

# Paringa Archers Newsletter



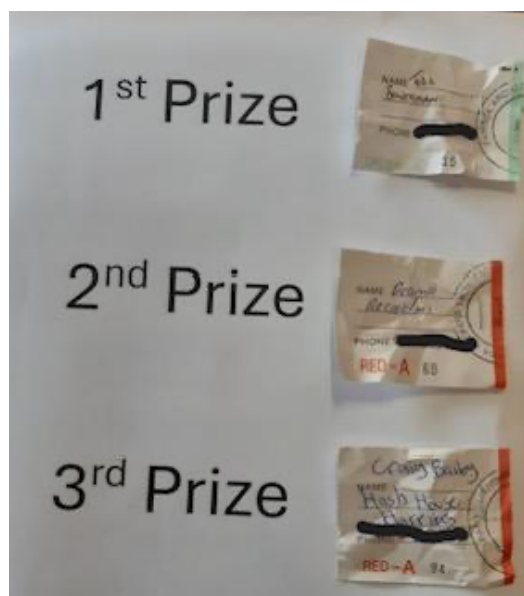
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## July 2024 Newsletter

### President's Notes

The next Working Bee will be 10am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024. See you there. Club house roof, Targets, gazebo footing holes etc.

The Raffle was drawn at the club noon Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The funds raise from the Raffle contributed to the purchase of the Hover Archery set.



Thank you to those that organised the Raffle, sold tickets, contributed to the prizes, and bought the tickets. Congratulations to our winners.

Tight groups,  
Jeff Garner – [president@paringaarchers.org.au](mailto:president@paringaarchers.org.au)

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## In Memoriam: Andrew Fluck

It was with heavy hearts we heard of the passing of Paringa Life Member Andrew Fluck. I am sure all members of the club will join in extending deepest condolences to Andrew's family and friends.

Andrew was a true gentleman and will be sorely missed in the archery community. He was a keen longbow shooter and was one of the few who still shot a traditional English style longbow. Andrew dedicated a large amount of time to Paringa and was both a National and Continental judge. It was always a pleasure to have Andrew judge your shooting, especially with his reassuring English accent.

This newsletter includes an extract presented by Karen O'Malley at the last Archery Tasmania meeting:

"We cannot let this AST meeting conclude without mentioning, with respect, the passing of Andrew Fluck last week, following a long illness.

Andrew was a Life Member of Paringa Archers and had given a lot to archery, both in Tasmania and Australia-wide. He became a National Judge in 2009 and had served in this capacity until 2024.

Andrew became a Continental Judge in 2015 and officiated at several Continental level events across Oceania.

Andrew was the Judges Director for Archery Tasmania until 2018, when he was elected to the Board of Archery Australia, where he served until retiring due to ill health.

Andrew was also instrumental in creating the calibration range at Hobart Archers to allow for consistency in our judges' range-finding devices; he was particularly interested in judge education and improvement.

Andrew was one of life's true gentlemen and will be sorely missed by the National Judge fraternity, as well as by those archers who knew him as a coach and friend in Tasmania."

K. O'Malley  
Judges Director,  
Tasmania



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## Competition News

### State/National Indoors

Over the weekend of 6 and 7 July the combined State and National indoor tournament was held. This was conducted by Van Diemen Archers and held at Paringa's indoor range.

A total of thirty Tasmanian Archers took part at Paringa, while Cornelis Krabbe from Burnie Archers shot from a venue in Queensland – That is the advantage of how the National Indoors are held, you can participate from anywhere. I think we should all shoot from QLD, would be much warmer!

A few Tasmanian archers stood out among the many National competitors. From Team Paringa, Robert Curran finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Nationally in the U18 Barebow recurve, while dad Trevor gained 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 50+ BBR. This was of particular note, as the 50+ male BBR bracket has some world class barebow shooters in it. Other Tasmanian archers of note included Stephen Potter from Hobart who gained 1<sup>st</sup> Nationally in the 70+ Compound, and Judah Holmes of VDA, shooting 1<sup>st</sup> in the U18 BBR.

Special congratulations to Paringa archer Jeffrey Green, he was part of a 50+,60+,70+ compound team with Damien Sinclair from Sherbrooke Archers and Daniel Teelow from Tableland Company of Archers. They managed to take home a National Gold in their team event. Well done!

The state and National placings for 'Team Paringa' are as follows

Archer	Division	Score	State placing	National Placing
Robert Curran	U18 M BBR	536	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Todd Bowerman	Open M Comp	1174	1 <sup>st</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
Ashley Roberts	Open M Comp	1082	3 <sup>rd</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup>
Debbie Drager	50+ F Comp	909	1 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Trevor Curran	50+ M BBR	1046	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jeff Green	60+ M Comp	1119	1 <sup>st</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jeff Garner	60+ M Rec	887	4 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Peter Mulholland	60+ M BBR	848	1 <sup>st</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>

The state also had some teams in the National event and their placings are as follows:

Compound, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Nationally:

Todd Bowerman, Toby Chalk (Hobart), Trev Rawlings (Burnie), Elise Dahl (VDA)

Recurve, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Nationally:

Sarah Haywood (Hobart), Cornelis Krabbe (Burnie), Amberleigh Muller (Hobart), Ian Bessell (Burnie)

Barebow, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Nationally:

Trevor Curran, Judah Holmes, Peter Mulholland, Deborah Unwin (VDA)

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Overall, it was great to see both experienced archers take place as well as a few for who this was their first competitive shoot. Well done to everyone who participated!



## Mid-week Shoot

Good to see a small group of regulars participate in the mid-week shoot. Like the social shoot, this is usually held at short distances and enjoyed by all who take part. This month Bill took out the 20m round shooting recurve, followed by Denise, Karen and Heather, all shooting barebow recurve. Jeff Garner and Tony Delphin shot at 30m, shooting recurve and longbow respectively.

## Second Saturday Shoot

Weather conditions were perfect for the second Saturday shoot, it got above 10° for a change! As usual a variety of different rounds were shot. In the 20/720 round, Bill Greer shooting recurve shot the highest with a 636 and Roger Emery wasn't far behind with his longbow, managing a score of 611. Of special note was Denise Frost, whose score of 574 was the third highest for the day, well done Denise!

Of the compound shooters, Todd put in another Elite Gold score and Jeff Green an Elite Bronze. Steven Finearty shot a PB by 1 point. Those compounders are growing in numbers, making up 4 of the field of 12. Mind you, would have been 5 if Peter was scoring as well.

Does slow up the shooting though, I think the single string shooters could have shot 12 arrow ends in the time it took for the compounders to shoot 6 arrows ☺ I did try to speed things up a bit by accidentally letting the compounders (including myself) to shoot before the whistle in one end – promise not to do that again!

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## Wednesday Night Indoor QRE

Good to see another good turnout to the Wednesday night QRE, with all archers shooting a WA Indoor 18m. Full results are on Archers Diary, individual scores were as follows:

Open Recurve	Graeme Barber	412
Open Compound	Todd Bowerman	579
U 21 Compound	Zac Buchanan	212 (1/2 round)
U18 BBR	Robert Curran	234
50+ BBR	Trevor Curran	514
60+ Recurve	Jeff Garner	490
60+ Compound	Jeffrey Green	556

For this round compound archers shoot the small 10 ring.

## Fourth Saturday Shoot

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July started out a tad wet and overcast and it looked like the shoot wouldn't go ahead. However, the rain decided to hold off in the end and 7 archers braved 15 ends. There were more archers registered but some decided it was much more pleasant on the indoor range under the heaters – I don't blame them! Looked like the weather suited the compounders best, with Todd shooting an Elite Silver score, Jeff Green a Grand Master Bowman, and Steven Finearty a Gold ranking.

## Upcoming competitions

Over the next couple of months there will be a couple of Field Events held to raise money for the AST members competing at the World Field Championships from the 16th to 22nd September in Canada.

The first event will be held by Van Diemen Archers on the 17th Aug. This is a 3D round. Breakfast BBQ is provided, and the cost is \$15 per archer or \$25 per family. More information is on the club noticeboard in the indoor range. Registration is via Archers Diary here <https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=b313abe4-8f01-4e16-9133-c547a0f34e67>

The second is being held at the Burnie Archery Club on the 31st Aug. Registration is via Archers Diary here <https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=469b8ca5-f109-4233-bde2-c1198e2cfe69> Basic Accommodation and camping is available site, Please contact Burnie Archery Club via email at [info@burniearcheryclub.org.au](mailto:info@burniearcheryclub.org.au) to arrange accommodation and camping.

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## **Paringa Archers Decathlon**

**Saturday August 31st, 2024**

**Practice 11am - Round 1, 11:30am**

**Lunch BYO**

**Round 2, 1:30**

**Shotgun Start**

**10 different targets, 6 arrows per target  
2 archers per target.**

**Flu Flu arrows and blunts will be provided where required.**

**Bare Bow Recurve or Longbows, maximum 40lb**

**Club bows available if you need them.**

**Distances mostly 30mtrs or less,**

**Variety of targets to test your skills including.**

**2 variations of Popinjay targets & other targets**

**Featuring the "wheel"**

**Come and test yourself and have some fun.**

**Registration, please text Roger 0458596310 or email**

**[rogeremery@bigpond.com](mailto:rogeremery@bigpond.com)**

**Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> awarded on the day.**

**Look forward to seeing you there.**

**The indoor venue is not available for the Decathlon and the shoot  
will be cancelled if conditions are too wet for outdoors.**

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## Social shoots

### Monthly social shoot

While the State/National Indoors was taking place, the Saturday saw the first monthly social shoot. The field numbers were a bit lower this month, could be because of the indoor shoot, but maybe also because of the extreme cold and icy conditions that week. The photo attached is of the ice still on the ground, and that was taken at two in the afternoon!

Dean took out the longbow event and Paul the barebow. I must have shot my lowest compound score ever, as I entered compound by mistake whilst shooting a longbow – still I suppose that is one way to come first, if you are the only competitor in that division!!



### Mini Clout

A bit of wet weather kept a few away from the mini clout this month, but a few diehards soldiered on. The morning shoot had 7 members take part, reducing to 4 by the time the second round started. Congratulations to Heather Delphin for top score in the first round at 50m, and Karen in the second round. Tony managed to hold out a challenge by John for best score in both the morning and afternoon round at 60m.

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## Archery In the Olympics

By the time this newsletter comes out, archery at the Paris Olympics will have completed. With the Women's individual medal rounds taking place on Saturday August 3, and the Men's on Sunday August 4.

If you download the 9 Now app on your computer or mobile device you should be able to catch any archery clips from the Olympics.

Australia had a quota of only two competitors, Peter Boukouvala and Laura Paeglis. Laura managed to get to the 1/32 qualifying rounds. Sarah Heywood of Hobart Archers just missed out on selection for the Olympics.

## Bow Risers

What is a riser on a bow, and are there any differences in the different styles you see?

Riser really refers to the handle of the bow. You could just call it a handle and you would still be correct; the term riser came about because the centre section of the bow 'rises' in a taper from the limbs.

Originally, the riser and the limbs were one piece, although they could be made of laminations of different types of wood. The riser section developed over time to provide added strength, durability, weight, style of grip, sight windows and speed to bows. Eventually someone figured out how to make the limbs detachable from the riser and the take down bow was born.

Take down, or three-piece bows initially had wooden risers, but different methods came about where the riser could be made of metal. Different ways of making metal risers included forging and machining, casting (usually out of aluminium and magnesium), CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machining, and Carbon fibre. The last two are the most common today.

There are lots of different types of riser, and this is most apparent when you look at compound bows. There are however three basic designs in the geometry, the principle of each stretching back to very early times in archery. These are deflex, reflex and straight.

A deflex bow (first picture) is where the grip section is further from the archer than where the limbs join the riser. It has a higher brace height. In general, this means the bow is relatively stable, more forgiving, but generally slower.

Reflex bows (middle picture) are where the grip is closer to the archer than where the limbs join the riser. These types of bows have a relatively short brace height and can sacrifice a bit of stability in favour of extra speed.

Straight risers are a good compromise between the two, with the grip more or less in line with the limbs.



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From these starting points, there are quite a few other differences between modern risers, much of which applies to compound bows, but also to recurve and to some extent traditional bows. These things can include:

- shoot through risers on a compound - designed to add strength and stability
- grip position, some are mounted closer to the centre, others closer to the lower limb
- weight – can add stability, but too much weight might also be too unwieldy
- grip design – lots of different types here
- balance – does the bow fall forward or back in the hand
- solid risers or those with lots of cutaway sections
- how many attachments there are for stabilisers and weights
- how the limbs are attached
- length of the riser/bow – a longer bow is generally more stable

The list could go on, so how do you decide? If you get a chance it is best to try out different bows, even if you can't shoot one, see how it feels to hold in the hand. Some will feel comfortable, others not so. Above all, remember that dollars spent do not always equate to points gained.

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## Scheduled Events

Scheduled Paringa activities						
Day	Morning	Team	Afternoon	Team	Evening	Team
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday			Club 90 arrow shoot	Karen Neil	Come N Try, Coaching	Jeff Garner Clint Freeman
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Social shoot		Social shoot	Roger Emery Dean Emery		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Come N Try	Alex Johnston (Dos) Trudy Johnston John Dodos Emma Hutchinson	Club 72 arrow shoot	Jeff Garner		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Mini Clout		Mini Clout	Roger Emery Dean Emery		
	Coaching		Coaching	Jeff Garner		
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Come N Try	Dean Emery (Dos) Debbie Draeger Tony Delphin Brian Swinton Peter Mulholland	Club 90 arrow shoot	John Dodos		
5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday			Decathlon shoot	Roger Emery Dean Emery		

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## Other Calendar Events for August

All entries via Archers Diary

August 14 Wednesday Night Indoor QRE Paringa

**Clint Freeman**  
**Strings**

Clint Freeman strings are made from the highest quality products from BCCY fibers. With over 20 years of stringmaking experience, Clint Freeman strings have accumulated in excess of 50 National titles, 2 World titles, multiple international podium finishes, 15 World records plus countless National and State records.

To help reduce any annoying peep rotation or stretch, Clint Freeman strings are constructed under incredibly high tension.

**STRINGS and CABLES**

RECURVE - \$40 (made from "8125")

COMPOUND - \$40 (made from "X" and "8190")

Mathews solo-cam compound string - \$80

COMPOUND STRING/CABLE SFT (5 total)  
(please allow one week)

\$115

**STRING/CABLE FITTING**

(This includes cam timing, draw length set and centre serving to suit nocks)

\$80

Colours currently available in "8125": Black

Colours currently available in "X": Black, Flo Yellow and Flo Green

Colours currently available in "8190": Black, Blue and Buck Skin

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