

NNSW Branch Newsletter

March 2011



Jayden Huckstadt



Lynne Fairhall

Congratulations Jayden as you are the winner of the cub club sports person for 2010 and I hope the \$250.00 that the NNSW Branch has awarded you will help you in your sport.

Congratulations also to Ray Thoroughgood not pictured for being awarded the Junior club sports person for 2010;

Lynne Fairhall received a watch for her 8 years service as Branch Secretary after resigning and she will be more involved within ABA as National Director of Coaching.

We wish her all the best in her new role.

Branch Controllers Report

Well the 2011 year is well on its way and the World Bowhunter Championships is nearly upon us. I would remind members attending this event that you need to read the rules and divisions before you start the first days competition as the divisions and rules are different then our standard IFAA rounds. With the ABA National Safari to be held a couple of days after it would be good to take as much spare equipment to complete all the days rounds but if you need to purchase equipment I know that Archery Addiction and all the other shops will be attending these shoots.

I have added in this issue the National Executive minutes for all the members to read and I am glad to see that some changes have been made to the rules and I am sure you will approve of them after reading the minutes. I will add a Notice Board section within this Newsletter so you can read them.

I would like to congratulate both Jayden Huckstadt and Ray Thoroughgood for being awarded the club sports people within NNSW Branch and I know that they are deserving of this recognition and I hope the \$250.00 each will help them enjoy our sport more. Congratulations to all the other nominated cubs and juniors and it was a hard decision for our Branch Executive to choose a winner. I will post the other nominees names in this issue as well as have a picture of them.

Thankyou Lynne for all your time and commitment to the Branch Secretaries position and you will be missed but I know that after 8 years in this position you are looking to move over for someone else to step up and help our Branch. I hope the new role of NDC will be challenging and exciting and I know that if you put as much time and effort into the NDC role as you did as Branch Secretary the Coaching within ABA will be successful and professional y run. I hope you like the watch we gave you and it reminds you of the members of NNSW and the appreciation of the work you have done for our members and clubs.

I thank Michael Potter from the Macleay club for stepping up and doing the Secretaries job until the next Branch AGM and then if he wants to continue in this role he can then be elected by the members. I know that Cathie and Geoff will support Michael and help him settle in and help take some of the pressure off him for a little while until he gets a feel for this position.

I have asked the club reps to have the clubs send me the club minutes after all the club meetings and I have been told that clubs aren't holding meetings at least 2 to 3 times a year and I would ask clubs to look at your constitutional requirements for meetings and if you are not holding the required number of meetings that you start holding meetings by these constitutional requirements. The club ABA reps attend a Branch meeting 4 times a year and we report on important changes within ABA and it would be good to hold your meetings after ours so the reps can pass on to the clubs executive things of importance and the they can pass them down to the members.

I ask that from now on the clubs send the Branch Secretary the items the clubs have moved and passed that they wish to have brought up at the Branch meetings so that we get time to look at some of the issues before we have the meeting. The problem with things coming off the floor all the time is that it takes up so much time trying to explain things to the other club reps and this makes our meetings take at least 2 or more hours to complete.

NNSW Branch Safety Programme

Copy right Australian Bowhunters Association Inc (ABA)

Below please find set out a site inspection programme for your Archery Club. The list provided should not be considered as complete for your site. It is a generic list only that should assist you the Safety Officer for your club in identifying issues that may lead to injuries or worse. I have included a few items that you should implement immediately at your club.

1. Visitor & member sign in & sign out book. All visitors to site must be signed in & out by a member of the club. Preferably this should be either the president or coach. It should detail name & address of visitor along with the date & time they arrived & departed. The member's book should also record name, date, time arrived & time departed. There should also be an area to note on what range they were shooting as well as a black board also noting who they are & where they are shooting. This ensures that if any claim is made against the club or its Executive that the person can be verified as being on site.
2. Working Log of all Working Bees is to be kept detailing who attended the Working Bee, what equipment was bought by each person, who reviewed that all equipment was in safe working order & what PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) was used. In regards to any power tools someone must certify if the person using the equipment can safely operate that equipment even if that equipment is their own. Whilst on club grounds all Executive Members are responsible for all actions taken on site. **This may need to be re enforced with all Club Executive members.**
3. Every 3 or 6 months the Range Captain & the Club Safety Officer need to be recorded as walking all ranges looking for safety issues. These reviews need to be documented with any issues noted & how they were rectified. Range Captains must not create a difficult shot that creates a dangerous situation just for the sake of the shot. Many a good Range Captain can make simple shots very difficult. Shooting between tree limbs or branches is also not a safe way to create a shot. Deflections can occur & have, so take care. Walkways leading away from targets must also not go behind a target they must go off to the side & away from the target area. It is a simple idea that both the Range Captain & the Safety Officer & maybe one volunteer wear Hi Viz vest & view what is visible before & after each target to get a better understanding of your range layout as people walk away & to the next targets.

In closing this part of the letter it is important that the position of Club Safety Representative is included in your Clubs Constitution. Wether it is an elected or appointed position within the constitution. It should detail the role of the Safety Officer & the authority given to them in regards to safety issues. While Safety Officers are the focal point for Safety they are not solely responsible for safety. That role belongs to every financial adult member of the club. In closing please remember in safety -

Common Sense Over-rules Everything.

Archery alliance of Australia

Taken from ABA Website

Also new visiting archer provisions have been agreed. AA will implement these new visitor provisions from the 1st January 2011 whereas ABA and 3D AAA already have these provisions in place. The clubs of each organisation, if they choose to implement new visitor provisions, will be able to allow visitors from the other organisations to attend at their club on a limited basis. This will be enabled under the respective visitor provisions or temporary membership arrangements of the three organisations.

The intent of this policy is to allow AA, ABA and 3DAAA members to participate as visitors up to a total of 3 times in a year at another association's clubs, (where clubs agree to allow visitors). The policy is not to circumvent the obligation for a visiting archer to join the respective organisation, should they wish to become a regular participant (more than 3 visits) at that organisation. A Temporary Affiliate/Visitor form is to be completed for each visit and Club's are to forward a copy of these forms periodically to their respective National Body. Of course a club has the right to approve/reject the participation of any visitor to their venue, however it is hoped that clubs will take advantage of the framework that has been put in place. Archers wishing to visit a club of another association should always first contact that club.

NNSW Branch Cub and Junior Club Sports person nominees 2010



From left to right: Jarrod Morrissey, Jayden Huckstadt, Tiarne Morrissey, Wyatt Gavin and Tyson Bailey not in picture.

Congratulations on your nominations from you clubs and keep up the good work.

Cross Participation AA and 3DAAA

Copied from Controllers lounge ABA website

Hi Guys,

I thought it was time to try and explain the cross participation arrangements agreed upon by the Archery Alliance of Australia (AAoA). You will now notice in the Archery Action with Outdoor Connections Mag (AAWOC) that the calendar shows all three organisations shoots. These are the shoots that members can cross participate in.

So if a 3DAAA or AA member wishes to shoot an ABA shoot and it is on the calendar (basically Branch/State and National shoots) they come along, sign a form that is found on the website (no I can't do a link, cause I don't know how) pay their money and away they go. BUT, they only participate, not compete ie can't win trophies etc. We don't run a participants division.

If you are unsure of their shooting ability you are able to get a coach/instructor to get them to do a basic proficiency shoot. Again basic, say shoot a couple of arrows at 20 metres.

Remember nerves do come into this, so please take it easy on these people. I only want you to look for safety issues, ie they know where to point and have basic skills with a bow. This test is not designed for everyone that comes to your shoots, just the people that you think may be very new to archery ie. been a member of the other organisation for a week or three. Please use your common sense, but don't abuse your authority.

Once the form is completed the information on the form is to be forwarded to the Executive Director ABA within one month. It does not have to be the full form, but just the info on the form, so if you want to just put the info on an email and spear it off to Eric that would be fine.

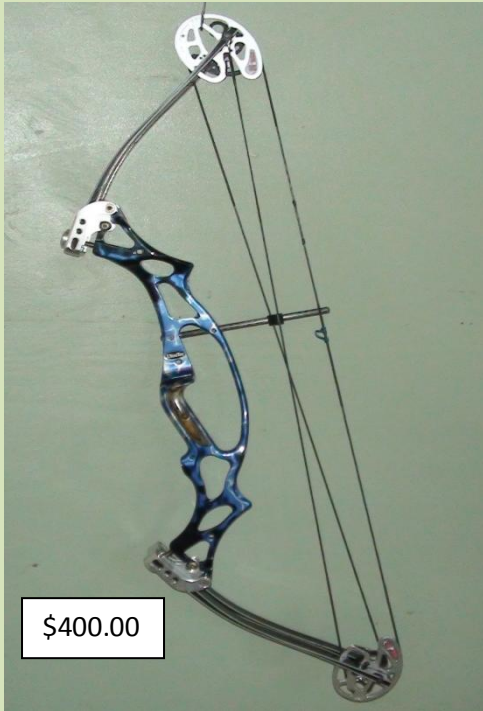
Note if you are asked, these non members of ABA are not allowed to shoot in an IFAA event such as the WBHC at Wagga or the Pacific Region IFAA's in June, unless they are a member of ABA or IFAA.

Similarly if an ABA member decides to attend a 3DAAA or AA shoot, we participate not compete, we sign a form and follow the rules of that association.

Hope I have explained, not confused

by [Tony H](#) » Mon Jan 31, 2011 8:32 pm

For sale



\$400.00

RH Hoyt Ultratec 28" t0 30". 50lb – 60lb



\$650.00

RH Martin C4 Cougar 28" - 30" 50lb-60lb +Extras



\$500.00

Darton RH Morauder 28"-30" 60lb max with extras.



\$500.00

Hoyt Supertec RH 29" draw specific 60lb



Martin Gazel LH 40lb max 24" -

Contact Peter Fairhall on 0419436877

Branch Score Recorders Report

Hi All,

I would like to explain a couple of topics that have been talked about, the last couple of Branch shoots.

First, there is the Grand Masters recognition.

There are two categories: Barebow and Sighted. Barebow Grand Master has to achieve 3 consecutive Branch ABA scores above 700. It must be shot at a monthly Branch ABA shoot on the first days 3 arrow/1 arrow round. Sighted Grand Master has to achieve 3 consecutive Branch ABA scores above 780. It must be shot at a monthly Branch ABA shoot on the first days 3 arrow/1 arrow round.

The National Safari counts as a grading shoot so can be included towards recognition.

State ABA titles also count but it's possible that this shoot may fall in the same month as a branch shoot. Therefore, only one will count for the month.

Secondly, there are the Branch Records.

These records are the highest or equal highest score for each division that the branch has members in. These are taken from the 3 arrow/1 arrow grading round from each Branch ABA shoot.

The Branch Records have been posted on the ABA Forum under Branch Information.

Thank you all for your support.

Geoff Edwards

NNSW Branch Score Recorder

ABA Executive Minutes Feb 2011

Item 6 - 02/11

Branch N/L (all items)

- a) Branch Controllers are to continue to look at the potential for new clubs and what advertising can be provided to assist in the forming of those potential clubs. Any Branch requiring assistance with newspaper advertising should contact Gary Jackson at marion.jackson@bigpond.com.
- b) The certificates for the relevant placegetters in the 2010 Fuel Saver Eco shoot were printed and posted by the Assistant Score Recorder so they can then be sent to clubs for presentation to their members.
- c) Future National Executive official visits to Branch's will to be two fold in nature: provide the necessary support for training (if required) and be there for questions from Branch members. The executive member visiting should not be from the host Branch and should be prepared to conduct a question/answer forum and present trophies at the shoot. It is noted that Branch B has requested that Daryl Venables attend the Muster in October as both the National Representative and as a person who can offer seminars in his areas of expertise. A decision on this request is to be made at the earliest opportunity.
- d) The 2011 safari website is up and running to allow pre nominations.
- e) After discussion it was decided that a "package" was needed to be put together to enable Team Managers to be aware of their responsibilities, requirements and conduct of the management of the team prior to, during and at the completion of an event. Such package to include the protocol for the wearing of team uniforms and any sanctions for breach of the code of conduct. In this regard those representing the Nation and ABA should have a dress shirt for those activities that require something more than just a Polo shirt. Jeff and Tony to liaise to develop these protocols.
- f) A smaller flag was required by the flag bearer of the Australian Teams that compete overseas. Eric to organise.
- g) The NDC reported that the Association currently has 77 coaches (68 Level I & 9 Level II) and 28 Field Archery Instructors. It was also reported that a copy of the Corporate Coaching package had been emailed to all members of the Executive for comment and this item will be re-visited and finalised at the May meeting. Further, Branch A has requested that Jason Smith to take on the role of Branch Coach. Lynne also outlined her suggestion for the adoption of a disabled division within the sport which received in principle support and the idea will be revisited for fine tuning. Lynne also outlined plans for travel to Branch's B and C to assist in the delivery of coaching courses, as required at the National Coaching Reaccreditation Seminar. It was also noted that Lynne was encouraging the submission of reports by the Branch Coaches. Discussion relating to concerns held by some executive about the amount of money being spent on coaching and cost of the National Director of Coaching attending Executive Meetings. It was discussed and agreed that the funding for the coaching program would continue in an effort to promote a professional coaching program and the decision of Lynne's attendance at Executive Meetings would lie with VP Field.
- h) Assistance for Branches to service remote areas was revisited and agreed that initially such activities should be funded by the branch; however the National Executive approved in principal the consideration of Branch applications requesting financial assistance, subject to: 1) Distance is further than 400kms 2) Copies of invoices paid by Branch must be attached to claim on National 3) Only one claim per two calendar year period will be considered 4) Total amounts must be presented for approval confirmation at the next National Executive or

Management Committee meeting (which ever is earlier) 5) Reimbursements are subject to continuing availability of National funds.

- i) The NSW Game Council is developing workshops/education seminars to raise the profile of Bowhunting and the process of bowhunting and a Hunter Education Short Course survey on this project was tabled.
- j) The new electronic shop to be used by the Association to enable purchases on line was shown and a motion carried to purchase the shop at a once of cost of \$285 USD. Will be implemented in the near future.
- k) Discussion re the colour/photographic IFAA targets indicated that a number of the targets especially group 4, require to be scaled down not only to reduce costs, but also to make the target sizes more consistent with those available from other countries.
- l) It was agreed that proceeds from the sale of the Bowhunting Calendar go to the Qld Premier's Flood Relief Fund.
- m) The "Syd Green Memorial Award" as agreed to at the previous meeting is attached to these minutes and Branches should note three minor changes and that nominations require to be actioned.
- n) All members of the Association need to be aware that 2011 is an election year and should consider if they would like to be part of the forward thinking National Executive Committee, if there are any interested members that would like to avail themselves of this opportunity they should read the responsibilities of the various positions in the Constitution or have a chat with the Executive Director.
- o) It was reported that some Branches were not following the rules/guidelines re grading ungraded shooters after the first round and Branches must address this issue.
- p) Mark Burrows informed the meeting that he had received the minutes for January 2011 from the Shooting Sports Council of Victoria.
- q) Software licenses (Access) are yet to be purchased. **Branch Controllers are requested to contact the Executive Director re whether the Branch requires a copy of Access 2010.** Steve Barratt to purchase when requirements are known.
- r) Discussions took place as to whether National IFAA Championships shall be in a 3, 4 (as at present) or 5 day format. Potential problems with archers obtaining sufficient time off work, logistics for host Clubs to cover a five day event etc., were briefly considered. The matter will be tabled for discussion at the 2011 AGM and Branch's should canvass opinions from their committees and Club representatives, so as an accurate and informed discussion may take place at the AGM.
- s) The Champion of Branch's Team event is not open to overseas teams that stay on for the Safari. It was also confirmed that the Safari would comprise a 3 and 1 arrow each day.
- t) Tim to advise on further developments re recognition by SportsAccord of IFAA so that another approach can be made to the AIS for recognition of Field Archery.
- u) Have all National and Branch Executive members renewed their membership where such may have expired on 31 December 2010?
- v) WBHC update: Targets will arrive at Wagga on 14th April. Tony will have all targets numbered to make it easy to locate targets to butts. Site and transit insurance to the value of \$65,000 obtained through Marsh Pty Ltd. It was felt that there was a need to purchase two of the larger 3D targets (Moose/Elk) and Mike is to follow up on this. During the registration process at the WBHC an information package plus score cards etc, will be provided to each competitor. Jeff presented a flyer of general information to be included in the package. Only discussion item from this flyer was camouflage clothing and this matter was resolved as below. Wagga Wagga City and Regional maps were obtained from the Tourist Information Centre for inclusion in the package. Report from Mark, Mike, Tim and Eric's visit to Wagga in early December: ranges checked and some suggestions made as to safety of target placement; additional ABA range requested but will not be actioned until competitor numbers become more

certain; still awaiting pump out costs on portable toilets; banquet menu decided; Abbey Archery and Archery Addiction confirmed attendance for both events and AMSO (John McDonald) for first three days of WBHC and Game Council to be invited to have a stand (Mark to action through Daryl); Club facilities are in good order; Mike to request Ken Morley to approach local MP for possibility of obtaining Australian and NSW flags to fly at WBHC; placement of TBA tent to be decided on arrival as location next to covered area may interfere with activities such as Graeme Duff's fox whistling session; Cameron has score cards in hand and will also print the IFAA equipment inspection forms which are to be completed by competitors and available at bow checks which will take place under the covered area; follow up required regarding tables and chairs and toilet cleaning; it was once again reinforced that there are no team events at the WBHC and that there will be no ABA bonus payments awarded to medallists at the WBHC's; however the matter will be placed on the agenda for the 2011 AGM; it was agreed that Jeff purchase 200 cotton polo shirts for sale at the WBHC.

- w) Discussion took place regarding a clear policy on camouflage clothing being worn on ranges, especially for the WBHC (IFAA have no such restrictions). It was agreed without dissent that the fourth paragraph on page 15 of the Rules for Shoot be removed, that is, *Camouflage clothing of any kind is prohibited on the field course. Hydration packs and quivers are exempt.* Further it was agreed that paragraph six on page 15 be amended to read: "Clothing suitable for the sport is to be worn with safety, including visual safety, being the most important consideration and particular attention is to be given to the choice of footwear, that is, covered in shoes." The change to this rule takes effect immediately and will stand for all future ABA sanctioned shoots.

Moved: Jeff Bell

Seconded: Tim Stone

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The eligibility of overseas competitors competing at the Safari and who receive medals should they win or place in their division was discussed. It was decided that where an overseas competitor places 1st, 2nd and an Australian places 3rd that the overseas competitors will receive medals for their placing and the Australian competitor would receive a Bronze medal for 3rd place, but would also receive the gold medal as the Australian Champion. This would be the case for the highest placed Australian in all divisions. The awarding of a patch instead of a medal for the highest placed Australian was also discussed with Mike to follow up after checking stock.

- x) Re conduct and procedures of the AGM as discussed at the previous meeting an explanation of 17c of the constitution was presented by Jeff and Cameron and endorsed by the National Executive and is attached to these minutes for the information of Branches. It was also agreed that a session on Roberts Rules for the conduct of meetings be included in a future executive meeting and/or AGM.
- y) Discussion took place regarding Insurance while hunting. It was agreed that policy item 177/88 Bowhunting with non-ABA members, should be rescinded. Specifically, ABA members hunting with a non-member would now be covered by the Associations insurance policy.
- z) Lynne to reply to Dianne Houghton's email regarding Independent members, to prove their competency to shoot at Clubs they may visit.
- aa) Discussion regarding Hunter's Peg (Traditional Peg) it was agreed that Barambah is to discuss with Branch D with a view to including in the agenda of 2011 AGM (ED to advise Club).

- bb) Discussion was held re the recent QLD floods and other National disasters and their effects on ABA Clubs and requests for assistance that were received from Barambah, Kurrimine and Hinchinbrook were approved for an immediate grant of \$1000. Further these Clubs were to be forwarded documentation to apply for a Grant/Loan which once received would be fast tracked, that is, not required to be held over to the AGM for decision. Further agreed that Grant/Loan approvals for 2011 be prioritised to those Clubs affected by fire or flood. Requests for assistance (membership enhancement and school instruction) from Bega, Charters Towers and Capital were discussed. Agreed that Charters Towers would receive a grant of \$500 and that Capital would receive a set of coloured targets (from stock – superseded targets). The request from Bega requires further investigation in terms of the Club accessing existing resources and this will be followed up by the ED.
- cc) All insurance policies have been renewed with Marsh P/L and the Certificate of Currency posted to all Clubs. Following discussions with the Broker those Clubs requiring an interested party to be notated on their C of C are to contact the Broker who will issue a new C of C. All insurance documentation will be posted on the web site as soon as it is available.
- dd) Eric reported that Colleen Wright has been employed on a part time basis (2 1/2 days per week) as magazine Assistant Editor and ABA General Secretary. Her probationary period finishes on the 14 March and Tim and Eric will make a decision on permanency at that time. It is worthwhile noting that at this time Colleen's wages are totally paid from the Archery Action account and that this outlay has been totally covered by increased advertising income. The financial position of the magazine continues to strengthen and will continue to do so in the long term on the back of strong retail sales and demand for advertising space. It is requested that all ABA officers submitting reports (including Game Council) for inclusion in the magazine bring their submission deadline forward by one week. This is necessary as these reports appear in the front section of the magazine and now that the magazine must be sent to Brisbane for the square backed gluing of the cover it means that Action Graphics typesetter has to complete her layup work earlier so that APN have time to print and send the magazine to Brisbane for completion.
- ee) Noted that records of all Australian and international achievements have been compiled/updated by Colleen and were distributed for checking. Her next project will be to bring the Policy Manual up-to-date.
- ff) Professional issue of membership cards (plastic) was discussed and left to Heather, Tim and Eric to arrange a demonstration of the equipment. Further changes to the membership form were discussed but Heather felt that none were required at this time. Heather reported strong growth in membership numbers (4881) and suggested that we would top the 5000 mark for the first time since 1995 and perhaps give our all time membership record of 5268 in 1994 a nudge.

The next executive meeting is to be held April (at the Safari) – timings to be advised.

The meeting was closed at 5.35 pm Saturday

Michael White

February 2011

Chairman

Authorised for Distribution Michael White National President

MANNING DISTRICT BOWHUNTERS INC

Hi to all archers from the Manning Archers.

Welcome to 2011, the Manning hopes you all had a great year last year and continue to do so this year. The Manning hasn't started this year off so well as we had another break in three weeks ago. We lost around \$900.00 to \$1000.00 worth of equipment, (chainsaw, 8 bows, bucket of arrows, arm guards and tabs). The rest of the year can only get better. We are so grateful to our club members for making donations to help replace the stolen archery gear. A big THANK YOU.



On a happier note!

Congratulations to a very popular member of our club, Ray Thoroughgood, for achieving the **Branch Junior of the Year**, (2011). For this achievement Ray received a grant of \$250.00.

From all the club members, well done Ray.

Congratulations also to Max Hardy for receiving His robin hood badge.

The club has twelve members currently in the World Indoor Mail Match. Our club did quite well last year. The Manning has a great indoor range. There are twelve targets set up across the back of the club house. There are lights facing up from the bottom and spotlights facing down on the butts that light up the targets really well. There will be more lighting installed to improve the indoor shooting in the near future. There is a general improvement in members scores because of their shooting indoors regularly. We shoot indoors every Thursday night, starting at 6pm. It is every Thursday night until daylight savings changes back, and then it is only every second Thursday night. You are quite welcome to come a little earlier to have you dinner at the club as many do. Bring meal already prepared or have a BBQ. Once a month we try to shoot IFAA, 3D and ABA as well as indoor. We shoot every Sunday, (muster at 9.50am), except if Christmas falls on a Sunday.



Our club is working towards replacing the club house roof as it is looking a little worse for the wear. If you are standing in the right place when it rains, you can have a nice cold shower.

Club members that are going away to shoots are coming back saying what a great time they had. They also come back with some very funny stories and trophies.



The club is still getting a steady flow of new members, which is great to see. We have a good number of members at this time. Their ages range from seven to 77 years.

We will be working towards completing the IFAA range with 14 more targets, making that 28 targets and an additional ABA range.

The scouts and cubs are coming back this year as they enjoy their archery. This is their third year at the club. The club is running extremely well, due to the fact that the current club President, (Bob Wilson), ensures that all club members have their say in the running of the club.



The Manning hopes to see as many clubs at our shoot on the 16 & 17 July, (2011). You will be most welcome. There is ample camping for tents, vans and cars with plenty of shade.



Our amenities are of high standard, kept spotless by our man, Dan Scott. You will be served the most delicious meal and as always with a big smile.

The Manning club received a grant that was used to purchase four Genesis bows and with the club member's donations we also purchased four recurves.

A big thank you to Karl Peck for fund raising money, (Karl sells soft drinks at the club and at his place of work especially for buying 3D targets), so the club could purchase eleven 3D targets for our club.

There are two members who will be doing the level 1 coaching course in April.

Bye for now

Irene Hardy

Club Website & Email

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Namoi Valley Archers

Namoi Valley Archers have launched into the 2011 season in fine style with an average of over 40 competitors attending club shoots despite some very warm weather. A keen group of travelers has also been representing the club at away shoots with a big contingent making the trip to Hunter Bowmen for the first official tournament of the year.

The club will be hosting the 2011 NSW State 3D Championships in August with 3D range Captains Greg Donovan and Stuart Dolbel already well advanced in planning for the event. The boys have been busy scouting target locations with an emphasis on providing shots with safe backdrops to minimize any chance of arrow damage. So put August 13th and 14th into your diary because you don't want to miss the chance to shoot at one of the best locations in the country and receive Namoi Valley Archer's legendary hospitality.

Greg Donovan was the big winner at the 2010 club presentation night receiving the prestigious Club person of the Year. Greg was a powerhouse for the club in 2010 with one of his major contributions the building of 2 luxurious portable shower blocks which the club used at our 2 day tournament last year. Greg conceived, designed and led the building team for these shower units which are the best I have seen. Greg had double celebration on the night taking home the very hotly contested Men's Open trophy for the 2010 season finishing the year as the highest point scorer over the club year.

Namoi Valley Archers' range is located in the Wondoba State Conservation area which is under the control of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The club recently presented a submission to the Namoi Community Conservation Committee on our club activities receiving overwhelming support for our continued access and use of this area. The club is very confident that our activities will be incorporated into the full Plan of Management for the Wondoba State Conservation Area which is due to be finalized very soon meaning our future here is secure.

Namoi Valley Archers will have a big representation at the World Bowhunter Titles to be held In Wagga Wagga in April and Wendi Murrell has been working hard developing a coordinated range of club clothing, so our club members will be very noticeable whenever they represent the club. We look forward to seeing you all on the range.

COACHES CORNER

I HAVE SENT OUT AN EMAIL TO ALL COACHES ASKING FOR A REPORT REGARDING WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT THEIR CLUB AND SO FAR 5 COACHES HAVE REPLIED. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE COACHES AND FIND OUT HOW THINGS ARE PROGRESSING AND DO THEY NEED ANY ASSISTANCE TO MAKE THEIR JOBS EASIER. FOR THOSE COACHES WHO HAVE BEEN REACCREDITED HOW THE NEW MATERIAL PROVIDED HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERS. I AWAIT YOUR REPLIES AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU GUYS SOON.

HAS SQUAD AT HUNTER BOWMEN

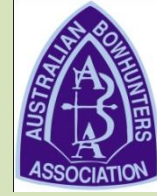
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Notice Board

- New club starting in Bendemeer.
- 2011 Safari website up and running.
- Cammo clothing is now allowed to be worn please see item (W) of the Ex minutes.
- ABA hunters who hunt with a non member are now covered by ABA insurance as item (y) minutes.
- A member in the central coast & Maitland area is wanted to help out in repairing the Coloured targets.
- This year is a Branch election year and any members wishing to take on a Branch see ABA constitution.
- 300 fps rule enforced at WBH comp.
- Risk management policy will be sent to clubs.
- The National IFAA competition will be held in June at Avon Valley Field Archers and if attending please book camp site as you will be given a site number. Please contact Lynne Fairhall on 0418166783.

Please send the Branch Controller stories from the clubs so they can be added to the next newsletter



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14 February 2011

**Circular Notice to all Affiliated Clubs
Insurance Certificate of Currency**

The Associations Certificate of Insurance Currency is included with this correspondence and is also available on the Association website under the menu heading ABA Information, sub heading Document Download Area. Other insurance documentation including policies will also be available at this location as soon as it is available.

Following discussions with our Broker (Marsh Pty Ltd) it has been decided that where individual Clubs require Interested Parties (for example, Local, State, Federal Government Bodies, the NSW Minister for Environment and Director General of National Parks and Wildlife, and other landowners) to be notated on their Certificate of Currency then the Club is to advise Kate Ball or Rob Low, certificates will be available noting interested parties within 24 hours.

Should you have any questions please telephone me on 08 8385 3588 or 0404 463 148

Eric Creighton

Executive Director

Australian Bowhunters Association Inc

Month	Date	Event	Venue	Area
February	19th & 20th	ABA	Hunter Bowmen	East Maitland
March	19th & 20th	ABA	MacLeay Valley Field Archers	Kempsey
April	16th to 20th 22nd to 25th	World Bowhunting Titles & ABA National Safari	Wagga Wagga Field Archers	Wagga Wagga
May	14th & 15th	3D	Moonterra Field Archery	Central Coast
May	21st & 22nd	State IFAA	Campbelltown Field Archers	Picton
June	10th to 13th	IFAA National Titles	Avon valley Field Archers	Gloucester
July	16th & 17th	ABA Branch Titles	Manning District Bowhunters	Taree
August	13th & 14th	State 3D Titles	Namoi Valley Archers	Gunnedah
September	3rd & 4th 24th & 25th	ABA IFAA Branch Titles	Tuggerah FA Avon Valley Field Archers	Tuggerah Gloucester
October	1st to 3rd	ABA State Titles	Hunter Bowmen	East Maitland
November	5th & 6th	3D Branch Titles	Singleton Archery Society	Singleton
December	3rd & 4th	ABA Branch Xmas Shoot	MacLeay Valley Archers	Kempsey