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December 2024 Newsletter

Merry Christmas!

As another year draws to a close at Paringa Archers, members enjoyed a Christmas get together with celebrations at the club house on December 14. Some great company, good stories, and plenty to eat! It was great to see new members Sam and Amber turn up to be part of the celebration.

Many thanks to Wal, Shirley and Richard for preparations and decorations, to Tony for mowing the lawns and Heather for cleaning the club house.

Congratulations to Alex for winning the lucky door prize of membership for one year.



Some very happy people at the 2024 Paringa Christmas celebrations!

(That masked man from March was back again – this time he is half hidden by the veranda post!)



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Tony provided the club with an early Christmas present and mowed all the lawns for us.

Well done, Tony!

New Life Member

Congratulations to Richard Barnes for being voted as Paringa's latest Life Member. Richard is one of the longest standing members of the club and has contributed greatly over many years. Not only has Richard attended most working bees, but he had also assisted for years as part of a 'Come and Try' team with Wal, Shirley and many others. Richard also supported external archery activities at Deloraine and Sheffield.

Well done, Richard!

Competition News

Mid-Week 90 arrow shoot

The 4^{th} of December saw the mid-week 90 arrow shoot, with the usual group of people taking part. Jeff Garner shot a 50m Melbourne round, and John Dodos a 30m Geelong round. Everyone else shot the 20M Newcastle. It was a close match on the 20m round with Tony and Denise both finishing on 748 points. Tony just managed the win with 4 x's compared to Denise with 3!

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The mid-week shoot also bought some interesting sights with the cicada on the left and deer tracks on the ground.

2nd Saturday Shoot

Initially it looked like the 2nd Saturday shoot might be cancelled due to a lack of numbers, but overnight the entries turned from 3 to 14, so a good turn out after all. Trevor shot a WABB 50m barebow round on a 122cm face and Peter shot compound WA 50m on an 80cm face. A variety of other rounds were shot ranging from 20/720 to 40/720.

Congratulations to Jack Brown for taking out the 20m round with 598 points, Jeff Garner (recurve) with 663 (30m), Yann (BBR) with 562 (30m), John (Longbow) with 539 (30m), and Duncan (recurve) with 584 (40m).

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Other results are on archers diary https://archersdiary.com/ViewResults.aspx?id=00826f113-3b82-4449-b288-1abc1e684800

State Championships

Burnie certainly turned on the weather for everyone who attended the State Championships over 7th & 8th December – and not in a good way! Heavy rain threatened to delay the start of day one, but then held back to allow shooting on Saturday to proceed. The first 720 round went ok, but the wind came through on the second round with scores dropping in most cases.

The second day greeted archers with very strong winds which made going pretty tough. Shooting was cancelled in the first round after 9 of 12 ends as it became too difficult and dangerous to shoot.

Despite the weather, Team Paringa saw out the year with three participants, Jeff Garner, Trevor Curran and Peter Mulholland. All three were fortunate enough to complete their rounds on the first day.

Trevor took out first place in Open Male Barebow Recurve, Jeff second in 60+ Male Recurve, and Peter 1st in 60+ Male compound with the second highest overall score and an Elite Bronze qualification in the first round.







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Results can be found at:

https://archersdiary.com/ViewResults.aspx?id=0b64e7ca5-7688-4c1e-a041-1d8f3e7d5950

Upcoming competitions

Calendar Events for January

January 4 QRE Field 24 Target Marked VDA

January 18 Paringa Northern Field WA

24T marked field both days. Enter via:

https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Paringa%20Archers/finder?id=3003

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Closing date for entries 14th Jan 2025

Social shoots

Monthly social/fun shoot

December was the final social shoot for the year. Duncan Cooke came closest to the elusive '500 round', shooting a 487 with his recurve. Second highest score of the day was shot by Alexander Cooke. John Dodos completed the year winning the longbow division and outshooting Tony Delphin who had the highest Barebow Recurve result.

Results at https://archersdiary.com/ViewResults.aspx?id=0d48ab208-8860-4381-9e3f-5cd2abd3fe3c

From 2025 this shoot will be re-named the 1st Saturday shoot to reflect that it does not restrict any bow type from entering. The round remains 30, 25, 20m all on a large face and 3 ends at each distance. Two rounds are shot, commencing at 11am practice. There is usually another practice prior to the second round.

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Full Size Clout Shoot

Thanks to some groundwork by Yann, Dean, Jeff and Peter the club has obtained the use of a full-size clout ground at Cressy. Clout is shot over 6 ends (the same as mini clout) and at distances of 180m, 165m, 145m, 125m and 100m depending on bow type and age group.

The first shoot will take place on Sunday 9th February and entry is via archers diary: https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=adaa0c85-9b89-4c6f-9eff-25a354f5faaf

Two clout rounds will be shot, one morning and one afternoon. You don't have to shoot your official distance unless you want to claim a 'valid' score for the purpose of classification or records. The official distances for each bow division / age class can be downloaded here:

https://archeryaustralia.app.box.com/s/oq89ohzkz8qw27lvyodInf88u2r8huhq

The ground is located at Smithfield, 566 Powranna Rd, Cressy. You will need to bring some lunch and drinks.

If you have never shot clout before, or have only done the mini clout, give it a go. It is great fun! You don't need any special equipment, just normal target arrows and bows, although compound bows may find it easier with a prism or mirror sight for aiming. I will put a few tips on how to shoot clout in the next newsletter.









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