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Your Quarterly Traditional Archery Australia News

Sticks and Strings



Save the date>>> March - June

Alliance Events. Festivals and TAA Musters

Rainbow Coast Archers WA Interclub Shoot 5th-6th March **Loxley Archers Tas**

Robin Hood Shoot 12th March **Twin City Bowman NSW**

Traditional Shoot 19th-20th March

Coffs Coast Archery Club NSW

Two Day 3D Shoot 2nd-3rd April

Barambah Bowhunters Qld

Traditional Archery Festival 30th April-2nd May

South West Bowmen WA

2021 TAA National Muster 30th April-1st May

Chinchilla Archers Qld

TAA Qld State Muster 14th-15th May

White Rose Archery Klub

Roadie's 77th Birthday Shoot 28th-29th May

Coffs Coast Archery Club NSW

TAA NSW State Muster 18th-19th June



Apprentice **Editor Leslie White TAA Secretary**

String Up! Trad Talk!

With trad shoots appearing on the calendar, clubs opening up again after the holidays and lockdowns, it is time for all of us to string up the bow and start enjoying ourselves.

TAA Web Page

Take a look:

New Shoot Flyers,

News, Photos and

All in one place!

This edition of Sticks and Strings sees us honouring one of Australia's well respected Traditional Bowhunters. TAA are now ensuring that the Bill Baker Shield is held each year in rememberance of someone who had such a profound impact on our sport.

It is important that legendary archers, such as Bill Baker, are remembered for the legacy they have left behind. Also enjoy our first hunting story by a young man who now hunts in some of Official Documents... the areas once frequented by Bill Baker.

I will take this opportunity to remind all TAA hunters about the TAA Hunt Safety Audit Form. This one page, easy tick-a-box form, helps to remind each hunter of some of the laws and basic safety requirements that need to be followed for a safe and lawful hunt. I will attach the form to this Issue. This form is filed with your TAA Club or TAA Secretary prior to a hunt.

Well I am pleased to note that the preparations for the Festival at Barambah are in full swing. A step back in time to learn the arts and crafts that stood by generations of our ancestors. The Flyer is attached to this

> The Flyers for the WA National Muster, the OLD and NSW State Musters are now available on the TAA website and are included in this issue. Keep in mind nominations are essential in helping volunteer club members prepare for these bigger events.

May I suggest that each of you visit the TAA Website. It is updated frequently and is the place to find our official Shoot Calendar with flyers. Also in Documents locate the Shoot & Equipment Guidelines, a handy preparation before attending the 2021 National Muster in WA and the Qld and NSW State Musters.

www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org Stay safe and enjoy your traditional archery,

Bill Baker Memorial Shoot

By Cecelia Horwood Lakeside Bowmen

Barambah Bowhunters and Field Archers Nanango Queensland

4th-5th September 2021

As the sun rose over Nanango on Saturday 4th September, I woke ready and excited for my first trad shoot weekend at Barambah Bowhunters & Field Archers. The weather gods promised a beautiful weekend of weather for our shooting pleasure and we weren't disappointed.

We arrived at the club to find the camping grounds full of eager Archers. At muster we were given clear instruction about the events for the day including some muchanticipated new novelties. I set off with my fellow Archers to tackle the first range for our two arrow round and was very pleased to find I was shooting on a substantially sized range with challenging shots of targets partially concealed by overhanging branches.



A "gamble" shot where you threw the dice and the numbers rolled dictated the peg position from which you shot at the target, however the pegs numbered 1 to 6 were placed in random order; there were shots with two targets and two pegs to shoot from which made the rounds more interesting; a number of targets were artistically framed by fallen branches; a wee pig was positioned high on a large felled tree trunk looking like he was hunting for something scrumptious to eat.



There were many interesting natural obstacles in front of the targets.....

For those of us who are vertically challenged, on one of the ranges we were shooting down at targets placed in a deep dry water causeway. The targets that were not self-explanatory and which had an innovative twist to them, had clear written instructions near the shooting peg so that groups of archers understood how to best accumulate points.





were varied and well thought out and included the "swingy thingy" - a large swinging dice shaped rubber target with two opportunities to gain points competing against a timer; the "grenade" - shoot 5 flu flu's to take down 5 toy grenades mounted on a wooden wall. This was a lot more difficult than it looked.

The "running pig" – hit the pig running on the wire from 6 differently placed pegs to aim from; a "running cat & fox" - hit the cat for 10 points and hit the fox for 5 points; a hunt round with various targets strategically placed; and an interesting variation of the more common "speed round" involving 3 separate targets each concealed behind a drape, the time keeper calls start and lifts a drape allowing the shooter a decreasing time limit to shoot each target as many times as possible while each target is revealed.



The weekend was not all shooting targets.



There were opportunities to meet and chat with other Archers, Perry Jackson from TAA had a Trad craft display including self bows, knives, leather arm guards etc.and the hungry hoards were all kept well fed and hydrated by the well catered canteen manned by welcoming volunteers of the Barambah club. The weekend concluded with the presentation of awards for the winners and the drawing of over 30 prizes donated for the raffle table.

Top Scores for the Shoot: Sue Wallace and Graham Cash. Ed.









I would recommend anyone who hasn't been to Barambah Bowhunters and Field Archers to absolutely give it a go at the next available opportunity. The weekend was an excellent treat for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The ranges were well organised, the weather perfect, the company excellent and I am looking forward to the proposed 3 day weekend to be held there in May this year which it is hoped will include a day of teaching/displaying some of the traditional crafts of Archery.

Cecelía Horwood
Lakeside Bowmen

Behind the Knock ... A Spotlight on Bill Baker

Legendary Traditional Bowhunter Inductee: Australian Archery Hall of Fame

A huge thank you to Ian Fenton for allowing TAA to use the words and photograhs from his own publications on Bill Baker.

Bill Baker passed away 20th August 2007. He was honoured for his outstanding services to the development of Bowhunting. Bill set a standard for all Bowhunters to aspire to and unselfishly gave so that others could achieve their personal goals. He was undoubtedly the most popular, best known and respected bowhunter in Australia.



Profile

In 1966 Bill joined the Gold Coast Company of Archers and one week later his father, Bob Baker, joined also and was a Life Member until he passed away in 1995. Bill loved his father who he credits for influencing him and passing on his passion for archery.

Bill held achery records but his heart was not with the round target even though later he entered the A.A.A. Nationals.

At the ripe old age of fourteen years Bill contracted the dreaded '*Target Panic*'. After shooting 4 consecutive arrows into a brick wall above the target at the Qld Indoor Championships (with news cameras present), Bill's archery passion waned.

Months later, his Dad left a couple of American Bow Hunting Magazines on his bed and a major turning point in his life happened. The next day, in 1968, he ordered a 55lb. Damon Howatt "Ventura" recurve and began his highly successful bowhunting journey.

Flattened twice by a Clay Pan Boar!

Bill's first bow was solid fibreglass with a cork handle, then a two piece tubular steel takedown bow using wood arrows.

Although he had joined a competitive club shooting target, field and clout, the teenager spent more time chasing hares on the field range than shooting target.



Bill Baker

Traditional Bowhunting Legend

Popular, Humble, Champion

Bill Baker over the years became a member of; Townsville District Bowhunters, Townsville Barebow Hunters, Cairnes Bowhunters, Snowy Mountain Bowhunters (Life Member) and Tully Bowhunters.

Bill's first bow kill was a rabbit in the sixties and he reckoned he never stopped learning.

"Boy I'll tell you it was a steep learning curve and I got a lot of rude awakenings!"

It was guidance from a bunch of mates in Townsville that he began to mature as a bowhunter.

When A.B.A. kicked off, Bill joined as one of the original members and generously supported venues promote all to bowhunting. His easy going, down to Earth manner and great sense of humour, made him popular. His Integrity and ability as a competitive bowhunter, plus his no nonsense approach in the sport earned respect. Always humble, Bill never pushed an image or promoted his successes like other top sports people. He took pleasure in helping others attain their dreams.

His track record in competition started with the Qld. A.A.A Titles, 1966-69, 1981 A.B.A Nationals (3rd Bowhunting), 1989 A.B.A Champion Bowhunter, 1981 & 1989 Master Bowhunter.



Writer, Traveller, Proffesional Guide

Forty years on from the kid with 'Target Panic' in the sixties, Bill evolved into a national bowhunting icon. Known not only for his bowhunting, but for his professional guiding with his company "Pacific Bowhunting Safaris" which he started in 1992. His passion for hunting saw trips to New Zealand 1977, 1989 and 2006, Colarado and British Columbia 1983, Nambia 1997, South Africa 2001 and Idaho America 2005, giving him International experience for his very successful business. Many overseas top Bowhunters, such as Americans Don and Lori Thomas, hunted regularly with him and became close friends.

Thomas is known world wide for his writing, wildlife photography and International bowhunting. Also a gifted writer, Bill has written extensively for magazines and has authored an Aussie bowhunting classic book "Born to the Bow". Bill said his major success was the places, the people, the memories held and gathered, while the bow and the love of bowhunting was the motivator that took him there....on the way he managed to topple a few fine animals. Bill Baker has set a standard that may never be bettered and with certainty, future Aussie Bowhunters will strive for.

Introducing 'Rossy'

Brian Ross, or 'Rossy' as he is better known, has been a member of Tully Bowhunters since he was knee high. He has certainly thrived in that environment, developing a refreshing outlook to life that now sees him as an ambassador for protecting the environment in this wonderful country of ours.

His University Qualifications: Bachelor of Science with Honours (Zoology), Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science), has given him a solid foundation for the impressive work he does connecting people to the environment they share with our wildlife.



Rossy lived in Cape York as an ecologist for six years, he led a sea turtle and feral pig research project with local Indigenous Rangers. He will expand on the ecology /hunting link in a later issue.

Rossy was awarded an Order of Australia Medal OAM for his leadership and work aboard the Young Endeavour, a youth program he was accepted into a few years after leaving school. Working with youth up in the top end is a passion he has put into practice.

TAA are very lucky indeed to have this 33 year old join the TAA Committee. He has taken up the position of Club Representative Coordinator helping our TAA Clubs grow as a family. His two monthly ZOOM meetings ensure our Club Reps are well informed of the business side of TAA with a strong encouragement for clubs to help each other.

Rossy owns 'Cockatours', a venture which allows him to guide folk on adventures up to the Cape in Far North Queensland. With his characteristic great sense of humour and big welcoming smile what better way to introduce people to our Country, its Indigenous Culture and People, along with its Wildlife.

Check out this link to his Website for a bit more of an insight into the character that we all know as 'Rossy'. cockatours.com/about-us/

As someone who has never been hunting I was curious as to what draws people to spend many hours in diverse environments hunting. I have asked Rossy three questions:

- Why do you hunt?
- How do you hunt and
- What do you hunt?

In this issue of *Sticks and Strings* he is answering my first question. Issues Five and Six will continue this fascinating journey.

Leslie

TAA National Secretary

Ethical Traditional Bowhunting

By Brian Ross 'Rossy' Tully Bowhunters

Why do You Hunt?

In an era where everything we do is microscopically scrutinised, having a strong answer to "why do you hunt" is as critical as rope is to abseiling. As a bowhunter, you could simply smile at a vegan and next minute you're in a heated debate! These days I do enjoy a good, open-minded conversation about the ethics of hunting, and especially with those who may not understand why people hunt. I believe what we understand as a hunter, especially a traditional bowhunter, gives us a connection with nature that few have experienced.

In my time hunting, I would have spent more time walking, listening, looking, feeling, smelling and observing than I have spent 'killing'. I know all of us can say the same and I explain this concept to people when they ask me about hunting. Finishing a hunt successfully with an animal (humanely) down is merely the culmination of the whole process of *hunting*. Personally, I hunt because I love to be outdoors. I love the smells that greet your nose during your first moments after leaving the car. I love listening to the leaves rustling and the cheeky birds calling as they court each other or learn to fly. And then, I love spotting the game I am seeking in the distance, and feeling that intense adrenaline rush and excitement.

A mentor of mine and one of our earliest club members, Peter Salleras, calls it "bushwalking with adrenaline", and I think he's spot on!

And then there are those moments shared with mates at the end of the day, sitting around a fire with a coldie (or a hottie) and telling lies about the day's events is the icing on the cake and what brings us together.



grown up in a traditional club with strong morals and hunting ethics. Members like Peter, Albert Agale, John Teitzel and Tim Sellars would not only tell us their hunting stories, but explain to us spiritual side of it. Although, I don't think I ever heard those blokes call it spiritual! At a younger age, I learned the importance of life and the significance of taking it, something that would have a profound impact on my life. I learned over the years, that regardless of what animal it was, it had a soul or a conscience, and the exchange between hunter and prey is something that should be respected and cherished. Regardless of whether an animal is feral, or native, it should be treated with respect. A pig or a toad, didn't choose to be a pig or a toad, but we can choose how we respect them.





Feral pigs cause severe damage to wetlands. This bulkuru would normally be a refuge for animals once it has dried and folded over, however it is often entirely destroyed when dug up for the rhizome.

Respecting our game includes being accurate when hunting and ensuring a quick and humane kill from a well-placed arrow. I have stopped hunting for the past couple of years due to a shooting problem and I refuse to release an arrow on an animal until my shooting is of a good standard. This is something we should promote in our clubs. I remember Albert watching me shoot when I was younger and saying "great shooting mate, keep practicing and I'll take you out soon." If hearing a mentor say that doesn't motivate a young hunter then I don't know what will.

Even the process of taking a photo of an animal once it's down is important. I see this process akin to the process of decorating a casket. I will clean the animal of dirt, sticks and leaves. I carefully remove excessive blood and set it up in a nice place with good light. I try and make the animal look as majestic as it was, before our exchange. I believe this is a huge part of respecting an animal, as merely ignoring a sow you've just shot and not taking a photo, means you don't value the life you've just taken and therefore don't respect it. And this is something that separates a traditional bowhunter from a dog hunter or rifle shooter. And yes, yes you should smile and be proud in the photo. You've just done something our ancestors have done for thousands of years. You've done something where often the hunter loses and the game wins. And you should show your happiness and how grateful you are for that experience and that life.

Sometimes just sitting and watching the behaviour of animals in front of us and taking photos is as rewarding as the hunt itself, and often pays back tenfold. The hours my brother Shane and I have spent just sitting and watching pigs from afar is bewildering. However, this has resulted in an incredible ability to read and predict the movements of pigs before and after disturbance. Those hours put in just observing meant we know when to move and when to rest. We knew when we could run and when we could get away with pretending to be a cow. We also learned where to position ourselves for an ambush, as one of us actively hunted and the other setup to receive the others once spooked.

Understanding the behaviour of our prey, not only helped our hunting ability, but it brought us together and to this day, we hunt perfectly in sync, with few words needed to be exchanged.

When I started hunting over 20 years ago, my *why* was certainly different to what it is now. I did hunt because I loved the process, but I also wanted the biggest and the best. These days, I hunt for the process and the experience; the mateship and the outdoors; the serenity and the challenges. I absolutely love guiding someone in on their first animal, as much as I do shooting it myself. In fact, seeing that euphoria on someone's face, after they've fulfilled a deep primal need and overcome all the possible challenges, is better than doing it myself.

I often refer people to a scene in the movie 'Avatar' where the main character hunts his first animal successfully. Before putting it to sleep, he puts his hand on it and recites a prayer in their native tongue to show respect, gratitude and humility. Coincidentally, I had done this for years before seeing the movie, and I have encouraged other hunters to have this moment too. To help the animal pass peacefully and to honour them and yourself. This I believe, is the final step in becoming an ethical, traditional bowhunter.

This is why I hunt.

Tully Invitational 2021

Written by Paul Sparkes

TAA Hunt Advisor and Risk and Safety Officer

It was first thing Friday, the car was loaded and I was off, not even the dark clouds or 150mm of rain could stop me from getting to Tully for the Annual Catch-up. As I pulled into the Club and looked around you could see all the likeminded Archers....

and just like that I was home

targets that people are shooting, or the amount of points on a scorecard. It's the amazing people and the unrivalled atmosphere that bring me back every year. There were many new faces who were warmly welcomed as well as many returning for another year of fun!

Covid didn't stand in the way of a good time, with over 100 visitors flocking in from Bundaberg to the Tip.



It's the diversity at these Shoots that make them as successful as they are, so thanks to all who made the efforts to attend. The amount of families and juniors who took to the course was amazing to see, and always a happy sight to see kids outside having a crack and not playing it through a screen.

The shoot saw us commencing with a *Moment of Reflection* to our past archers who are gone but never forgotten. Once the sapling was split we could crack on with the day. Shooters participated in 3 x 15 Target courses which featured Novelties such as a Speed Round, Running Pig, Trick Shots and the Tully — Famous Concrete Pig which saw us sacrifice many arrows to the almighty Boar. We may be able to start a pencil factory with the remains *lol*.



The highlight every year for me and the most comedic event is the Ironman event, Sorry Tokyo but you've got nothing on Tully's Olympics. This is not your conventional Ironman event but it didn't stop our keen and courageous participants from diving in head first (literally!).







Chef Bruce was catering and did an amazing job of feeding many Hungry Archers with the best roast pork in the Business. On Ya Brucie! In conjunction with Brucies culinary expertise, it's the ladies who help out in the Canteen each year that deserve a massive Thank you; we couldn't do it without you all!





As the night Carried on the Party started and the true Tully Spirit Came out, too many laughs and too many stories to share but so many to reminisce on as the years go by.

Can't wait to see you all at the next shoot!

Sparksy Out!

Are you keen to see more children and families enjoy our wonderful sport?

If so you can help by supporting TAA's latest club raffle. The prize this magnificent painting 'Wedgies' by Ian Fenton. Check the TAA Website for details. Tickets (\$5 each) can be purchased by leaving a message on the Website 'Contact Us' Drawn at the Qld Muster 18th May.

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Full Draw – Junior Tales

Featuring - Euan and Lucy Williams

TAA Members Home Club ABA Manly Warringah Field Archers Greater Metropolitan Sydney NSW

Euan's Archery Story Written by Euan (9 Years Old)

I got into archery three and a half years ago after watching the Errol Flynn version of Robin Hood. Dad bought me a bow and I started shooting a cardboard box stuffed with plastic in the yard. We joined the Manly Warringah Field Archers where we shoot with the other Trad archers. I shoot cedar arrows, that my dad makes on the kitchen table, from a 30lb longbow.

I enjoy archery because I like walking around with Lucy and dad shooting 3D targets. I also enjoy beating my dad, like I did at the recent ABA branch shoot at Lithgow. The best shoots I've been to so far are the Hunter Valley Shoots because they have lots of novelties and tomahawk throwing.

> *My goal for* next year is to shoot a rabbit and carp and to get a Robin Hood.







One day, I would like to travel to the US to build a selfbow with Clay Hayes, who I like watching on TV.





Lucy's Archery Story By Lucy (7 Years old)



I wanted my own bow because I was watching my dad and brother shoot at the club and wanted to shoot too. I am left handed and shoot a 16lb recurve. Euan and I lose a lot of arrows.

My goal is to beat Euan and win the club Cub Championship and for my arrows to never bounce out of the target.

My favorite archery movie is *Brave* and I also like watching *Meateater*, even though they shoot compounds, which is cheating.



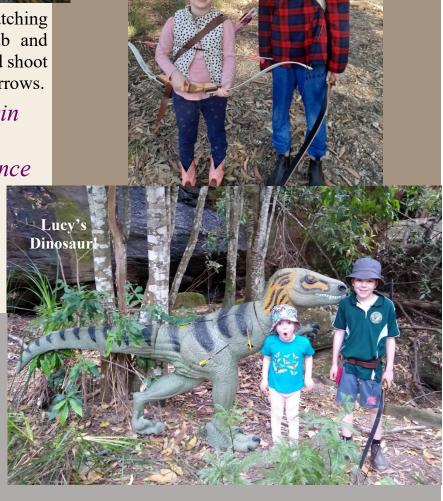
Great News!

At the

Request of our TAA Club Representatives we now have another Postal Shoot with Bugs. I like archery because you get to walk in the bush but don't like the leeches that are everywhere at our club. There are also lots of ticks and snakes but I haven't been bitten by either yet.

I like seeing the other club members and the sausages and cans of drink that we get after the monthly 3D shoot. I enjoy playing with a dog called Lucy that comes to the shoots.

Lockdow



Swat the Creepy Crawly Postal Shoot
All details are on the TAA Website
www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org

The One Arm Archer

Story written by Peter Van Der Molen Lakeside Bowmen Qld 17th August 2021

My name is Peter Van Der Molen and I have been involved in archery for many, many years.

A couple of months ago I suffered a work site injury falling on my shoulders and tearing my Subscapular. This was my major injury. It's a common football injury and in my case it meant I could not lift my right arm above my shoulder. It affected my work as a carpenter, but what was worse I could not hold my bow in my right arm..... I am a leftie.

I required shoulder surgery. The doctor and his team were great .We live in a lucky country when it comes to our health system; in my case anyway.



I'm lucky enough to live on acreage and I have a very good private archery range. So there I was sitting at home in the sun recuperating for the next couple of weeks just looking at the archery range. Not being able to shoot my bow was getting to me, especially when my archery friends kept asking me how I was going to handle not shooting a bow for the next 10 weeks. I said I would find a way. I have watched enough YouTube clips with archers shooting a bow with no arms.

So one day I was walking past my bicycle service stand that still had a bike on it with a flat tyre. I had a lightning bolt moment. What if I could mount a bow on the stand and use it to act as my right holding arm. When my friends Peter and Wayne dropped around to see how I was doing they offered to help me with a few things.





I asked them to help put my idea into practice. The end result is I can shoot an arrow up to 32m and I can get accuracy up to between 16m to 25m. So I'm a very happy archer and do not go stir crazy.

Coffs Coast Archery Club

Woolgoolga NSW

Hosts of the 2022 NSW State Muster



Coffs Coast Archery Club is just a stones throw from the lovely little coastal village of Woolgoolga in NSW. The club is set into beautiful State Forest perfect for Traditional Archery.

The welcoming CCAC members organised two very successful Interclub Shoots and Hosted the Inaugural NSW Muster in 2021.

We all had such a great time they are rewarding us once again in 2022. This year 18th-19th June the club are hosting the second NSW State Muster. Make sure this one is on your calendar.





The first CCAC Interclub is Calendared for the 2nd-3rd April.

This is an Alliance Event. Very relaxed, with no presentations. The photos were taken at this shoot in 2021.

TAA Members Rockin' Their Style in TAA Merchandise

Adelaide in her new Bucket Hat, "I love my hat.....Thank You!



Heather looking good in her Khaki Bucket Hat.



John and Losty in matching TAA Shirts and their new TAA Bucket Hats.



Brian Collett:

Always Ready for a Chat!

On a recent trip to Barambah Field Archers and Bow Hunters, located just outside Nanango in Qld, I spent time riding my E Bike on local trails, got to have a shot of a new bow I had made and caught up with good friends and members of Barambah. The club was holding an 'Introduction to Bushcraft Course'. While there I was very happy to bump into Brian Collett, I had not seen him for a couple of years so it was great to see him again.

Brian loves Archery!

He relishes spending time with like-minded people and getting out for a shot. He is a long-time member of Traditional Archery Australia; his home club is Barambah Field Archers and Bow Hunters.

A fair while back Brian suffered a major health issue, this saw his life change forever. Over the years, past TAA President Keith Speight and other Barambah Members have helped Brian realise his dream of being able to shoot a bow again. He uses a recurve bow and has competed at the Traditional Archery Australia National Titles in the the 'Roadie Para Division'.

On my way back into the club after my ride I noticed club members busy with a Working Bee, I then saw Brian driving the Barambah Tractor complete with Slasher in tow!

Through disability support Brian has found a young lady to once again get him to and from archery. Keeping as much independence as possible is so important after an incident such as Brian's and archery is a major part of his life. Communication is challenging for Brian and it helps if a pen and paper are on hand. By spoken word, simple sign language and the occasional written word he gets his message across.

After we spent a couple of hours talking, Brian wandered down to the Practice Range. When he'd had a few shots, he handed his bow to his helper and gave her a lesson in how to shoot.

Bloody good job too....she hit the target straight away!

Brian's determined, engaging and cheerful attitude can be a lesson to every one of us, he is a happy-go-lucky character, always ready for a laugh. If you happen to see Brian at a shoot, take the time to....





HVTA have had their grounds severely impacted by the extension of the M1. This massive undertaking by the RMS to extend the Motorway and build a brand new rail line will result in the HVTA club losing its entrance, much of the grounds and unfortunately the clubhouse, amenities and storage areas.

The buffer for the Conservation Area was the final blow!

HVTA have been on the same private property for the last 27 years. This club is the largest fully traditional club in Australia. ALL trad bows and wooden arrows. 100 plus members. The 'Gathering' has attracted numbers as high as 300. The 'Charity Shoot' has raised tens of thousands of dollars for different charities over the years.

The club was thrown a life line in late February when the property owner gave permission to move the buildings to a new location a little further south. There has been countless hours of negotiations between government bodies and the club committee. The road ahead is filled with hard physical work and many dollars spent by the club and its members. Hopefully the club will be able to gain better access, a new clubhouse area and new beginnings.

The 'Gathering' has been cancelled for 2022.

The 'Charity Shoot' this year is on hold. It is a wait and see. Both of these iconic shoots should be back up and running in their usual time slots on the shoot calendar 2023. Fingers crossed!

TAA wish Hunter Valley Traditional Archers all the best in this relocation.

Children are the future of our sport. HVTA have watched many children over the years fall in love with traditional archery. Photo: Over 30 cubs wait excitedly to take it in turns at HVTA's Balloon Pop in 2021.





Bowhunters this one's for you! As promised... on our next page you will find the TAA Hunt Audit Form.

After featuring Traditional Bowhunting in this Issue of Sticks and Strings, I was reminded of the artwork on the back of this T-Shirt. I thought I should take you all back a few years to the days when Ian Fenton produced comical T-Shirts to help promote an aspect of our wonderful sport. I guess they are collectors' items now.

Do you have one of Ian's artwork shirts? Take a pic and share it with us if you have.

Email: taasecretary@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org

If you've got this far and you're reading this, THANK YOU for reading our newsletter we hope you've enjoyed it. Also, a big thank you to the Contributors. Cover Photo: Caribou 3D Target at Coffs Coast Archery Club. ED

Want to be a Stringer (that's a freelance journalist) for Sticks and Strings, you can! If you've got an interesting story, a fantastic photo or something to share. Submit your contributions to the editor Beth Allott at membershipofficer@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org or on the "contact us" button on the web www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org or on

Shoot reviews should be a maximum of 400 words and 5 to 8 photos, inclusion of scores also encouraged. Permission from subject should be sought for all photos.

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"Protecting and Promoting Traditional Archery in all Forms"

Incorporated No. 1400344

TAA Hunting Safety Audit

As an insurance requirement this form must be lodged PRIOR to leaving for a hunt. Either to your TAA Club, or, for those TAA members not in a TAA club the form can be emailed to the TAA secretary: secretarytaa@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org

Full Name:			
TAA Member Number:	_ Date:		
Signature:			
Question	YES	NO	Not Applicable
Do you and your party have permission to hunt; by the land owner or relevant Government authority managing the land on which you intend to hunt?			
Are you legally allowed to hunt under the relevant state legislature?			
Do you have the appropriate licence or permit to hunt your quarry in the state you are hunting?			
Do you have a suitable first aid kit suitably stocked and the knowledge and training on first aid treatment?			
Do you have emergency communication equipment EG: UHF, sat phone, Inreach, PDB (Personnel Distress Beacon)?			
Have you lodged a safety plan with family, friends covering the duration of your trip and expected return date?			
Are you proficient in all aspects of Bowhunting and associated skills?			
Will there be alcohol and or drugs consumed?			
If vehicles are being used are they in safe operating condition?			
Do you have enough provisions for your trip allowing for delays? Food, water and Fuel			
Are you up to date with knowledge of Fire restrictions and extreme weather events in the area you are going?			
Are all of you a financial Member of Traditional Archery Australia?			



TAA Shoot Calendar 2022 (Version 1/03/2022)

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.

March	Club	Name of Shoot	Club Contact
5 th -6 th	Rainbow Coast Archers WA	Interclub Shoot	k.warnes61@hotmail.com
12 th	Loxley Archers TAS	Robin Hood Shoot	Peter: 0402 783 158
19 th -20 th	Twin City Bowmen NSW	Trad Shoot	Dickie: 0418487781
26 th -27th	-		
April			
2 nd -3 rd	Coffs Coast Archery Club NSW	Two Day 3D Shoot	Steve: 0419 984 300
9 th -10th			
16 th -17 th			
23 rd -24 th			
30 th -2 nd May	Barambah Bowhunters QLD	Barambah Traditional Archery Festival	Joh: 0407 455 016
30 th -1 st May	South West Bowman WA	2021 TAA National Muster	Bonnie: 08 9734 3213
May			
7 th -8 th			
14 th -15 th	Chinchilla Archers QLD	TAA Qld State Muster	Glen: 0499 992 002
21st-22nd			
28 th -29 th	White Rose Archery Klub VIC	Roadie's 77 th Birthday Shoot	Roadie: 0417 858 684
June			
4 th -5 th			
11 th -13 th			
18 th -19 th	Coffs Coast Archery Club NSW	TAA NSW State Muster	Steve: 0419 984 300
25 th -26 th			
July			
2 nd -3 rd	Abbey Medieval Festival Caboolti	are Qld Check Website: https://abbeymedi	evalfestival.com
9 th -10 th	Lakeside Bowmen QLD	Jules Trad Shoot secreta	ry.lakesidebowmen@gmail
9 th -10 th	Wammenusking Sports Club WA	Wammenusking Shoot	
16 th -17 th			
23 rd -24 th			
29 th -30 th 31st	Mossman Archery Club QLD	Invitational Shoot/Sleepover	Ph: 0435 734 640
August			
6 th -7 th	North Burnett Field Archers Qld	6 th Annual Trad Shoot	Pauleen: 0428877647
13 th -14 th			
20 th -21 st	Townsville QLD	Traditional Shoot	Wayne: 0429438925
27 th -28 th			
September			
2 nd -3 rd -4 th	Tully Bowhunters QLD	Invitational Shoot	Greg: 0428 312 340
10 th -11 th			
17 th -18 th	Break O'Day TAS	2 Day Invitational Tournament	brady.j.young@hotmail.com
24 th -25 th			
October			
1st-2nd			
8 th -9 th			
15 th -16 th			77 1 0 10 1 2 2 2 2 2 2
22 nd -23 rd	Tenterfield Trad Archers NSW	Blacked Out Shoot	Noel: 0421 285 859
29 th -30th	Barambah Bowhunters QLD	TAA National Muster and AGM (29 th)	Leslie: 0414 369 627
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19 th -20 th			



Traditional Archery Australia

National Muster 2021 Australian Championships



Hosted by Southwest Bowmen 760 Boyanup Rd west. Capel. WA



30th April / 1st May 2022

(To follow the Masters Games Archery 23rd – 26th April)

Competition Events

20 Target 3 arrow Field Round - 20 Target single arrow Field Shoot Speed Round - The Hunt - Rolling Disks - Running pig

Axe and Knife Throwing and other Novelty Events

Entry is available to all TAA Traditional Archers and the shoot will be conducted according to TAA equipment and shoot guidelines.

Available to download on the TAA website.

Divisions: Adults, Junior, Cub

7 Bow Divisions as per TAA Equipment Guidelines;

1: Longbow 2: Recurve 3: Hybrid

4: Historical/Primitive 5: Asiatic 6: Modern Recurve 7: Roadie/Para

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Craftmanship display:

Please bring along any items for the display. ie. Arrows, bows, leather gear etc



Fri night sausage sizzle \$2.50

Sausage sizzle \$2.50 & Hamburgers \$4 will be on sale Sat & Sun lunch
Sat & Sunday Breakfast (bacon & egg sandwich) \$4

Saturday night dinner 6.30 (roast and dessert) \$15

Hot showers available. Limited camping.

Club grounds will be open from Thurs 28th April.



Traditional Archery Australia's

Qld Traditional State Titles 14th & 15th May 2022 - Chinchilla Qld



Field Course and Novelties as per the current TAA Shoot Guidelines.

General Information:

- For the competition you must shoot timber arrows and be a financial TAA Member (Carbon arrows are allowed but will NOT be eligible for places and prizes)
- Nominations: Nominations are now open. The nomination form can be found on the TAA website shoot calender. www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org Please nominate as early as possible. Email chinchillaarchersinc@outlook.com with all complete nominations. Any questions phone Tim-0437 534 221 or Glen-0499 992 002
- Registration: (at Club grounds), from Friday 4pm and completed by 8:00am Saturday. (Cash ONLY, No eftpos available)
- •Shoot Divisions: Men's, Ladies, Junior's and Cub's
- •Styles: Longbow, Hybrid Longbow, Recurve, Modern Recurve, Asiatic, Primitive/Historic and (Roadie) Para Division.
- Fees: To be paid at time of arrival. CASH ONLY. There is NO eftpos available.

 Adults:
 \$60.00

 Juniors:
 \$30.00

 Cubs (<under 13 with Adult):</td>
 \$15.00

 Family:
 \$120.00

On Grounds Camping: Gold coin Donation

Itinerary for the QLD Titles Weekend

Saturday

Muster: 8.30am. Form shoot groups of 4+

 $\textbf{Shoot Rounds:} \ \mathsf{Two} \ 10 \ \mathsf{shot} \ \mathsf{ranges} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{3D} \ \mathsf{targets}, \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{3} \ \mathsf{arrow} \ \mathsf{walk} \ \mathsf{up} \ \mathsf{format}.$

Novelties Events: Hunt Round, Running Target and Rolling Disc.

Lunch & Dinner: Available (please notify if lunch will be required to aid in catering.

Dinner to be pre-paid at registration)

Sunday

Muster: 8.30am

Shoot Rounds: Two 10 shot ranges of 3D targets, with a 1 arrow format.

Novelty Event: Speed Round.

Lunch: BBQ style will be available 12:00pm – 01:00pm, please pre-order to aid in catering.

Event Presentation, Club Raffle and TAA National Raffle as early as possible to facilitate departure.

 $\label{eq:conditions} \mbox{Donations for the Club Raffle will be greatly appreciated.}$

Accommodation and Camping

Camping Grounds: Camping is at the Brigalow Recreational Club grounds. We have a Flat Camping area, with shower and toilet facilities, but no access to electricity or town water.

Club Ground Facilities: Toilets and Showers, Canteen and Bar.

Meals: Breakfast (from 7am) and Lunch available Saturday and Sunday, (Please pre-order to help catering)

Saturday night dinner (Please pre-order meals to help catering)

Early & Late Camping available: by arrangement. Call Tim 0437 534 221. Camping available from Wednesday Afternoon through to Monday Morning.

Small Pets Welcome: Owners to take full responsibility of any pets.

Address: Our club grounds are a part of the Brigalow Recreational Grounds. Ample camping area is available for everyone. Turn off the Warrego Highway at Brigalow onto Healy's Crossing Road. Follow this road 3km and turn right into the Brigalow Recreational Grounds. Please follow road signs and directions from Brigalow as electronic maps for the address will get you **lost**.



Traditional Archery Australia's NSW State Muster 2022



18th & 19th June 2022- Woolgoolga NSW

Field Course and Novelties as per the current TAA Shoot Guidelines.

General Information:

- For the competition you must shoot timber arrows and be a financial TAA Member
- Nominations: can be done online. Go to the club's Website www.coffscoastarchery.com and open the "TAA NSW State Muster 2022" page. At the bottom of that page you will find an online form, complete all the fields and click the "send' button. Should you have any problems, please email your details to: coffscoastarcheryclub@outlook.com.au and Simon will do a manual nomination. Please complete all nominations by the 8th of June 2022, to aid in organisation.
- Registration: (at Club grounds), from Friday 4pm and completed by 8:00am Saturday.
- Shoot Divisions: Men's, Ladies, Junior's and Cub's
- Styles: Longbow, Modern Recurve, Traditional Recurve, Asiatic, Hybrid, Historic and Roadie Para Division
- Fees: Can be paid at time of registration (day of event) OR via Bank Transfer at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

(EFT Payments: Acc: Coffs Coast Archery Club, BSB: 533000, Acc No: 100157294, Ref: Your Name)

 Adults:
 \$60.00*

 Juniors:
 \$30.00

 Cubs (<13 with Adult):</td>
 \$15.00

 Family:
 \$120.00

On Grounds Camping: \$5.00 per person per night

Itinerary for the NSW Muster Weekend

Saturday

- Muster: 8.30am. Form shoot groups of 4.
- Shoot Rounds: Two 10 shot ranges of 3D targets, with a 3 arrow walk up format.
- 3 Novelties Events: Choose from- Hunt Round, Speed Round, Running Target and Rolling Disc.
- Lunch: BBQ style, will be available 12:30pm 01:30pm

Sunday

- Muster: 8.30am
- **Shoot Rounds:** Two 10 shot ranges of 3D targets, with a 1 arrow format.
- 1 Novelty Event: Remaining unattempted event from Saturday; Hunt Round, Speed Round, Running Target or Rolling Disc.
- Lunch: BBQ style will be available 12:00pm 01:00pm, for pre-ordered food only.
- Event Presentation and TAA Raffle as early as possible to facilitate early departure.

Accommodation and Camping

- Camping Grounds: Camping is available at the club grounds, cost of \$5 per person per night. We have a Flat Camping area, with basic shower and toilet facilities, but no access to electricity or town water. Alternatively, the nearby township of Woolgoolga has a number of caravan parks and motels.
- Club Ground Facilities: Portable Toilets and 3 Hot Showers
- Meals: Breakfast (from 7am) and Lunch BBQ food available Saturday and Sunday, (please pre-order Sunday lunch)
- Early & Late Camping available: by arrangement Call Steve on 0419984300 (Camping available 16th to 20th June)
- All Pets Welcome: Owner responsibility expected
- **Physical Address:** Woolgoolga Creek Rd. Directions: 1.5km West of Round-about, then turn Right off Woolgoolga Creek Rd, just before Pacific Highway overpass.
- Website: www.coastcoastarchery.com or Facebook or Email: coffscoastarcheryclub@outlook.com.au

^{*} Adult shoot fee includes a contribution to the TAA Young Archers Development Fund and Forestry NSW major event fees.



Rainbow Coast Archers - Albany

Interclub fun shoot

March 5th & 6th 2022

Address: Simpson Rd off Chester pass Rd
All bow types welcome: Recurve, Longbow, compounds

Both days mixed targets 3D/vinyl targets

Sat sign in: 11.00 Start time: 12.00 Sun sign in: 9.00 Start time: 10.00 Shoot fees: \$30 for both days

Sat & Sun lunches: Sausage sizzle on sale Sat night dinner at 6.30 \$15 Sun morning breakfast bacon & eggs.

Please RSVP to Kevin <u>k.warnes61@hotmail.com</u> no later than 22nd Feb 2022





ROBIN HOOD ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Saturday 12th March 2022

Closing date for registration: Saturday 5st March 2022

A medieval styled archery tournament for archers of all ages & experience (Basic experience required). Enjoy traditional targets and tests of skill in a fun and safe outdoor archery environment.

Venue: Havenview Primary School, Cnr. Old Surrey Road & Marriott Street, Havenview, Burnie

Sign in: 9.30am Start time: 10.00am

Divisions: Open Men, Open Women, Junior

Targets: A selection from Popinjay / 5 ring colour Target / Wand / Hole & Split in Wall / Castle

with knockouts / Spinning targets / Knights / Bugs Eye



What You Need: (Compliance with these conditions is essential for competing.)

- Bow*: Longbow / Bare bow recurve / Horse bow (Strictly no Stabilisers or Plunger Buttons)
- Arrows: Wood or aluminium points <u>fletched with feathers</u> (Wooden Blunts supplied)
- **Equipment hire:** Bows, Arrows \$5 Please advise if required.
- Some form of MEDIEVAL STYLE CLOTHING IS ESSENTIAL to get into the spirit of things! We are more than happy to help with ideas and have some clothing for hire at \$5 if required.
- A plate of Medieval inspired food to share for lunch approximately 12pm
- Entry Fee \$10.00

For more information: Contact Peter Starr

Phone: 0402 783 158

To register: Email: loxleyarchers@gmail.com

Please note this is an Alliance Cross Participation event all archers welcome.

^{*}No metal handles (grips) / risers.

^{*}No modern spring / flipper rests.

^{*}No Plunger buttons or Stabilisers are allowed.



TWIN CITY BOWMEN INC. 2022 TRADITIONAL SHOOT 19 MARCH & 20 MARCH 2022

The Twin City Bowmen extend an Invitation to your Club and its' Members to join our Club at 626 Urana Rd, Lavington (via Albury) for our Trad Shoot.

CARBON/ALUMINIUM ARROWS
WELCOME

3D Round Safari with novelties

Novelties: Flu Flu; Long shot; Running pig; Beer Bottle, Big V

The cost for the weekend is:

\$70.00 Family \$40.00 Adult \$25.00 Junior

Single day shoot \$25.00 Adult (\$15.00 Junior)

Saturday and Sunday- Registration 8.30am; Shoot commences 9.00am

This cost also includes Saturday evening meal - meat and salads and TCB famous Deserts
Saturday tea only \$10.00 (Non Shooters)

Camping facilities are available with toilets and hot showers

The gates at the Club will be open from 12.00 noon on Friday 18 March 2022 till the
afternoon of Monday 21 March 2022

FRIDAY NIGHT BARB-E-QUE - \$3.00

Canteen facilities will be available Saturday and Sunday

A Bacon & Egg breakfast will be available on Sunday morning for a cost of \$3.00 per person

JOIN US FOR A GREAT SOCIAL OUTING AND WEEKEND OF FLINGING ARROWS

For further enquires or to let us know you will be attending

Contact:

Dickie Ross (President) Marg Ross (Secretary) 0418 487 781 0409 827 997

Visit our Facebook page: Twin City Bowmen



TRADITIONAL ARCHERY FESTIVAL

APRIL 30"-MAY 2" SHOOT FEES – ADULTS - \$60, CUBS & JUNIORS FREE TEST YOUR SKILL ON 2 X 15 TARGET RANGES WITH NEW AND EXCITING NEVER SHOT BEFORE NOVELTIES

- : FLU FLU ARROWS WITH RUBBER BLUNTS REQUIRED
- : SATURDAY 2 ARROW & ARROW ROUND + 4 NOVELTIES
- : SUNDAY, 2 ARROW AND 1 ARROW ROUND + 4 NOVELTIES
- : MONDAY. 1 ARROW ROUND THEN PRESENTATIONS
- : BEST OVERALL SCORE, CUBS AND JUNIOR'S
- : BEST OVERALL SCORE MALE AND FEMALE ADULTS
- **: EVENING NOVELTY SHOOT**
- : LIVE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
- : FOR THE KIDS, FACE PAINTING, HORSESHOE THROWING, BALLOON POPS & MORE
- : SHOOT DIVISIONS AS PER TAA GUIDELINES



MEDIEVAL AND CRAFT ENCAMPMENT DRESS UP AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

- : MEDIEVAL ARTS AND CRAFTS ITEMS FOR SALE AND DISPLAY
- : BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATION
- : TRADITIONAL TATTOOING.
- : TRADITIONAL ARCHERY CRAFT DISPLAY, CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOW WORKSHOPS
- : OTHER WORKSHOPS BY ARRANGEMENT CONTACT PERRY JACKSON 5432 4341
- Or EMAIL perryjackson@outlook.com.au
- : ARCHERY GEAR AND CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE
- : AXE AND KNIFE THROWING LESSONS
- : SILVERSMITH



MEALS AVAILABLE

FOR CATERING PLEASE TEXT JOH ON 0407 455 016

NO BOOKING NO MEAL

PLENTY OF CAMPING, NONE COMPETITORS \$3.50 CAMPING FEE PER DAY

TOILETS, HOT SHOWERS

DOGS PERMITTED, MUST BE CONTROLLED

COVID RESTRICTIONS APPLY

