

Donated Bows

In the letter to the members in the last *Sticks and Strings* newsletter it was mentioned that some bows previously owned by Dennis La Varrenne were kindly donated by his family to assist TAA in what ever way they could to support Traditional Archery Australia.

We do not have a museum on our plans for the foreseeable future and nowhere to safely store them, it was decided to put them into bundles and place them out to the members and clubs in a tender process so that we can continue Dennis's legacy and ensure the bows have the best chance of being restored and preserved.

The Flyers for this tender process may be up before this goes to print, but they are basically in bundles of 6 and 7 and are in groups of similar type bows.

When tendering there are a few conditions

- Only TAA financial members and clubs are allowed to put a tender in
- One tender per person or club per bundle
- Freight /Postage is an extra cost and the winning tender must organise this themselves

Disclaimer

These bows are collectables only and are not in a condition to shoot, anyone doing so and sustaining damage or injury is at their own risk.

Coaching

Would all TAA clubs please send an up to date list of their club coaches and confirm they hold Child Safety Certification. All lists are to be sent to both the following emails: scrofty@westnet.com.au as well as taasecretary23@gmail.com

We are currently updating our coaching records ensuring all TAA accredited coaches for clubs have a current Child Safety Card relevant to your state, if you currently have anyone coaching or instructing without the required safety certificate or card, they are to cease coaching or instructing until they have the required clearance.

TAA State Musters

This year we have not been able to secure a Western Australian or New South Wales TAA Muster which is unfortunate, but for these events to go on we do need clubs to put their hands up and give it a try. However I do understand that it can seem like an overwhelming task.

I would just like to clarify for the TAA State Musters you can modify the activities to what your club has or can organise.

Example:

1. Not a lot of 3D Targets but you have Vinyls (we can change it to suite)
2. Amount of Targets to the Course (We can adapt to suit what you have)
3. Never Run an event before (We can assist with organising and or Guidance)

This is also a great way of increasing your club's finances if you can do it all, or, you could include local school or community groups to do your catering and make some money to stay in your local community.

For any club considering holding a TAA Muster feel free to contact Tim Fox, or if you have trouble contacting him feel free to pass it on to any of the committee members and we will pass it on to Tim.

The TAA Musters are all about the camaraderie and having fun, catching up with old friends and making new ones so please consider for next year

Skills Sessions

Tully and Mossman clubs are getting right into passing on the Traditional skills. By the time this is published Tully would have already held its Game Measuring Course run by TAA's own Ray Hardy who is a qualified ABA measurer and Mossman is holding a string and timber arrow making weekends in the near future.

Why I mentioned this is as hard as Perry tries he cannot physically get everywhere to run courses. However if you have knowledgeable people in your clubs lets try and teach the skills so that the next generation can carry them on.

If you are going to hold a skills night, don't hesitate to contact Perry who may be able to assist. Let us know we are happy to promote it for you on the Members only Facebook and Web page.

Thankyou, keep those arrows flying,

Paul

Paul Sparkes

TAA National Vice President

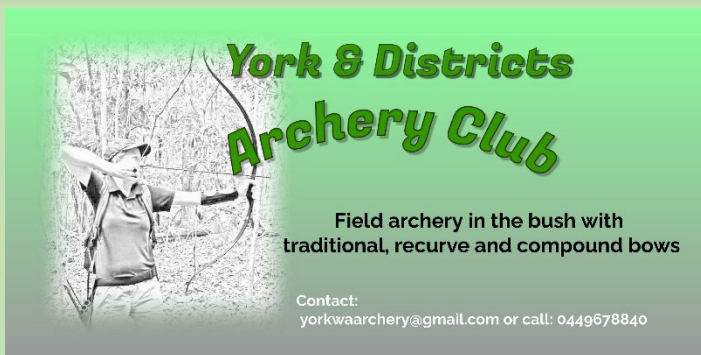


Announcing a New TAA Archery Club



YORK, WA

Already on the TAA club maps!



Story by Deb Gentleman

A new day is dawning 🎵 and a new TAA archery club has been formed in the Talbot area just outside of York, Western Australia.

The York & Districts Archery Club Inc. is already on the TAA Club Maps 2023 and was officially opened 22 April 2023.

We were fortunate enough for the Shire of York to offer us part of the Talbot reserve for a 20-target bush archery range meandering in and around Melaleuca, Sheoak and Eucalyptus trees native to WA. There's a 5 target Practice range and 20 target Bush range with future plans for 1-2 more archery ranges designed for a variety and extra challenges. With the help of our diehard committee members and local volunteers the Club finished building trails, stuffing and positioning target butts, erecting signage, painting pavers, placing station markers and, and, and....it was a lot of hard work, but it all happened in 8 months thanks to everyone's help!



Stuffing Target Butts

Raking Trails

Pounding in Safety Signage

Trialling the distances

Our first Club shoot brought 17 archers with 3 youth so pleasantly surprised and excited with the interest. Short and long distances, high up on a log or tyre gave challenges through the trees or straight down the middle.



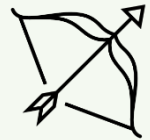


YDAC has plans for a free 2 day ‘Come & Try Day’ event in June encouraging those new to archery and have no equipment to have-a-go at archery. Club archery equipment has been purchased through a successful grant which will open the sport out to more people in the surrounding districts. The Club aspires to be an inclusive fun family environment and encourages young people and children of all ages and skills to take a break from the day and come outdoors to a new sport.

Check us out on Facebook @ **York & Districts Archery Cub Inc.** where you’ll find our Club calendar and interesting/amusing posts 😊 with updates reminding everyone of YDAC club events.

Remember!!!!

Tim Fox, TAA’s Shoot Director, sent out a challenge on the TAA Members Facebook.
It read:



“My challenge to all TAA Members for 2023 is to get out and go to a club shoot which you have never been to before. Shoot with a group of people who you haven’t shot with before. Introduce someone to archery and take them to a shoot or a hunt. GO...!!”

SO...Come and visit us!!! See you on the range!!!!



Twin City Bowmen NSW Traditional Shoot

29th~30th April 2023

Story by Leslie White TAA R-E-P

Twin City Bowmen is situated in Lavington (Albury) on the NSW side of the Murray River, the city of Wodonga is on the Victorian side. Travellers on there way up and down the Hume Highway pass through these twin cities. Archery has a long history at this club with their fifty year celebrations taking place in 2022. Many of the members have honed their archery skills for hunting on the hilly ground that rolls up and down through a forest. A gully divides the ranges from the club house and camp area, it requires several foot bridges to make access easier.

This is a true family club. One doesn't have to look too hard to find families represented by three generations. The young people chat easily with the oldies present and have a refreshing respect for the club and what it offers. The brick clubhouse, toilet/shower block and all those bridges don't just happen. Members over the years have raised the money and built these structures to give the club a solid foundation.



Top: Collecting arrows from the target placed next to this bridge. I was very happy with the engineering.....imagine walking up and down that gully. Above right: Another group scoring, the ranges are very pretty and a pleasure to walk around. Below right: 'Walk this Way'.....Zoran showing a visitor around. Interested in archery? Just follow me!



One of my shooting group Jen taking aim at a 3D goat situated through those trees.



We didn't go hungry!



Meet Dave James and Marg Ross (Secretary) two of the long term hard working people at the club. Both have children and grandchildren here and I had the pleasure of meeting their families.

Marg's husband John and one of her sons Brendan are both Life Members of the club. Brendan, the current President, was accompanied by Jackson his young son. Archery is an all age sport so it is not unusual for grandparents to be out shooting with their grandchildren.

Dave's lovely wife Judith was busy in the kitchen, I also met Dave's daughter and grandson both keen hunters.

Friday evening club members cooked up hamburgers and sausages. Dave has in that lifter bowkilled venison ready for my hamburger. They also served venison sausages. The meat was tender and very tasty, my first taste of venison. The hunters at this club bowkill and butcher feral deer, it made me wonder why we don't utilize this meat more for the general population.



Above left: we have Bob Sinclair cooking up our breakfast. *Below left:* Dave with no less than eight camp ovens ready for the fire. In those camp ovens, along with the vegies and pork from the butcher, we have bowkill venison and wild boar. *Above:* The ladies toiling away in the kitchen.....what a great kitchen, all built by club members! I spy Marg at the back with the yummy desserts. Thank you to everyone for the fabulous meals.

Day One



First to the practice butts to warm up. I see young Jaxon getting ready under the watchful eye of Howard O'Connell. Muster is around 9am where we are all allocated shooting groups. I am placed with Jen from the club and Drew from the ACT. Two people I had never met before. One of the great things about these shoots is meeting new people. Saturday morning saw us shooting a 3D range. Twenty pegs each with two targets, different sized animals each with a different distance and angle of shot. One arrow at each target.



Tony Justice from the Lilydale Club in Vic. taking aim at a fox with the group watching. James Murray (ACT), Gavin Bridges (North East NSW) and David Melville (Lilydale Club).

Travelling to these shoots is great fun and you never know who you will meet. Seeing old friends and making new ones is all a part of Traditional Archery.



Left: Drew with our three arrows all in the circle.
Below: Time for a rest...The two Johns from Sydney shooting with Dean and Danielle from up Bega way.
Right: Helen from Macarthur Archery Club.



Saturday afternoon Novelties



What are Towball and myself aiming at? Over the gully and way out in the distance there is a white spot and just behind it a 3D goat. The white spot is a vinyl banner laying on the ground with the club logo facing skyward. The closest flu flu arrow to stick in the centre of the logo is the winner. The goat, shot with normal field arrows is the fabulous prize for whoever manages the best target shot. The Goat was generously donated by Trevor from 'Aussie Targets'. The running Pig was also held. It runs on a wire right down that slope. Fast.....

And the winners are...



Congratulations to Tom Panic from Qld for dropping a flu flu right in the centre of the logo, noone else came closejust check out that arrow splatter around the white target.

Lucky Lloyd from the ACT won the great goat target, just as well he brought his ute! There were only three arrows in the target. Towball was happy. Imagine if he had won. The goat would have been a tight squeeze in the motor home for the next five weeks.



The V-Shoot

I am not too sure who won this novelty. I know young Jackson was there at presentation along with Gavin who scored a lovely cutting board with the club logo for being such a good sport.

David on the left. Jackson and Gavin right and far right.



Speed Round

This was different. Each archer was given 30 seconds to score as many points as possible. Each of the many 3D targets down in the gully had a different point score written on the back out of the view of the archer. The tiny rabbit, the furthest target just in front of the butt in the distance, being worth 100 points. The large goat placed closer worth 10 points, with all the others in between. Once hit that target could not be shot by that archer again.



Archers could choose to stand on or next to the platform. The archer's view is shown in the photo at left.

Congratulations to those that hit the rabbit!

It looks like Drew has scored timing duty.

Day Two



Sunday saw us out early on a different range. This time we were shooting at 2D Vinyl Targets, two arrows at each of twenty targets and then a further round of one arrow after a rest. Presentations and Raffle followed after lunch.

We had the best time at this shoot. The club members really know how to make visiting archers feel welcome and right at home. For us as travellers it was lovely catching up with old friends we've met from previous journeys and making new friends as well. I had met Marg Ross over Zoom at TAA meetingshow lovely to finally catch up in person.. Thank You to the club members for taking the time and effort to entertain us.



Presentation photos can be found on the clubs Facebook page.

I am pretty sure young Jackson sleeps with his archery gear....he had the best time!



Dale Furze: Douglas Point Score



On Sunday afternoon some of us stayed camping at the club ready to make a fresh start at travelling Monday morning. On entering the clubhouse I was surprised to see a man sitting quietly at the large table with his back to the open fire, a set of fallow deer antlers in his hand. He introduced himself as Dale a member of the club.

Dale Furze holds qualifications to measure deer antlers, pig tusks and goat horns using the Douglas Point Score. This club keep all records from their members, the scores going toward awards at the end of year presentations.

As Dale meticulously performed and recorded measurements using such instrument as calipers and even fine thread it became too much for Danielle and myself just to watch quietly. After asking our first question Dale answered and then explained each process as he progressed. What patience! I learned so much.

After he had finished we had some great discussions relating to deer and hunting. The deer lose their antlers each year after the rutting season. For many years that adult male deer will grow a new set larger than the year before. Dale expects next year to produce some records in the area as the weather has produced good plant growth.

An interesting exercise is to research the six types of deer in Australia: fallow, red, chital, hog, rusa and sambar. All are feral and now reproducing at such a rate that our ecosystems can't possibly sustain them. They were brought in from Europe and Asia for hunting and food back in the 1800s. The food industry collapsed, the British diet did not accommodate venison.

A check on their distribution patterns and numbers shows just how far these animals have now moved into the Australian landscape. On our way down the Hume Highway we saw a Sambar Deer dead on the grassy verge in the middle. Males can reach up to 300Kg, imagine hitting one with a small car at speed.

Hunting these animals is sensible. This club makes use of the animal eating venison and preparing the skins for use.

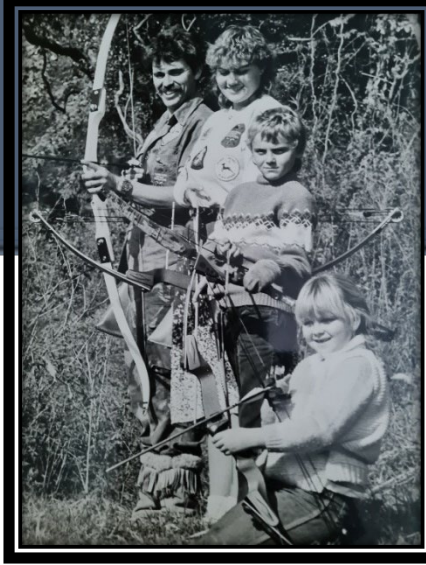
Thank you Dale for your time and patience.



Behind the Nock: A Spotlight on.....

Howard O'Connell

Howard's brief account of his very long journey in Traditional Archery



I got started in archery about 1979 by two Bowhunters I met from Darwin, Steve and John.

My first shoot was at Nowra Bowhunters about 1980. I helped start up Shellharbour Bowhunters and also was a member of Campbelltown Bowhunters.

Howard O'Connell epitomises what it means to be a traditional archer, participating in all its forms: Hunt, Field and Target. He is a quiet observer of people gaining enjoyment from helping others to improve their skills. His opinions are valued and often sought after by those wishing to draw on his immense knowledge.

The photo above shows Howard with two well deserved awards. At *right* the National Archery Crafters Guild Award presented to him by Nick Lintern in 2011. It reads:

*'Archery Crafters Guild
proudly present
Howard O'Connell
with this prestigious award in
recognition of his tournament
successes and outstanding
craftsmanship in traditional
bow making'*

Left: The Traditional Archery Australia (TAA) Medal presented to him by Keith Speight in 2018. It reads:

*'The Traditional Archery Australia Medal Awarded to
Howard O'Connell
On 4th November 2018
On behalf of the members of
Traditional Archery Australia
I take great pleasure in formally acknowledging your
exceptional achievements within the sport of
Traditional Archery in Australia'*

My wife Debbie and children Andrew and Melanie started about the same time. Later my son Ryan also started archery.



I started bowhunting in the mid 80s. The photo above is of my First Goat

In about 1992 I had cancer and as I had always wanted to make a bow I called a friend Jim Scott. We made about 3-4 bows together. Later I met Alfe Imber and we started making longbows together. After that I started making selfbows on my own.

In 2012 I went to Germany, Austria, Italy and Luxembourg one of the best times I have ever had shooting at many archery clubs. I have made many friends in archery and also love fishing, hunting, camping and cooking.

At the age of 74 years I still go to trad shoots most of the time. I travel a lot around NSW. I go up to Queensland about two times each year to attend shoots and stay with some great friends.



Above: Number 1 and 2 Bows I made with Jim Scott

Below: My Workshop Below right: My Bows and Quivers



Below: My bow and some Fun Arrows. The fletching was a challenge but they have made a great talking point.



Above: Bows I made with Alfie Imber

Below: My Selfbows

ARCHERY AND
FAMILY ARE MY
LIFE
~HOWARD~



Below Right: Just some of the awards Howard has in his collection. There would be trophies and certificates to accompany these medals. Howard enjoys going to the shoots for the camaraderie.



I have mentioned that Howard is a quiet observer who enjoys helping others and passing on his knowledge. I remember going to a shoot where a teenage boy was missing not only the target every time, but also the butt. Next day he had improved out of sight. I found out later that Howard had made him a new string for his bow and given him some shooting tips, all without any fuss and without expecting anything in return.

I am guessing the smile on that young man's face was worth more than any medal to Howard. There you have it in a nutshell.....the true spirit of a Trad Archer. *Leslie*

Badr Cup: Archery Ascension Victoria

14th May 2023

“The Day of Badr refers to the 17th of Ramadan in the lunar calendar. The Day of Badr holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims worldwide as it was the first battle fought and was a pivotal moment in our history and tradition. Badr ultimately represents unwavering good character, determination, leadership and unity. All that for us is represented in the practice of archery. The Badr Festival is done in this spirit to bring this community together, tell our story and celebrate past, present and future. This year was the inaugural festival and hopefully the first of many to come.” Omar Haniffa



Story Leslie White TAA R-E-P



Arriving at the Archery Ascension grounds situated in Narre Warren Victoria, we were greeted by Omar Haniffa with the warmest of welcomes. I had been in contact with Omar by email on a few occasions and had also met Arman Haque, another club member, over Zoom at TAA Club Rep meetings, but nothing prepared my husband (Towball) and I for the beautiful day spent with this group. Continual smiles, plenty of laughter and a deep respect for each other and their cultural heritage, this includes archery and a love for animals, particularly their horses.

Ammar at left in a photo I noticed on the club's Facebook Page. It expresses a moment between horse and human that highlights the place these beautiful animals hold within this TAA Club.

The grounds at Narre Warren are set out like a small farm. Fenced paddocks hold animals that belong to both Archery Ascension and other people in the community. Horses peer over the fence at archers and camels that belong to the club feed in the distance. Sheep, goats and Maremma sheepdogs are also a part of the calming atmosphere that is Archery Ascension. Maremma being herding dogs can be trained to look after the other animals. The club offers pony lessons and some members take part in horse archery.



As we entered the range area one of the Archery Ascension Instructors, Yusuf, was observed holding an instructional class. The club practices Ottoman Style Archery and newcomers must attend several sessions before progressing through to the next level.

Much of the early work is at close range to the target. Accuracy, safety and correct shooting form are the focus of these early lessons.



Families



Issam and his beautiful family. His wife mentioned still wearing her baby harness.

Towball and I determined the average age of Archery Ascension members to be at least two decades below our own. How wonderful to see so many happy, active children. The play area complete with swings and other activities was in constant use all day. Each family keeping an eye out for all children to ensure their safety and welfare.

Omar Haniffa, the head of the club, is an Occupational Therapist. His training in the physical, psychological and social aspects of human functioning are certainly evident at this club. Not one person was sitting idle, each performing activities that build skills and enhance independence.



Just look at those cakes! A BBQ with spicy sausages on offer and some delicious home cooked cakes and slices were there to tempt our taste buds. Under the watchful eye of the adults two young girls are collecting the money (right) and serving the desserts. I think I see that baby harness being put to good use in the background.

The Badr Cup

Held after lunch, the main event for the day was divided into three parts. The focus was on Accuracy, Speed and Power.

Part 1: At one end of the field there were a number of big circular hay bales each with an IFAA target. Three arrows were to count. After a practice or two allowed archers to get the feel for the distance the next three arrows shot were to be tallied and recorded.



Pick the odd one out. Noone had the heart to tell him you are meant to use a bow without a shelf. Towball snuck in using his longbowI can't take him anywhere! He talks about how much he enjoyed this day to anyone who will listen.



Part 2: Archers shoot at 3D targets lined up almost in a straight line. Each arrow needs to go over the previous target until the deer at the end is shot at the longest distance.



Part 3 - The Solak Run: A very entertaining exercise. I decided to sit on a hay bale under the nearest gazebo and just enjoy the antics. Two archers line up one each side at a different close Puta Target. On the timer's signal

they loose three arrows into the target and move on to a drum in the centre. Here they aim at a long distance target at the end of the course. They then move to a large hay bale on their side and shoot around the bale to another Puta Target. First shooting right handed before taking up a new position to shoot left handed. The course finishes with close up shots at the end Puta Target. If both archers finish with the same score the quickest archer wins.

This was a new event and confusion set in making the whole thing very enjoyable to watch. I cheered for both archers each time. Some were laughing so much trying to work out where to quickly move to for the next shot.



The archer at the hay bale introduced himself as Fun Day backwards. By the end of the day we had met so many people. *Dhaifan* it is, he was delighted with our pronunciation. The other person on the field is videoing him in action.



*These boys
were
having way
too much
fun!*

Sisters of the Bow



What a treat for me meeting all the young ladies at this club. There were many and names were escaping me as quickly as I heard them. Together we decided this group would go by *Sisters of the Bow*. They talked very fondly of their trip to Bathurst last year and meeting with Roma and Ian Fenton. “*Ian is like a Grandpa*” they told me....Ian would be chuffed to know that this is how they think of him.

On the right is Naomi from The Australian Horse Archery Association AHAA. The girls invited her over for the day to join in the fun. Back under the gazebo after completing The Solak Run, Naomi was observed turning in circles “*Where did I put my water bottle?*”

After much giggling from her *Sisters* she allowed me to take this photo. We could all see the water bottle in plain sight.



Omar left sharing one of his favourite moments with his mare Sadiqah

Craft and Henna Tattoos



True to Traditional Archery there was an opportunity to display craft skills and items. Two young men, Kevin and Tom, set out a table to display their leathercraft and other wares. Also under the same roof a young lady was following the artistic tradition of Henna Tattooing. I asked if the tattoo could be placed over the back of my old wrinkly hand. *"Of Course!"* Freehand she skilfully covered the back of my hand in a beautiful pattern, I wore it with pride for the next two weeks until it gradually faded away.

Thank You Archery Ascension

Just before the sun completely disappeared over the horizon a group photo was organised. Many archers and visitors had been welcomed by club members throughout the day and those still remaining lined up for this shot. We had made many new friends and this day will stay with us. Omar in the front row looking relaxed next to a puppy (Kobe the hunting dog) happy to pose. Towball with his white beard standing behind. I am on the far right standing next to one of my new friends Alma, we had some great chats about how much the club has meant to her and some of the customs she follows. Arman in the black hat is standing next to his wife in the back row. It was lovely catching up with someone I had only met over Zoom meetings. Just before we left Omar invited us to attend the Shot IQ Seminar at Northern Archery Ascension the following weekend. Unfortunately we were travelling away from the area and could not take up his offer. The guest presenter, Joel Turner was demonstrating The Shot Process. *"A thoughtful and challenging mindset on mental shot process"* (Archery Ascension Facebook)

This certainly was *One Perfect Day* for us! Thank You Omar and Archery Ascension.



White Rose Archery Klub VIC.

Roadie's Birthday Shoot

28th~29th May 2023

Story by James Murray
TAA R-E-P WRAK Vice President



Roadie has a few iconic hats...Towball thought he would need one more.

Happy Birthday Roadie!

He also received a small dinosaur target from Monica to add to his collection.

The Road to Roadie's

What makes the perfect archery road trip adventure?

Well for me it is the open road, great scenery and classical music on the radio. This is how it was heading down the road from Canberra to Roadie's Ranch at Carwarp Victoria for **Roadie's Birthday Event**.

I got away a bit later than planned on Wednesday due to some required dental work. The van ate up the highway with ease, ABC Classic radio providing the sound track. The plan was to stay at Nerrandera overnight but when I arrived I found that there were no rooms available as Nerrandera was a checkpoint for the Variety Club Bash!

I chatted with some of the car crews, admiring there various vehicles and decided to push on to Hay. The sun quickly sank below the horizon necessitating a reduction of speed and increased vigilance for the local wildlife! Arriving at Hay I found a comfortable motel and had a very restful night.

Up early and back on the road, I had to make do with the local radio station as the ABC could not be found. Can't say I am fond of country music. I always marvel at the stark beauty of the Hay Plains, beautiful in its emptiness. Soon over the Victoria border heading south, quick stopover in Red Cliffs for supplies. I like to support small independent supermarkets on these trips.

'The Ranch'

Campsite (right). Camping extends beyond the blue container seen at the far right side. The black dots in the sky are hawks that hang around picking off rabbit kittens and mice. The property is a farm and 'The Ranch' is bordered by barley fields.

The archery range is set on a disused section of the property, an old dam (above) sometimes fills with water and makes a great spot for the

running target. The tumbled down old homestead and old car bodies add character to this place. Roadie has done a brilliant job making the tracks through to build his ranges.



I rolled into “The Ranch” to see that there were already a small crowd of campers set up for the weekend. We unloaded my van as I had a load of Asian targets and cardboard backing for the Klub. With my van parked we set about getting the amenities (the emergency dunny) and range ready for the shoot.

More people rolled in, the campfire was lit but it was not long before we beat a hasty retreat to our various accommodations as the weather turned arctic!

Friday morning the weather was better and was spent setting out the field ranges for the event. Roadie has done an outstanding job in developing the facility with many and varied challenging targets amongst the mallee scrub.

The camaraderie around the campfire is what this type of event is all about, catching up with old friends, making new friends, stories of experiences and finding like-minded people. We took the opportunity to formalise the committee of the White Rose Archery Klub and to discuss future events at the Ranch. The Klub has big plans for the future.

The weather started to close in again so time for bed in readiness for the start of competition tomorrow.



Ray and Roadie



Throw another log on the fire



Above: Ray, Andy, James, Roadie, Towball and Rafi.



Above: Ray, Andy and Roadie
Below: Monica and Pauline



Andy from Dunolly and Ray from Bacchus Marsh decided the campfire area required a shield from the westerly wind. Together they used the Bunnings pallets that Roadie had acquired and bolted them together. A few pieces of backing were added and the alcove became much warmer. The temperatures down the east of Australia were very chilly.
Left: Denham, Ray and Andy



Saturday was too soon upon us and the assembled archers set off to do battle. One thing I like about Traditional Archery and the TAA is that we are all out there to have fun. No prima donnas, lots of encouragement mixed equally with a lot of good hearted sledging. The WRAK range is a challenge what with “Jurassic Park”, the arrow killing “Toad in the hole”, the “3 Rats”, the “Flying Goat” and the “Three Little Pigs & the Wolf”!



It looks like Wayne has the job of running the goat and rolling the discs.

Far Left: Wayne's group shooting the discs. Elroy, Matt and Roadie
Left: Those pesky 3D rats!



Above Left: The house of straw. *Above Right:* The house of sticks. *Below:* The house of bricks side view. *Right:* The Wolf

The three little pigs and the wolf. Aim over the fence. At left the straw house where the pig is close to the entrance. As you move right to the stick and brick house the pig gradually moves further back making them way harder to hit. Then the Wolf shown far right has the heart and lung visible through the hole. Be careful not to hit the buildings or the rest of the wolf.



The Flying Goat in pink bloomers ☺

Above: Two of the dinosaurs in Jurassic Park.

Saturday Night was **Roadies Birthday Party**, complete with a cake and some very out of tune singing of Happy Birthday to you... After much consumption of warming beverages, telling of more stories the crowd soon dwindled. Some unnamed person had decided that we needed an early muster on Sunday, there was much grumbling about this as us old farts need our rest.

Sunday was cold but we rugged up and sallied forth. After some strong competition and sledging the event was done and the scores handed in. Huge thanks to the WRAK secretary Leslie White for her efforts in the collating of the creative scoring sheets.

Roadie had one last event for us, a long shot out into the barley stubble with a much sought after prize on the line. We all missed on the first round but the prize was won on the second round by our new committee member Denham. The camp started to be dismantled but there was time for the presentations. The very flash Certificates being supplied by Leslie White were handed out by the Roadie. This was another great weekend. I would recommend that archers support future White Rose Archery Klub events if they want a really good time.

Coming Events.

- 12-13th August 2023 - WRAK Asian Event
 - 18 -19th November 2023 – WRAK Xmas Shoot
 - TBC- 2024- TRI-STATE Sunraysia Event – Proposed State Level event
- Epilogue: I found the ABC Classic stations all the way home.

James Murray

Vice President - White Rose Archery Klub



Denham
winner of the
WRAK
Johnny
Walker Stroll
Not sure what
the distance
was.....it was
measured in
Roadie steps!
Right: Andy
Guelen from
Dunolly
giving it a
try.



Happy 78th Birthday Roadie



Left: Denham from SA the new WRAK
Risk and Safety Officer
Right: Dave Lee from Broken Hill
Top Score by 100 points.
Both receiving a TAA hat.
Dave you wear it well 😊
All presentation photos are on the
WRAK Facebook





Thanks Roadie for a great time



Macarthur Traditional Archers



Target Thrower Novelty Fun Shoot

Sunday 11th June 2023
Story and Photos Leslie White TAA R-E-P



Mechanical FunJust Brilliant!

Arriving back home in Newcastle after our six weeks in Victoria and we are ready to go again. The TAA Calendar and Facebook had yet another shoot advertised for Macarthur Traditional Archers situated just South West of Sydney in Menangle Park. The club grounds are on a section of the Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum, making the outlook unique as we can see the old steam machinery in the background.

The club is in its infancy, the dream of Les Simpson a co-founder of TAA and the clubs President. This was their first time inviting all trad archers to join in for what turned out to be a really fun day. Helen Wreford the club Secretary and Treasurer purchased a brilliant bit of machinery called a Target Thrower. Load it up with rubber discs and it can be tuned to toss them at a height and trajectory to suit the occasion. We had seen Ferdie's home made invention at the North Burnett club in Qld, so it was exciting to see this adjustable one here.

Our son Scott took the opportunity to hop in the car and travel with us for a day's shooting. That's him shooting (*right*).



Targets in flight also means arrows in flight. Not only was this fun for the archers but also the folk witnessing them as they desperately tried to hit the disc with their Flu Flu fletched arrows. Did anyone hit the disc? Well yesoccassionaly and when this happened great cheers went up. It was very difficult to catch an arrow striking the disc with the camera, I would sing out that I wanted a photo, however the strike rate only moderately improved. There are arrows heading for the discs in the photos *above* and *below*, you may need to expand the photo to get a better look.

The club has a small membership at present, however the numbers on the ground swelled considerably when the Maydaan folk arrived. This TAA club is also in the Greater Sydney region and I am guessing this will be the start of more interclub action. The Maydaan had a fabulous time just as we did.



Setting Up:
Once the weather warmed up away it went, tossing discs for hours.

The Wand

There were three novelties at this event. Each one with many rounds of six arrows. Judging by the laughter and cheers I think the adults and juniors present would have been happy to aim arrows at the flying discs all day. But they must move on. Groups rotating through a hunt round and a wand shoot.

The wand was shot at 30m, 20m and 10m for adults. 20 points for hitting the red square, 10 for the white wand strip and 5 for a line cutter. The young ladies called on me to judge a line cutter that went between red and white, the score we decided on will remain a secret between us 😊



The Hunt

Using brand new 3D targets each archer built a score with their rounds of six arrows. There was no time limit.



Just Chatting

For me listening to Ayesha tell me about her thumb rings and her trip to Ascension for the Joel Turner Seminar in Victoria has given me great hope for Traditional Archery in Australia. The young people at Maydaan are passionate about learning all they can and they love coming to well organised events such as this.

About lunch time another group, The Medieval Society turned up for a shoot, they share the grounds also. A young lady from that group was keenly observing the Ottoman Shooting Style. She made her way to one of the Maydaan girls and gave her a lovely complement on her shooting form. The reply and thank you was just as humble and lovely. Witnessing actions such as this display of maturity and respect is just beautiful. Everyone goes home a little happier.



Ayesha's thumb rings.

From *Left*:

Leather strapped to the wrist.

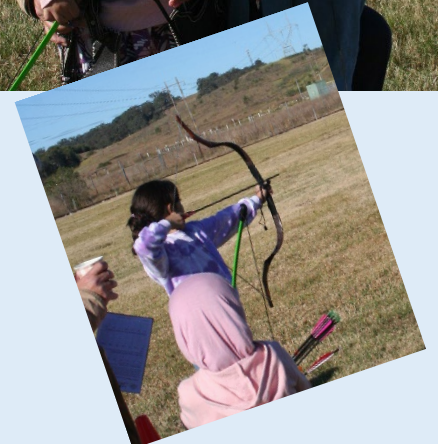
The V shape, the one she was using at the event.

One with a small leather hold for the string.

The circular shape.

Cubs and Dads

The cubs that turned up on the day were all young girls from Maydaan. The Dad's in the group kept a watchful eye. Well done girls!



A wonderful day for watching arrows fly



One of these young ladies in the photo above has just hit the disc.

Photo below: Scoring on the Hunt and looking for arrows. Amazing how they bury themselves in the grass.



Mohamed aiming at the wand. Typical of Ottoman archery he has more arrows ready to go in his string hand. At right his quiver; the design is a Maydaan logo. The calligraphy is Arabic for Maydaan and includes the arrow running up through the middle. Craft is a big part of Traditional Archery.

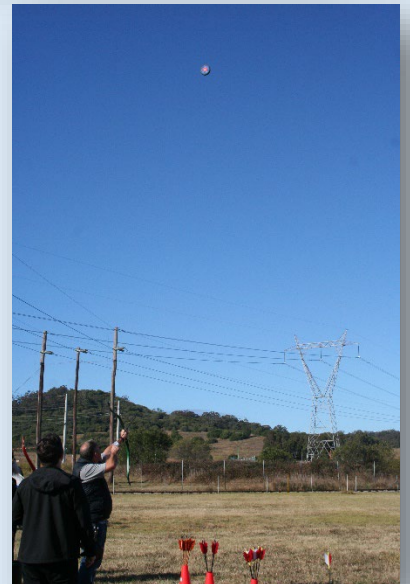


Happy faces everywhere we looked.

Photo left some of the young Maydaan ladies.

Daniya at left in the photo is the club's Membership Officer. How wonderful to see young people in positions of trust.

Above some of the young men. Paul on the right was determined to hit that disc.





Presentation

The winners of each division were cheered on as they received their trophy. It is always exciting for the little ones to be rewarded for their efforts.



Above and Right: Taarik the overall top score for the day.



Organisers and Helpers.....Where would we be without them!



At Far Left: President Les.
Left: Helen and her wonderful Target Thrower.
Thank you for the yummy lunch and a fabulous day, everyone had fun and shot a huge number of arrows. Well Done Macarthur Archers! Looking forward to the next one. Leslie, Towball and Losty

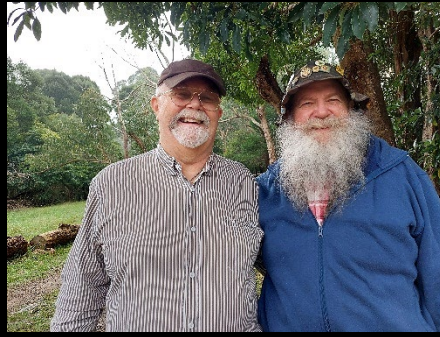


Let Loose

Stories from our TAA R-E-Ps Southward Bound

Article by Dave 'Towball' White

TAA R-E-P, Member of White Rose Archery Klub and HVTa



TAA R-E-Ps doing what we do best. Travelling, camping, chatting, laughing and having a great time all in the name of Traditional Archery. Camaraderie and good times with old mates and new friends.

Left: Howard O'Connell Above: Tony Justice and Towball Right: James Murray, Andy Guelen, Glenn McMahon, Towball, Leslie White and seated Grant (Roadie) Cawthorne and Rafi (unofficial TAA mascot)



There's no adventure in knowing where you're going!

23rd April and the wife (Mrs Towball) tells me the motorhome is packed and she needs me in the driver's seat. Now just to be clear, I do as I'm told.....most of the time, some may tell you different. I never quite know where I am driving to as the wife is in control of directions. 'Head for the M1 and turn South', she says. 'Yes Dear', says I.

It takes us FIVE days to travel 690 Km. First stop Les Simpson's, he has something for us to deliver on the trip. Les's lovely wife Sue made us lunch and Les showed us the sights around Picton; a lovely picturesque town. Rafi the dog is happy, Les has taken us to a dog friendly park for a stroll and there are many trees to mark.

I remember we were in Gundagai for ANZAC Day, it was a solemn and respectful parade, the beautiful horses looking the part. In Holbrook we stood next to a huge submarine, this is a town hundreds of kilometres from the ocean. Then the prize....I was directed into Albury on Friday ready for the The Twin City Bowmen Trad Shoot. The wife had been in contact with Marg Ross their secretary and had it all planned.

What a great shoot! There is a story somewhere in this issue. No less than six TAA R-E-Ps turn up. Howard O'Connell has already set up camp next to Tom Panic from Qld. Andy Guelen arrives from Dunolly, James Murray from the ACT, Tony Justice appears from Lilydale Bowmen. The Towballs making up the final two. We were there until Monday. I can highly recommend a trip to this club. New friends are made, the meals are great.....these friendly folk know how to put on a cracker of a trad shoot.

Leaving Monday we first have to find a shop that sells boots. The sole of my shoe fell off as I traversed the ranges at the club. Wife tells me I am a problem child!

The next week or so are spent sight seeing in Victoria's beautiful countryside. We head first for a few days in Beechworth.....the wife keeps taking photos of the autumn leaves. Watching an op-shop purchased DVD one night, the Paul Hogan and Michael Caton movie *Strange Bedfellows*, we laughed when it was based in Yackandandah about 20K away. We travelled in the next day, it's a little town with great coffee.

Back on the road and we wend our way through the absolutely stunning Yarra Valley. It is drizzling a bit and the winding road was sloping down. The wife can see the huge drop off and I notice her fingers are gripping the seat. She directed me to come this way....so I rest my case! The redwood trees are enormous and really worth the view. We arrive in Lilydale.

Lilydale Bowmen

13th May Heritage Shoot

The 13th May Lilydale Bowmen are holding a Heritage Shoot. The wife has been communicating with Tony Justice and we are now following his directions into the range.

We meet up with Tony and also Darren Dwyer who was at the Albury Shoot. This is another club with such friendly people. For those who follow Tony's Facebook Page, Traditional Archery Australia, this is the home of *The Gentlemen of the Forest*. Lilydale is a well established club located at the foot of the Dandenong Ranges. The club was founded in 1977. This ABA club accepts my TAA card for the event. Leslie stays in the motorhome with Rafi as dogs are not allowed in the forest and this is all beautiful State Forest. We understand completely and always follow the rules of the club.

This was a morning shoot, in that time we shot some sixty arrows at very interesting targets, some placed in very cheeky spots.



My shoot group is made up of Tony, Mark and myself. None of us take ourselves too seriously. The friendly banter and gentle sledging are all part of Traditional Archery and we have a few good laughs along the way.

The ranges have a covering of fog this morning adding to the attraction and beauty of the place. We always pack for all weather and really enjoy shooting in these conditions.

Back at the clubhouse a tasty sausage sizzle is waiting. It hits just the right spot after those sixty quick arrows. The clubhouse is huge and contains a magnificent indoor range. If ever you are near the Lilydale/Montrose area in Victoria make contact, you will be really pleased you did.

Thank you Tony, Darren, Mark and Lilydale Members for a great morning of shooting arrows, I had the best time. The wife managed to have some peace and quiet while she read her book.



In the afternoon I found myself being directed into a caravan park at Dingley Village south east of Melbourne. The wife had been in contact with Omar Haniffa from the TAA Club Archery Ascension. The club was holding a Festival that included the Badr Cup the next day. The wife has written a story that is included in this issue.

The club members all shoot Ottoman Style, fascinating to watch. The members are only young, mostly young families who absolutely love spending time together. Omar greeted us with the biggest smile, this is one very friendly club. We were having so much fun we lost track of the time and it was coming on dark as we left. Just as well the wife knows how to use the GPS as it was a good half hour drive through suburban Melbourne to get back to our campspot. Our children had given me money to take Leslie out for dinner for Mothers Day as a surprise. I decided that Monday would be better as we were both a bit tired and it was late. Take the time to visit Archery Ascension if ever you are in Melbourne you won't be disappointed.

Next day we dodged going back through Melbourne and instead drove down to Sorrento to catch the car ferry across Port Phillip Bay to Queenscliff. We had just over a week to get to Roadie's Birthday Shoot. More sight seeing. Little towns like Ballen, Daylesford and Clunes all got a visit on our way up to Dunolly, home town of Andy Guelen. Andy's wife Jeanna had promised to make me a meal of curried sausages. They taste just like my mother used to make. I brought home the recipe once and the wife said I could make them. So I did and they were swimming in water!! More is better right?well so I thought. I used a big mug to measure out the liquid. It did say cup but who drinks out of a tiny cup.

Anyway we arrived at the Guelen house and had a wonderful evening chatting around the fire and consuming those curried sausages. Jack, there eldest son joined us. I have known Jack and his young brother Luke since they were small boys. The Golden Triangle and HVTA have been travelling the thousand plus Ks to each others shoots for many years.

Andy runs the Golden Triangle Archers here in Dunolly. A great Trad Shoot each year in August this is one to put on your calendar.



Finally up to Roadie's range at Carwarp. The White Rose Archery Klub has five TAA R-E-Ps as members. At this shoot Glenn McMahon also made it six present.

The cheek of the man. At presentation Roadie awarded me Top Cub with an Encouragement Award.

I have been travelling to Trad Shoots ever since TAA started, however my trad calendar took a positive turn when Leslie retired and we began attending shoots together.

From 2016 we have been roaming around visiting up to seventeen clubs a year for their trad events. We have met so many lovely people and even stayed with a few. Fuel is expensive so we take our time and plan shoots within a smaller area. Victoria is perfect as the state is smaller with less road time to eat up your fuel. In six weeks we covered just over three thousand kilometres, Most of that was travelling down to Albury on the NSW side of the border and back from Carwarp near Mildura.

Based in Newcastle I guess it is easier for us to travel up or down the east coast. Many folk think it is too cold in Victoria or Tassie.....both beautiful states. We love shooting in the cold. Campfires come into their own and at night the wife fills up her hot water bottle and I jump into my sleeping bag onezee. The dog curls up next to us. Hope to see you at a Trad Shoot or Club somewhere.

Towball

It was wonderful catching up with so many TAA R-E-Ps on this trip, all die hard trad archers. Think it is cold in Victoria.....Glenn McMahon from NSW shot in his kilt on Saturday in Carwarp. I will leave you with this image of Glenn, Roadie and Angel the dog.





TAA Shoot Calendar 2023 Sticks and Strings June Issue

The Archery shoots included on this calendar have been confirmed at the date of posting. The clubs involved may alter the information as circumstances change. TAA ask that you check with the club contact for further details and also to confirm the date. The shoots listed are either Traditional only shoots or shoots that promote Traditional Archery but are inclusive for non-traditional archers. Thank you to all clubs involved who have submitted their dates to us this is much appreciated. **TAA Muster Event, Festival or TAA Club Event.** Cards may be required. **Updated (13/06/2023)**

June	Club	Name of Shoot	Club Contact
4 th	Tenterfield Trad Archers NSW	Enduro Shoot (capped at 40)	Britta bstrahl49@gmail.com
11 th	Macarthur Trad Archers NSW	Novelty Shoot – Target Thrower	Ph: 0417 405 431 Email: macarthurtraditionalarchers@gmail.com
17 th -18 th			
24 th -25 th			
July			
1 st -2 nd			
8 th -9 th	Wammenusking WA	Interclub Shoot	Ph: 0459 590 270
8 th -9 th	Gympie Field Archers Qld	Phoenix Muster	gfasecretary@hotmail.com
14 th -15 th -16 th	Far North Queensland Qld	TAA Queensland State Muster	fnqbowmen@gmail.com
22 nd -23 rd			
30 th	Sunshine Coast Bowmen Qld	Traditional Knot Shoot	John Ward: 0413 610 509
29 th -30 th -31 st	Mossman Archery Club Qld	Invitational	Phone MAC: 0435 734 640
August			
4 th -5 th -6 th	North Burnett Field Archers Qld	Traditional Shoot	nbfarchers@hotmail.com Phone: 0428 877 647
5 th -6 th	Golden Triangle Archers VIC	Traditional Shoot	Andy: 0408 546 767
5 th -6 th	Kurrimine Qld	Invitational	To Be Advised
12 th -13 th	Lakeside Bowmen Qld	Jules Trad Shoot Cross Partic.	mikeobrien1967@hotmail.com
12 th -13 th	White Rose Archery Klub Vic	Asian Event	Roadie: 0417 858 684 James: 0459 930 415
19 th -20 th	Townsville Bowhunters Qld	Traditional Shoot	To Be Advised
26 th -27 th			
September			
1 st -2 nd -3 rd	Tully Bowhunters Qld	Invitational Shoot-Invitation Only	tullybowhunters@gmail.com
3 rd	Maydaan Archery Club of Australia NSW	Maydaan Cup All Age Divisions	Ahmed Karat: info@maydaanarchery.org.au
9 th -10 th			
15 th 16 th -17 th	Break O'Day TAS	Invitational Shoot	Brady Young: 0478 610 187
23 rd -24 th	Southwest Bowmen WA	Interclub	Bonnie: 0427 440 365
October			
30 th -1 st -2 nd	Tentative HVTA NSW	Charity Shoot: Access Dependent	To be advised
5 th	Maydaan Archery Club of Australia NSW	Onbesli Cup: Juniors and Cubs Only	Ahmed Karat: info@maydaanarchery.org.au
7 th -8 th	Chinchilla Archers Inc.	TAA National Muster	Phone Glen Mason: 0499 992 002
14 th -15 th	Tenterfield Trad Archers NSW	Traditional Shoot	Jason: 0428 890 225
21 st -22 nd			
28 th -29 th			
November			
4 th -5 th			
11 th -12 th			
18 th -19 th	White Rose Archery Klub Vic	Roadie's Christmas Shoot	Roadie: 0417 858 684
18 th	Castle Bay Trad Archery TAS	Invitational Shoot	castlebaytraditionalarchery@gmail.com

Always verify with the club before heading off to a shoot. Circumstances can change. Check the date at the top of the calendar for the latest entries that have been supplied to TAA. Calendars are updated as information comes in, however it may be difficult to keep up with changing events. It is up to the archer to check with the club contact. Non TAA Archery Clubs wishing to have their Traditional Shoot placed on the TAA Calendar can do so by going through 'Contact Us' on the TAA Website www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org or by emailing secretarytaa@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org

Don't forget to take pictures (with Permission) and send a story into Sticks and Strings.

Email: gladioli015@gmail.com



Inc: 1400344

Tim's 2023 Challenge

Win a beautiful set of wood arrows



Inc: 1400344

On the 7th January 2023 Tim Fox, TAA's Shoot Director, sent out a challenge on the TAA Members Facebook. It read:

"My challenge to all TAA Members for 2023 is to get out and go to a club shoot which you have never been to before. Shoot with a group of people who you haven't shot with before. Introduce someone to archery and take them to a shoot or a hunt. GO...!!"



Photo: Living up to the Challenge of shooting with a new group a few years ago at Lakeside Bowmen Qld.

- Tim Fox ~ Chinchilla Club Qld
- Joe Ansell ~ Barambah Club Qld
- Mark Goener (RIP) ~ Barambah and Darling Downs Qld
- Towball ~ Hunter Valley Trad Archers NSW

Now we all know that Traditional Archers are always up for a bit of a challenge. We also know that having a great time with both old and new friends and introducing new folk to archery is part of the Trad Archery Journey. Therefore TAA are running a competition to find out who has completed Tim's Challenge in 2023.

Prizes:

- For the winner a beautiful set of custom wood arrows made to suit the bow and colour preference of the archer. Dave McGuire (Archery Bug) has offered to donate the materials. Dave Pender has offered to donate his time and skills to make up the arrows. The 'Two Daves' are both sort after for their beautiful arrows.
- Highly Commended entries will receive a TAA T-Shirt or Cap.

Judging:

There will be four judges chosen from the TAA R-E-Ps and Committee. Tim will have a say, after all it is his challenge. Their decision will be final.

They will be looking for evidence that the challenge has been completed. Creativity in telling the story.....add in a bit of humour perhaps and some photographs to help illustrate your efforts. Don't worry too much about grammar or spelling.

What do you have to do?

- Be a TAA Member.
- Remember this is Trad Bow Shooting!
- Just send TAA a story with a few photographs on how you have managed to fulfil Tim's Challenge in 2023. Easy....!
- Word length?? No restrictions. This is not school...we will be happy just to receive your story. Email to: gladioli015@gmail.com
- Make sure you have permission from the people in the photographs as the winning story and possibly others will be published in *Sticks and Strings*.
- Clubs visited do not need to be a TAA Club.
- Make sure you include your name and phone number.
- Open to all ages.
- Not all parts of the challenge need to be completed at the same time. Just throughout 2023.

When is the due date?

To give everyone enough time to meet the challenge the due date will be at the end of the 2023 shooting season. Midnight AEDST: 1st December 2023

Gympie Field Archers

Phoenix Muster

8th-9th July 2023



**Come and Try
our
TWO easy
walk ranges.**

**Close walking
to the
Clubhouse**

Meals Available

Friday: Free Sausage Sizzle
Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch
Dinner
Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch



FEES:

Family	\$100
Adult	\$50
Junior	\$10
Under 12	FREE

**Camping from
Thursday**

Pack some Flu Flu arrows with blunts for the novelties

**This is a Cross Participation Event running Two Separate Ranges
Novelties + Night Time Novelties for Everyone**

Compound Range

All faces x 20 Targets

Trad Range

3D x 20 Targets

Nominations to Melinda at gfasecretary@hotmail.com by Sunday Night 1st of July.

Please let Melinda know if you will be wanting meals at the shoot.

Gympie Field Archers Association Inc.
Lot 4 Barsby Rd, Imbil, QLD. 4570 PO Box 189, Imbil, QLD. 4570
Email: gfasecretary@hotmail.com or president@gympiefieldarchers.com.au Secretary – 0405 102486

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BOWMEN

JULY 2023

FRIDAY Camping & Dinner **14TH**

SATURDAY **15TH**

SUNDAY **16TH**

CLUB INVITATIONAL & TAA QLD STATE MUSTER

Meal package & Camping

Junior		\$40
Adult	16 Years +	\$90
Family	2 Adults 2 Children	\$260

Registration Fees

Junior		\$25
Adult	16 Years +	\$35
Family	2 Adults 2 Children	\$100



TAA guidelines and
classifications apply



REGISTER



TAA, 3DAAA & ABA
Cross participation

Registration closes 30th June 2023

<https://fnqbowmenarcheryclub.com.au/>

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White Rose Archery Klub



Asian Experience Traditional Shoot

12th~13th August 2023

White Rose Archery Klub invites archers to an
Asian Tournament

Venue: "The Ranch" Castle Crossing Road Carwarp
Victoria



Saturday 9.30 am Muster

10.00 - 1.00 pm Asian Experience Archery events

Lunch break

1.30 - 4.30 pm Asian Experience Archery events

Sunday 9.00 am Muster

9.30 am - 1.00 pm Asian Experience Archery events

Lunch Break

2.00 pm Presentation & Have a safe trip home!

NOTE: This TAA event is an Alliance shoot open to members of AA, 3DAAA, ABA and Independent archers but restricted to Traditional Bows only: longbows, recurves, hybrid, historic and Asiatic bows. No restriction on arrows.

Camping Facilities: The Ranch @ Carwarp has ample camping facilities suited to caravans and RV's, Pit toilet and shower available. Bring your own food and drink.

Entry Fee: Adults - \$30 Juniors under 18 - \$10

For further information contact

WRAK VP: James Murray

Mobile: 0459930415 or

Email:

begaarcher@gmail.com

For Camping dates contact

WRAK President: Roadie

Mobile: 0417 858 684





MOSSMAN
ARCHERY CLUB



2023 Traditional Invitational Shoot

Also Presenting — The Bill Hill Memorial Trophy

Friday July 28th 5pm till Sunday 30th 2023

This is to be a Traditional Shoot and will be run under TAA Guidelines.

Traditional shoot entails recurve or longbow and wooden and or carbon arrows.

However, all bow types will be accepted on the weekend.

Planned events (scored):

- Clout shoot, Opening event.
- 3D Bush course #1— 12 targets, x2 arrows
- 3D Hunt Course #2— 12 targets, x1 arrow
- Floo Floo [aerial targets] x4 arrows
- Running Pig x4 arrows

Novelty events (not scored):

- Night shoots
- Drone shoot



Unpowered onsite camping with
hot and cold showers available

Weekend Shoot Fees :

Juniors \$25- Adults \$40-

Family \$75-



MEALS...

Friday — Dinner \$20-

Saturday—Breakfast \$15-, Lunch \$20-, BBQ Dinner \$20-

Sunday—Breakfast \$15-

FREE Sunday lunch

MEAL DEAL \$75- FOR THE WEEKEND per person


Shoot fees and meal fees can be paid via direct deposit
prior, or via cash on the weekend

MAC - BSB# 633000 A/C# 140252362

REF# Last name & shoot/meal

Please email remittance with your info

(example: who, how much \$ and what for)

For bookings or more information: Ph: 0435 734 640  mossmanarcheryclub@yahoo.com

As the site is on the main road boundary and unfenced, animals are not recommended at this event,
Otherwise animals **MUST** be kept under control by owners at all times—MAC is NOT responsible for your actions

Mossman Archery Club Inc. * 6536 Captain Cook Highway, Mossman QLD 4873 *

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