

The Keith Longbottom Memorial Sticke and Stringe Tournament

The Sticke and Stringe shoot was held on Sunday 30th August hosted by the Bowmen of Melville. We had a lovely day weatherwise, with no rain and I think it is the first tournament I have ever been at when no archer even mentioned the word "wind".

A total of 40 longbow archers approached the line with various degrees of success in approximating mediaeval costume. Prizes for the best costume went to Ken Sear (males), Sally Harris (females) and James Pittman (juniors). Ken particularly made an impact as a mediaeval Darth Vader.

The morning shoot was a short Canberra and scores, as you can see below, were impressive. Garry Cocks won with a fantastic score of 614. Best female was Cheryl Black with a score of 495 and best junior was Corey Green with a score of 446.

In the afternoon, we shot a wand. This was shot to AA rules which stipulate 36 arrows shot at 60m at a target which consists of a strip 5cm wide and 2m long. The official distance for longbows of 60m is rather at the extreme end of the range of accuracy for longbows. However Ken Morrell impressed with a massive 5 hits of the wand. Second was a tie between Steve Radiusin, Gail Gibson and Lin Fritschi with 4 hits each. Jack Bettenay was the best junior.

Lastly a roving marks competition was shot. Ian Finch scored 140 points, Paul Salmon had 135 and Geoff Black was close with 131.

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Place	Archer name	Sex	Agegp	Total
1	Garry Cocks	M	S	614
2	Ken Morrell	M	S	592
3	Peter Munson	M	S	566
4	Sam Matthews	M	S	537
5	Richard Gibson	M	S	531
6	Geoff Black	M	S	510
7	Gavin Holmes	M	S	499
8	Paul Salmon	M	S	496
9	Cheryl Black	F	S	495
10	Gail Gibson	F	S	491
11	David Freemantle	M	S	476
12	Kaye Duncan	F	S	471
13	Ken Sear	M	S	463
14	Karen Pullen	F	S	461
15	Annette Dagger	F	S	449
16	Corey Green	M	J	446
17	Lin Fritschi	F	S	433
18	Graeme Broadbent	M	S	431
19	Ian Finch	M	S	428
20	Terry Stevens	M	S	394
21	Stephen Hill	M	S	370
22	Geordie Edmeades	M	J	349
23	Steven Radusin	M	S	349
24	John Cowie	M	S	346
25	Chester Gibson	M	S	332
26	Sally Harris	F	S	332
27	Bob Cowley-Cooper	M	S	312
28	Paul Preedy	M	S	303
29	Jack Bettanay	M	J	302
30	Anne Busby	F	S	290
31	Elliot Underwood	M	J	271
32	John Baines	M	J	263
33	Brian Grabsch	M	S	241
34	Nathaniel Beattie	M	J	235
35	Tracey Nelson	F	S	218
36	Garry O'Brien	M	S	200
37	James Pitman	M	J	156
38	Kelly O'Brien	M	J	146
39	Dave Beattie	M	S	120
40	Jamie Ingram	M	S	112