

Juniors on Target



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Once again another great month of junior archer has past. But of course there is always another approaching. After all of the phenomenal fun we had shooting target at the junior tournament we've organised some training days for field and clout this month. We have invited some very experienced archers for these days who have competed and been successful at the highest levels, nationally and internationally, to share their experiences and knowledge with you. We're anticipating these days to be so good, several senior archers have also asked to attend! Read the training days on the back page, and good shooting!

Grand Prix Six at Whiteman Park

This was held at Whiteman Park, and for the first time in many years, the weather at Whiteman Park was kind. Traditionally windy and difficult to shoot at, conditions were perfect and some PB's resulted.

There were many highlights of the tournament for juniors and seniors alike. The most remarkable achievement was by Alex Wood, who finally smashed through the 1300 mens FITA mark with an amazing 1309. This qualifies him to make the Australian team for the 2006 Junior World Championships, to be held in Mexico. We wish him luck in making that team, as he has definitely put in the effort to compete at that level.

On the day there were many other juniors who shot extremely well. Jason Radusin finished third in the mens recurve division with a PB score well into the 1100s. One of the two archers that finished ahead of Jason was fellow junior Chris Madeley, who fell five points short of 1300. Sian Reid also shot a PB for a Fremantle. Tegan Healy broke through the 1200 barrier, a fantastic improvement. Another notable performance was that of Daniel Tew, who improved almost 100 points on his previous best GP Score!

The next, and final, GP Target event of the year is State Target Championships. We'll see you there, and let's all pray for more good weather.



Grand Prix #6 Junior Postal Shoot

Here are the results for Grand Prix #6 Postal Shoot. Congratulations to all 21 archers who entered. The next Grand Prix Postal Shoot coincides with the State target Championships in October. If you have received a Graduation Certificate from one level shoot to the next [eg Canberra to Whiteman], then you must shoot the longer distance shoot for the next Postal Shoot.

Results Grand Prix #6 Postal Shoot

Newcastle

Chris Gill	Bal	660	Gold
Henry Squires	PCoA	609	Silver
M Button	Bal	595	Bronze
Mitchell Peck	BoM	581	4th
Jack Hannington	Bal	565	5th
Stephen Waldon	PCoA	475	6th

Mini Canberra

Darren Cook	Bun	674	Gold
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Geelong

Ashley Hughes	Bun	581	Gold
Eoin Hopp	Bal	574	Silver
Z Palandri-Jones	Ben	559	Bronze
Chris Trafford	Bun	536	4th

Junior Canberra

Ellis Billington	Bun	747	Gold
Alice Ingley	Yok	653	Silver
Ashley Sim	BoM	610	Bronze

Darwin

Marcus Seah	BoM	566	Gold
Sheldon Labriola	Bun	504	Silver

Short Canberra

Callum Ingley	Yok	756	Gold
Sean Messmer	PCoA	686	Silver
Oliver Howard	PCoA	595	Bronze

Canberra

Derek Ingley	Yok	650	Gold
Chad Murphy	Yok	565	Silver

September 2005

State Team '06

Applications to be considered for the Junior State Team close on 31st August. If you have forgotten to submit your application, contact Amber Nicholson ASAP if you still wish to try out for the team. Might be handy to have a box of chocolates on standby as well.

September Birthdays

Best wishes and happy birthday to:

Joel Sprigg, 4th September
David Rothnie, 8th September
Ben Lokan, 11th September
Jared McMeechan, 12th September
Samuel Fawell, 17th September
Rebecca Lukey, 19th September
Dale Sullivan, 23rd September
Peter Owen, 24th September
Tenika Hill, 30th September

As our list is not entirely complete, please let us know if we've missed your birthday.

Calendar

4th September 2005

Come and learn how to shoot field alongside Australian Representatives. At Bowmen of Melville, 10am.

18th September 2005

Learn to shoot clout day, presented by former Australian Champions. Whiteman Park, 10am.

25th - 26th September 2005

State Field Championships, Whiteman Park.

9th October 2005

State Clout Championships, Whiteman Park.

16th October 2005

Pathways and Junior Training Day @ BoM

16th - 30th October 2005

Grand Prix Junior Postal Shoot #7

23rd October 2005

State Target Championships, Whiteman Park.

Now until 31st October 2005

Silver Arrow National Postal Shoot. See the back page for more details.

The *Come and Learn* days are happening this month.
Make sure you're there so you can tell everyone else how good it was.

"Come and Learn" Days

This is a new idea to help some of you with the disciplines of field and clout. We have asked some of the experts in these areas to help run these days, and all those approached have been willing to come and help you. We hope that you guys will welcome the chance to pick their brains and learn many new skills.

Come and Learn Field day:

This is a great opportunity to learn field from some of Australia's National Representatives. The day will include an outline of some of the skills needed to shoot field, as well as plenty of opportunity to practice in small groups for lots of one on one tips. Come armed with all your field questions. By the time you go home we hope some of you will feel confident enough to enter the Field Championships later in the month.

Come and Learn Clout day:

The second of our come and learn days is now confirmed. This will be held at the Archery Centre, Whiteman Park on Sunday 18th September at 10.00am. Once again we have lined up the cream of WA's clout shooters to teach you all the tricks required to shoot clout. If you have never shot clout before this is a very different experience to target shooting, and most people find it a lot of fun. The basics of clout are easy to learn and I'm sure that those who come will gain the skills required for the State Clout.

Silver Arrow

The Silver Arrow Postal Shoot continues running through September and October. Those of you who shot your age rounds at the Melville Junior Tournament, don't forget to forward your entry forms and \$5.00 entry fee to Carolyn if you want your score entered. If we have your entry already, don't forget to forward your score sheet if you achieve a higher score. Lets see if we can better the 20 entries we sent in for the Indoor shoot.

State Championships

For all those of you who are now up to shooting your regular rounds, the business end of the archery year is approaching. September sees the start of the State Championship events, beginning with the field championships held over the two days of the long weekend. Clout follows two weeks later, and finally the target event at the end of October. We hope to see many of you competing at these events.

Congratulations go to Alex Wood!

for being the second junior this year to break the 1300 barrier, with 1309 at Grand Prix #6. This outstanding score means that Alex has now met the qualifying requirements for the Junior World Championships next year. Great shooting Alex!



Ashley and Alice destroying the freddo at the junior tournament

2005 Bowmen of Melville Junior Tournament

Well we managed to fluke the weather and get a fine afternoon for the Melville Junior Tournament. This was quite spectacular, considering it rained every day around it. It was great to see so many keen junior archers turn up for a fun days shooting. Archers of all levels shot in the event, from those who were competing in their first ever tournament, to others who have shot in World Championships.

It was great to see the country archers in Perth again, archers from Plantagenet and Bunbury competed, and we even had a competitor from Germany. Spot prizes were up for grabs on many different ends. These were awarded for many different 'achievements' such as the closest arrow to the target number, and best blue.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the day was to see the number of arrows in the ten on the beginners' targets when a freddo frog was pinned to the centre of the target. Equally absurd was that the freddo out in the black ring managed to survive intact! It seems that the serious archers were shooting for high scores, rather than chocolate, maybe our archers need to get their priorities straightened.



Congratulations go to Matt Rodgers and Chris Madeley who both shot higher than the current Australian records. Alex Wood,

who top scored for the day after breaking his sight in the practice end, and Tegan Healy were also very close to Australian records. Forty tired archers all joined in for an impromptu game of cricket while the scores were finalised. Fortunately all involved were archers, because more catches were dropped than by Kevin Pieterston during the Ashes (6 drops, no catches so far).

Hopefully everyone went home with some prizes, and we're sure you are all looking forward to the next Junior Tournament, which will be held by Kalamunda in December. We would like to give a massive thanks to all of the members of Bowmen of Melville who organised such an enjoyable afternoon, especially the juniors who help set up.

After so many great contributions last month, this month we have received ZERO!
Please, please, please help us by adding your thoughts, even if it's only ten words!