

FOR FORT COURAGE BUGLE

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From the editor:

Welcome to the February 2010 issue of the Branch F newsletter. I hope to publish the newsletter four times a year, probably after each of the Branch meetings in February, May, August and November. I'll do my best to come up with things each quarter, but the newsletter depends on **you**. The more you send me, the less chance of the newsletter failing again.

- Alan

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HEADLINES

Note that the dates for the Lithgow shoot given in the January edition of Archery Action are wrong. The shoot will be held on 20 & 21 March, not 20 & 21 April as was advertised in Archery Action.

There is no provision for Classification in the rules for the World Bowhunting Championships (WBHC) and so, contrary to the advice in the previous Newsletter, there is no need to have an IFAA grading to compete.

There will be a limited number of camp sites available at the WBHC and they will need to be booked beforehand. The Wagga Wagga club will publish an email address in Archery Action later this year and this will be the only way of booking camp sites.

For those who wish to use other accommodation, it is strongly suggested that bookings be made soon as there will be several other sporting events in Wagga Wagga at the same time as the WBHC and so accommodation may be hard to find.

ABA membership cards will be checked as part of the bow check and registration procedures. If your membership is not current you will not be allowed to shoot. Further, your registration form will have to be signed by one of the people doing the bow checks before you will be permitted to register.

The ABA's bow check policy is available on the ABA web site.

BRANCH CALENDAR FOR 2010

January	23&24	ABA/3D	Orange Walkabout
	31	IFAA grading	Campbelltown
February	06	Branch meeting	Goulburn
	20&21	Branch IFAA Titles	Campbelltown
March	20&21	ABA/3D	Lithgow
April	02-05	National Safari ABA&3D	Charleville
	25	IFAA grading	Campbelltown
May	01	Branch meeting (will set 2011 shoot calendar)	Goulburn
	15&16	ABA & 3D	Eurobodalla
	15&16	State IFAA Titles	Branch E
June		National IFAA Titles	Orange
	19&20	Branch ABA Titles	Campbelltown
July	17&18	ABA & 3D	Forbes
	25	IFAA Gading	Campbelltown
August	07	Branch AGM	Goulburn
	21&22	State 3D Titles	Wagga Wagga
	29	IFAA grading	Campbelltown
September	18&19	ABA & 3D (IFAA 2 arrow)	SWSSFA (Tumut)
October	02&03	State ABA Titles	Orange
	24	IFAA Grading	Campbelltown
November	06	Branch Meeting	Goulburn
	20&21	ABA/3D	Snowy Mountains Bowmen
	28	IFAA Animal	Campbelltown
December	04&05	Invitational	Wagga Wagga

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In 2010 registration and muster times will be brought forward by 30 minutes. They will be:

Saturday	Registration and bow checks	08:00
	Muster	09:00
Sunday	Registrations and bow checks	07:30
	Muster	08:00

Note that for IFAA shoots a round must be complete in six hours or less, and that the times will be:

Saturday	Registration and bow checks	07:00
	Muster	08:00
	Start shooting	08:30
Sunday	Muster	08:30
	Start shooting	09:00

IN CONTROL

The new ABA full-colour targets were trialed at the Orange Walkabout. As part of the trial a comment form was included in the score folders so people could record their comments about the different targets. The targets were generally well received, though a couple of problems were found and will be fixed on the official targets.

Please use your club's bulk membership renewals if possible. This makes things easier for the National Membership Secretary, and will assist members in remaining financial.

The term for Branch Officers has been shortened to two years from the current four years.

All club affiliation fees must be paid by 13 February 2009.

Please note that use of the Hunter peg is currently only a trial and so there are no awards for shooting from the Hunter peg. This situation may change at the end of the trial.

ON THE HUNT

It has been three years since Laszlo became the Field representative and during this time some good game has been taken. Over the Christmas/New Year period Laszlo received claims for hare, rabbits, pigs and goat – not a bad effort.

Please note that Laszlo is still receiving claim forms that haven't been completed correctly, so please take more care when filling them in. While the quality of photos has improved more care needs to be taken when presenting game. Photos must be presented on photo quality paper if you print your own.

All measurers will have to be recertified and Laszlo will not be able to attend the update course in May. As a result, Laszlo

is resigning from his position as Field Representative Laszlo will continue to record game until his position is filled. Daryl Venables has indicated that willing to take on the position in the interim.

If there are any questions from clubs before April, please contact Laszlo at:

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GROUP 1— SHORT SHOTS

The World Bowhunting Championships (WBHC) are only a little over 12 months away and Wagga Wagga will have all the ranges completed over the next couple of months. Wagga will be holding an invitational shoot on the 4th and 5th of December to trial the WBHC courses, with a 28 target paper round on the Saturday and a 28 target 3D round on the Sunday.

Shellharbour has now been back in action for five months and is moving forward. They now have 68 members and that number is continuing to grow.

Since September 2009 the Shellharbour coach (Ron Scales) has put 16 new mem-

bers through the Introduction to Archery course at the club. All new members are introduced to the different styles of bows, arrows and other equipment that is available. During the introduction Ron provides in-depth instruction in safety and bow maintenance, as well as practical instruction in shooting a bow. At the end of the day Ron takes the new members out on one of the courses so they will have a better understanding of what happens on a normal day's shoot.

The Shellharbour club currently hosts two shoots each month, one being a social shoot and the other a competition shoot.

COACHES' CORNER

The Level One Coaching & Re-accreditation Course that was to be held April 16 to 18 has been postponed at the request of the National Director of Coaching (Lynne Fairhall). The new date for the course will be advised. All current Level One coaches will have to do this course to retain their accreditation. They should bring a copy of their coaching logs for 2009 to the course when it is held.

Dan Lane will be undertaking string making at the Branch shoots he attends. Come

along if you want to know the length of your strings or cables, and to learn how to make them.

As you should know, bow checks are now not only a safety check, but a check to ensure you are shooting in the correct division. Please assist in carrying out these checks as it also forms part of the training to become a coach.

The current Branch coaches are:

Terry Barnhurst		Level 2
Rod Moad	Lithgow	Level 2 (Branch Controller)
Dan Lane	Campbelltown	Level 1 (Branch Coach)
Geoff Bruce		Level 1
John Collett	Lithgow	Level 1
Robert Moore	Lithgow	Level 1
Laszlo Volgyesi		Level 1
Ron Scales	Shellharbour	Level 1
Rob Messer	Campbelltown	Level 1
Bruce Ramsay	Wagga Wagga	Level 1
Mark Bailey	Wagga Wagga	Level 1
Charlie Erwich	Orange	Level 1
Gary Wangmann	Orange	Level 1

KEEPING SCORE

We now have a new Score Recorder. Alan Avent has taken over from Nigel Sharp as of the February branch meeting. Alan can be contacted at:

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Although Alan only became score recorder at the February Branch meeting, he did record the scores at the Orange Walkabout in January and would to thank those who attended for putting up with any blunders he may have made there.

One thing Alan did notice at the Orange Walkabout is that some people do not know their shooting style or their grade. He'll try to educate them about this, but would appreciate it if the club coaches could help in this.

At the Walkabout there were also a lot of people who did not have a grade. While there's nothing wrong with this, when they go to a Branch shoot they will shoot as ungraded and so will not receive any awards no matter how well they shoot. Ungraded is not an award division. To help avoid this would club Score Recorders please send Alan the scores from their club shoots so I can give people a grade as soon as they are eligible. Those who shoot as ungraded at a Branch shoot will be graded at that shoot.

It would also be appreciated if people could pre-nominate for the Branch shoots. This would help by reducing the amount of work the Score Recorder would have to do at the shoot. It would also help you, and all the other people at the shoot, by making the scoring quicker and so might allow us to get away faster on the Sunday. One thing though – please don't try to nominate on the Friday before the shoot. Alan will be getting ready to go, or already have gone, and so might not receive your nomination.

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Southwest Slopes Sporting Field Archers (Tumut) is shooting on the second and last Sunday each month, and is looking to hold an open day on 28 March. Any Branch help at the open day would be much appreciated. A similar event was held a few years ago and around 40 people attended.

The Forbes club and grounds have now been accredited by National – congratula-

tions. They are a growing club again, with several new members joining last year, and good prospects for more new members this year.

Some of the targets on the Forbes range have had to be re-set due to fallen trees.

GAME COUNCIL

The ABA and Game Council have been working on getting bowhunting of carp legalised in NSW. Meetings have occurred and Fisheries are considering the idea. It would assist the process if all ABA members wrote to the Minister of Primary Industries Steve Whan and said they support the idea of legalising the taking of carp by bow and arrow. He needs to know bowhunters support the idea.

Bowfishing of carp is not yet legal so please do not do it, we do not need the problem of illegal taking of carp with bows while negotiating.

Bowhunting workshop will be run again over the weekend of 10-12 of September at the Orange & District Bowhunters Club course. Enquiries or bookings can be made at the Game council 6360 5101. This is not in competition to the ABA BPC but rather provides another form of bowhunter education.

There is progress on better managing several forests in NSW that have multiple us-

ers. One proposal is that the forest may be opened mid week to a specific form of hunting only. Bows are being considered for several to avoid conflicts between other users. This is still being developed but progress is being made.

Remember there was two new bow only forests announced last year Clandulla, near Kandos, and Neville, near Neville Both are near Bathurst. These forests contain mainly goats, rabbits and foxes but Neville should also have fallow deer present. Please use them (providing you are properly licensed) or we will lose such unique bow only areas.

Fallow, Wapiti and Red deer season opens on the 1st of March to people holding a game licence. You need at least a G licence to hunt deer on private land only and a Restricted Licence to hunt them on declared public lands or on private land.

2011 CALENDAR

The Branch calendar for 2011 will be drafted at the Branch meeting on the 1st of May 2010. If your club wants to host a shoot in 2011, please send a representative to the meeting or advise the Branch Executive before the meeting.

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COMING EVENTS

February	06	Branch meeting	Goulburn
	20&21	Branch IFAA Titles	Campbelltown
March	20&21	ABA & 3D	Lithgow
April	2-5	National Safari	Charleville
May	1	Branch meeting	Goulburn
	15&16	ABA & 3D	Eurobodalla
	22&23	State IFAA Titles	Avon Valley

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