

Paringa Archers Newsletter



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September 2024 Newsletter

Up and running again

After all those storms at the start of September, it was finally good to see that on September 19 access to the club was finally possible. I am sure there were a few people going a bit stir crazy not being able to shoot for a few weeks, so good to be back again!

The field course is still not useable but hopefully this will be resolved in the not-too-distant future. It will need working bees and probably some professional tree removal to return it to a shootable state.

Gazebos progressing well



Some good news is that the last four foundation holes for the gazebos have been prepared. Thanks to everyone that helped with this. Equally good news is that the West Tamar Council has approved a grant that will cover the costs of the gazebos.

New Groups Coordinator and National Judges Candidate

Paringa has a new co-ordinator for school and party groups, Peter Mulholland has agreed to take on this role. Peter also recently participated in a judges course so you will probably see him wearing that red shirt in some tournaments to come.

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Past member John McKenzie - 100 years young 30th September 2024

Some of you may know John, and occasionally he still makes an appearance at the club. John recently celebrated his 100th birthday and the following is an excerpt sent to the club that describes John well:

*In Beaconsfield, where the green hills rise,
a legend lives, beneath the southern
skies, John, the archer, with a century's
grace, His bow and arrows, time cannot
erase.*

*Through forests dense and fields so wide,
His arrows fly, with strength and pride, A
hundred years, yet steady his aim, In
Beaconsfield, he carved his name.*

*With eyes that gleam like morning dew
and hands that know what few hands do,
John stands stout, a timeless knight, In
Tasmania's heart, his spirit light.*



A little bit more Paringa History

Despite being unable to use the club grounds due to recent storm events at the start of spring, our site at Trevallyn has developed over many years to be one envied by many other clubs.

In the June 24 newsletter it was mentioned that a council committee in January 1981 had been planning an archery complex in the Trevallyn Dam area. This turned out rather fortuitous for Paringa as the club was seeking new grounds at the same time, and an application for use of ground at Trevallyn was submitted.

The application went to a council meeting on 27 Feb 1981. The proposal for the ground was originally situated in a different location to where it is now, and there was a likelihood of sharing with a horse club, but only for dressage and probably once per year – might have been handy for those with horse bows 😊!

In March it was decided the ground picked out was not available, as it was too close to a picnic area. A new application saw the current location selected. Rather ambitiously, members were planning an opening of the new ground for November 1982. Interestingly, and planning ahead, the club was already seeking areas to be able to shoot indoor as well.

Much of the initial work in getting the new club grounds up and running, including applications to council, organising working bees, and drawing plans for the ground and clubrooms was down to Murray Frith.

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Apart from applications to council, some of the things that were required to get the grounds up and running included, grass seed being sourced, ground to be ploughed, prepared, and planted with seed, planning of target butts, signage, gates, toilets and, despite the appearance of the current ground, trees – yes, a lot of the trees you see around the ground, especially behind the target range, were actually planted!



I wonder if this was one of the trees planted when the grounds were first established!

Competition News

2nd Saturday Shoot

Unfortunately cancelled due to ground closure after storms.

Indoor QRE

While the mini clout was the first shoot to be conducted after the club re-opened, an indoor QRE kicked off the target shooting. Five people registered for the QRE but unfortunately Jeff Green forgot his release aid, so didn't compete. However, he did put up a dart board for members to use in the club rooms!

That left four of us – you need four shooters to conduct a QRE so just enough! It was a slow start back for some and it seemed like months since we all last shot. It was great to get back into the swing of things and fling some arrows down. Good shooting by Jeff Garner who maintains his ranking at number 5 in the National 60+ recurve.

As usual, results are on Archers Diary.

4th Saturday Shoot

Numbers were a bit down on usual for the 4th Saturday shoot, with 6 archers taking part. Good to see newcomers to the Saturday shoots with Duncan, Charlotte and Alexander Cooke putting down some good scores.

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World Field

Although no archers from Paringa were in the World Field recently conducted in Canada, Among the Australian contingent there were two representatives from Tasmania – Judah Holmes and Jay Moylan from VDA.

I'm sure many of you know Judah, who shoots barebow in the under 21 division. Although Judah has shot bows for some time he has only just started competing seriously over the past couple of years.

Judah managed to finish in fourth place at the World Field, only 3 points behind Hugo Lobb from Victoria. His overall scores were also up there with the top competitors from the open division. Judah managed to shoot the equal second highest qualifying round before going into the finals.

Jay also shot well and managed to place 27 overall in the men's compound and first out of the other Australian compounders. In the men's mixed team, Jay competed with Michael Fisher (Barebow) and Ryan Tyack (Recurve) to take out 9th overall.

Well done Judah and Jay! Full results can be found at
<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/?doc=6726>

Upcoming competitions

Calendar Events for August

All entries via Archers Diary

October 12	QRE Target round Hobart Archers
October 12 -13	Aubrey Brigg Memorial shoot. Day 1 Field, Day 2 900 rounds Hobart Archers
October 19 - 20	Southern AST WA/AA 1440 Championships Hobart Archers
October 20	QRE Target round Burnie Bowmen

Social shoots

Monthly fun shoot

Unfortunately, this was cancelled due to storm damage.

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Mini Clout

The first shoot back after the club had been closed due to storm damage was the mini clout. As usual the day was enjoyed by all. There was even a 'ring in' from Burnie – Tony Jones. It was interesting to see the majority of archers for the day were in the 70+ age group category!

Denise was the outstanding archer of the day, shooting above 290 for both 50m clout rounds. Paul came close with a 290 in the first 60m round and a 281 in the second. Yann and Tony did well – according to their entries on archer's diary they were shooting 145m!

Also, good to see Karen and Bella shooting at 60m and giving the others a run for their money!



Lots of arrows in middle



What is Roger aiming at?



That's better!



Denise and Heather out at 50m

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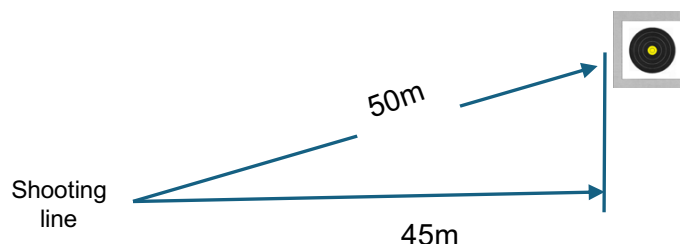
Shooting on Slopes

It seems a bit unusual to be writing about field shooting again, especially considering the damage done to our field course, but here's hoping it will be up and running again in the not-too-distant future!

This short snippet is pretty specific to field shooting and is about shooting on sloping ground. Believe it or not, what applies on a level target range is not the same when shooting up and down hills or across hilly terrain.

You may have heard some field shooters talking about making a 'cut' in their sight settings when shooting up or down slopes. In very simple terms this is because when shooting up and down hills you may need to set your sights to a different distance to what is marked.

Distances in Field are measured from the shooting line direct to the target, even when on a hill. From the diagram shown (not to scale) you can see that the distance to the target on a slope is longer than the distance in a straight line. When setting your sights though, because gravity has some effect it is the horizontal straight-line distance you use. In the diagram shown it means that although the target is at 50m you would set your sight settings for 45m. This will of course vary depending on the angle from the shooting line to the target. In theory, the same will apply both uphill and downhill.



Some rangefinders will allow for angles and work this out for you, but these are not allowed in field. Top shooters will work out the distances using trigonometry if they can be bothered, but it is much easier to carry charts showing distance settings at various angles (again sometimes these are not allowed), or simply memorise distances at certain angles. Regardless, you still need to be able to estimate the angle of the shot.

If you think that is complicated it gets even more complicated in certain circumstances. At very steep angles the sight setting may reverse, and you may have to shoot long rather than short. Drop away arrow rests may also vary when compared to fixed rests. When shooting uphill some people tend to draw short, this is especially so for barebow and longbow without any draw checks. In this case you may find the arrow will drop low rather than go high. By the way, this also applies to clout shooting. Downhill is the opposite. Some people also drop their bow arm after the shot when shooting up hill.

As an aside, when drawing a bow in field, especially on a downhill shot, it is required that you draw level with the target just in case of a misfire while drawing.

Just to add one more thing to the mix, when shooting along the side of a hill gravity has particular effect. The top limb will tend to want to follow the slope downhill. The way to help overcome this is to draw the bow with a slight cant into the slope. This way, when you get to full draw the natural tendency to tilt downhill will

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bring the bow to a more level position. This is somewhat easier with compounds using a level in the scope, but is easier still if you are letting gravity work for you.

Perhaps the best way to see what effect shooting on slopes has with your particular bow and shooting style is to practice on a field course. Once our course gets up and running again Paringa is a great place to practice. It only has gentle slopes but does give some sort of idea.

Now for the advertising plug – if you want to know a bit more about field shooting (or any shooting for that matter), Clint's book 'Clint Freeman – Compound Archery My Way' (Google it) has some good tips.

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Scheduled Events

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

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