

ABA BRANCH D SOUTH EAST QLD



Hello fellow Archers.
Yep we are back with a Branch Newsletter after many months of a drought with any news / information.

You will have already noted that we have adopted a new format for distribution than has been used in the past, as a way of cutting costs. We were getting to the stage of a ridiculous waste of money.

The other issue was the amount of time and manpower that was required to do the old style mail out. So to all the Club Secretaries, please accept the thanks of the Branch for the little extra effort that is required from you (or your offsider) to get copies to your notice board / members.

The magic of the Computer and its formats available make it easier. The Newsletter will be sent as a PDF file to reduce the size of upload / downloads.

So that we kick off this new enterprise in the correct spirit, I would like to invite all readers to be a part of this exercise by actively participating in the content with suggestions of what you want to be informed about, as well as submitting any special events that are upcoming at you club.

It has been decided that if you have archery equipment for sale, space will be available for a small advertisement and a little photo if you wish to take the trouble.

To all those that are Branch Officers, here is a golden opportunity to pass on what is happening in your world within the Branch. Dave Pender if you would like to forward to me suitable photos of game claimed I will make room for them.

Cubs / Coaching Weekend.

As Jim mentioned, we had a very successful cubs / juniors coaching weekend. A very special thank you to Colleen and Lakeside for hosting the weekend, which was only just after the measuring and bowhunter courses. Also, a very special thank you to Andrew Postma and the coaches who stayed after their reaccreditation. The coaches did a great job helping the kids, and the extra helpers gave the kids more one-on-one coaching.

We are wanting to improve the session so any suggestions, even if you or your kids did not attend are welcome. The most common activities the kids enjoyed were the balloon shooting and eating.

We are planning to hold a coaching weekend for adults early next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express just how lucky we are as members of the Australian Bowhunters Association. We now have so much more information available to the new and old members alike, after a lot of lobbying and hard work by the National Committee and the Webmaster. Have a look at <http://www.bowhunters.org.au> Ok enough of the sell and explanations, but please tell me what you would like to see in future issues.

A firefighter was working on the engine outside the station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides, and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The girl was wearing a firefighter's helmet. The wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat. The firefighter walked over to take a closer look.

'That sure is a nice fire truck,' the firefighter said with admiration... 'Thanks,' the girl replied. The firefighter looked a little closer. The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles.

'Little partner,' the firefighter said, 'I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster.'

The little girl replied thoughtfully, 'You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren.'

REPORT FROM BRANCH CONTROLLER

Hi all,

I hope you are all enjoying your archery. The last six months have had its ups and its downs, mostly on the up side. There has been help from some members of the last committee and from some other members, I thank you.

Barambah held a very successful C D challenge with 160 shooters. Our measuring and Bowhunters education seminar went very well with

reaccreditation of most clubs being represented by individual members. Big thanks must go to Rob Scully, Dave Pender, Bob Windle and Ian Dewley for helping for the weekend. Also thank you to Colleen and Liz for catering and thank you to the Lakeside club for the use of their club house and facilities.

On the 14th and 15th we held a coaches course and a newbie's cub and junior weekend. I was impressed with the turn up, 27 archers.

Andrew Postma held a seminar for the coaches. The coaches help the newbie's with archery on the practice butts.

Andrew Postma, David Hardidge, Dave Pender and Martin Brown helped over the weekend. Martin showed everyone how to make damper and scone in a camp oven. Dave showed the three types of bows and their use as well as making a string. Andrew and David helped with the rest of the topic on archery which cannot always be an easy topic to cover.

To our archers especially from this Branch that travelled and competed at Dahn Germany well done and you have proved once again we are made of the right stuff. You should be very proud.

Thank you all,
Jim



Field Archery at the Pan Pacific Masters Games

Field Archery will be one of the major sports on the program at the 7th Pan Pacific Masters Games to be held on the Gold Coast in Australia from 6 to 14 November, 2010.

There will be 34 sports on the program, with more than 10,000 people from all over the world expected to converge on the Gold Coast to participate. The Pan Pacific Masters Games is a celebration of master's sport with both fierce and friendly competition and a jam-packed entertainment program at the Games Village at the end of each day. The minimum age requirement for Field Archery is 30 years. The event

Divisions include: Barebow Recurve, Barebow Compound, Longbow, Bowhunter Recurve, Bowhunter Compound (Finger Release), Bowhunter Compound (Release Aid), Freestyle Recurve, Freestyle Compound (Finger Release) and Freestyle Compound (Release Aid).

The competition will be held over 3 days at Pacific Bowmen in Reedy Creek. It will include a 3D round, an Aussie circular target round and rounds of ABA animal targets in both the old black and white paper and new coloured vinyl. Distances will be both marked and unmarked between 7 and 48 metres. All sports are located in close proximity to the Games Village at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre in Broadbeach. The Games Village will feature the registration centre, merchandise, live nightly entertainment, fully catered hospitality and an exclusive venue for competitors to meet up and enjoy the spirit the event is known for. Being held on the Gold Coast also means that participants can enjoy the golden sands of the surf beaches, choose from a huge range of accommodation for all budgets, visit the exciting theme parks and relax at some great restaurants, bars and cafes. Entries for the Pan Pacific Masters Games are open online at

www.mastersgames.com.au

Contact Darren Murphy via email at pacbowmen@gmail.com for archery event and club specific enquiries.

Trevor Pickett, Branch Score Recorder, would ask all those that nominate for a competition irrespective of the type of the shoot or where to please nominate by the Monday night prior to each shoot. That is point one. The second and possibly just as important point is.....If you have nominated and you find for whatever reason you are unable to get to the shoot.....please ring him and tell him. We have seen all too often in the past the delays that occur when this does not happen. The advertised time for a shoot is the muster time. Not the time we start flinging

arrows hell west and crooked. Be smart, be early.
Do the Bow Check.



Years ago at the Asia Pacific Masters Games

DID YOU KNOW Rule 13. Scoring

Scoring shall be on the diminishing score system:-

1A = 20 2A = 14 3A = 8

1B = 18 2B = 12 3B = 6

1C = 16 3C = 10 3C = 4

No arrows in the target butt may be touched until all the arrows have been scored.

Designation of responsibilities for Shoot Groups shall be at the discretion of the group members. A suggested method for designating roles shall be:

Group Captain 1st name on card

Scorer 2nd name on card

Arrow Puller 3rd name on card

Checker 4th name on card

All scores are to be totaled and checked on completion of each round. The total score is to be initialed as correct and the score card handed in to the Shoot Director or Official controlling the Shoot. No corrections to the score card will be permitted once the scores have been officially recorded.

Arrows passing through the target face but still in the butt may be pushed back by the Group Captain, and scored accordingly.

Skids or glances off the ground, or significant deflections from other surfaces, into the target shall not be scored. "Bounce-outs" believed to have hit the scoring area shall be re-shot if agreement cannot be reached as to the score of the arrow.

Arrows believed to have passed through the scoring area but not retained in the butt shall be re-shot.

An arrow hitting another within the target and remaining embedded in that arrow shall have the same score as that arrow.

Where a line separates one scoring zone from another, the line shall be in the lower scoring area. The higher

score zone must have been actually penetrated by the arrow, however minimally to record the higher score. In the case of tied scores all archers achieving that score shall be recognised with equal ranking.

An archer who shoots arrows in excess of the prescribed number shall lose the score of the arrow or arrows of the highest value.

DID YOU KNOW Rule 17. Special Attention

Special attention by all Clubs and Branches is to be directed to the physical ability of members to draw a bow with due consideration to all aspects of safety and to any possible adverse effect to the user.

Particular attention is to be given to bow weights used by Juniors and Cubs, and where any Junior or Cub is considered to be unable to effectively control his or her bow, because of weight factors, the matter is to be discussed with the Junior or Cub's parents.

It shall be at the absolute discretion of the Shoot Director whether bow weight shall be reduced, or a lighter bow is to be used, or whether the member involved is permitted to continue shooting.

A minimum test of ability to control bow weight shall be to draw the bow to full draw, 3 times, in the correct method, to the satisfaction of the Shoot Director or their representative.

HUNTER ROUND.

Many of you will be more than aware of the new Hunter Round trial that commenced after the last National Annual General Meeting and made available in this branch at our shoots.

As this is a trial our Branch Secretary has been calling for feedback on this round from all Archers not just those that have had a go. If you wish to have a say or you have not been made aware or want more information, read the following rules or contact Branch Sec. David Hardedge on dhardidge@acslink.net.au

Purpose

To provide an alternative form of the ABA game that is more closely related to hunting distances while at the same time appropriate for multiple bow styles and to provide an alternative form of the ABA game without adding an increased degree of difficulty in relation to administration and compliance with the rules.

Intent

The intention of these rules is to provide an alternative round that equates more closely to archers' perspectives of 'hunting' distances and attempts to provide an alternative round within the current parameters of the ABA game. In no way is it the intent of these rules to detract from the essential elements of the ABA paper round but it is intended to compliment those rules.

In all cases, 'normal' bow divisions and grades must be provided for those archers that do not wish to shoot from this peg.

Rules

The Hunter Peg must be placed between the Cub Peg (Yellow) and the Junior Peg (Green).

It is at the total discretion of the Range Captain as to where the peg is placed. There are no specific distances or distance 'ratios' other than this.

The 'peg' may be placed beside the Yellow or Green peg, particularly in relation to Group 1 targets, but is never to be placed at a closer distance than the Yellow peg or a greater distance than the Green peg for each particular target.

The maximum distance allowed is 36 metres. *(NB – a distance of 36 metres can only be used when the Junior Peg is set at this distance and, therefore, discretion should be used in relation to this distance)*

It is to be Fluorescent Orange in colour.

The peg does not have to be *(but can be)* placed 'in-line' with the pegs of the Cubs, Juniors and Adults but would have a two (2) metre leeway either side of the target 'line'. This allows the Range Captain the opportunity to place the peg in a way that would allow challenging (but safe) shots for the archers. Safety, particularly in respect to other target laneways, is of prime importance. Clear view of the target/score zone is compulsory. Clear view of the peg is essential. Range Captains are encouraged to make use of local terrain and vegetation to provide 'challenging' targets.

All "Hunter" division archers must shoot from this peg. Range Captains are to ensure that all bow styles can shoot clearly from this peg.

Kneeling shots, up to a maximum of four, are allowed. Archers are expected to comply with a kneeling shot unless they have medical dispensation in the form of a doctor's certificate (or similar). This must be presented to the Shoot Director before competition begins. There are no grades or classes but, at the discretion of the Shoot Director, 'flights' can be implemented when the number of competitors in a division exceeds 20. The dividing of the flights would be at the 'mid-point' of the competitor list, after ranking according to first day's scores and would not hold over to future competitions. This is only an adult division and not available for Juniors and Cubs. It shall be at the discretion of the Shoot Director as to whether there are separate male and female competitions.

Four new Divisions:

Hunter Longbow

Hunter Recurve

Hunter Compound

Hunter Sighted

Hunter Longbow – this is as per the 'traditional' rules of the longbow division. Archers wanting to shoot different equipment other than prescribed for Traditional

Longbow would either have to shoot *Hunter Recurve*. No sights or release aids.

Hunter Recurve – this includes all Recurve bows but also includes non-conforming longbows and 'other' flat, self and historical bows. No sights or release aids.

Hunter Compound – any compound bow is allowed but must be shot in the 'barebow' style as per ABA rules.

Hunter Sighted – any bow that has sights attached. An archer may choose whether to use a release aid or not. This combines Limited and Unlimited as well as Bowhunter and Freestyle and there is no segregation other than as outlined by the four divisions above. That is, all sighted archers would compete against one another irrespective of the equipment they are using.

NB – all equipment must comply with current ABA rules and equipment specifications.

Wherever possible, *Hunter* archers will be grouped together to reduce the possibility of arrow damage.

Where archer numbers do not allow separate shoot groups, *Hunter* archers would shoot "in order" depending upon the order in which the pegs occur. In the case of pegs being equal distance (that is, the Cub and Hunter pegs are equal distance) the adult archers shoot first.

A competitor must nominate for Hunter division before competition starts and no archer may shoot from the 'Hunter' peg unless they have nominated for that division. Non-conformity would mean disqualification from the competition.

In all other aspects the 'rules' of the game remain as for the ABA game.

2nd October Renegades

Master of Bows 3D Invitational

1 Round Each Bow Type all on 3D targets

Muster 8.30am Start Shooting 9.00am

Adults \$10 Junior / Cubs \$3

Turn up on day and nominate.

Catered for on Sunday. Light lunch Saturday

16th, 17th October Barambah Bowhunters & Field Archers Inc

Endurance Invitational Shoot

Coloured Targets & Novelty Events.

Sat 1.00pm 2 Arrow +1 Arrow

Sun 8.00am 3 Arrow + 1 Arrow

Full Canteen all weekend. ABA Members only.

Family \$30, Seniors \$15, Juniors \$5, Cubs \$5.

Nominations close 9pm Sunday Oct. 10th

Nominations to Jenny Toms 0741624630 or

jennybluewren-1@bigpond.com

17th October Pacific Bowmen

Grant McTaggart Memorial Shoot 3 Arrow + 1 Arrow
8.30am Muster 9.00am Start

All Welcome No Pre Nomination Req.

5th, 6th, 7th November Pacific Bowmen

Pan Pacific Masters Games

3D, ABA Paper, Aussie—Refer to Page 2 this newsletter

BRANCH SHOOT 31st October Sunday Sunshine Coast

1 Day Halloween Shoot

8.30am Muster 9.00am Start

Club Choice

Nominate by 21st October

BRANCH SHOOT November 27th, 28th Renegades

Club Challenge

Sat 2.00pm Muster 2A ABA Round

Sun. 8.30am Muster 3A + 1A

ABA Meeting Saturday Night

Nominate by 22nd November

If you are interested in contributing to your Newsletter you can do so by contacting me on 0418764792 SMS or voice or 0754632154 tonyfirmin@dodo.com.au

I am happy to advise that this and future Newsletters will be available via The Australian Bowhunters Website <http://www.bowhunters.org.au> go to Branch D and just follow the links to Newsletter. A big thank you to Steve Barrett, the ABA Webmaster.

The next Newsletter will be out either the last week of November or the 1st Week December, and will contain the shoot calendar details for the Branch D Shoots for 2011.

If you have a special event coming up and the information is relevant for the timing of the next Newsletter drop me the details.

Happy shooting.

Tony Firmin (Griz)

