

Juniors on Target

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Another busy month for Archery has gone by, with more excitement to come in April. There are plenty of shoots for all levels of archers, as well as Training Days for beginners, Pathway Program archers and everyone in between.



National Indoor Postal Shoot

The organisers of this shoot from Archery Australia were stunned by the huge number of entries from WA last year, so we're going to surprise them again. On Sunday April 30 we will hold an Indoor Postal Shoot day, at Bowmen of Melville grounds, starting at 10.00 a.m. followed by a Sausage Sizzle. Bring your archery gear and \$7 entry fee for the shoot, \$2 for the Sausage Sizzle and have fun shooting an indoor round [outdoors!]. We will send in your score, entry fee and entry form for you. If you prefer to shoot this at your club, then just make sure your score sheet, fee and form are in to Terri Nielsen by June 16 2006. The details are attached to this newsletter.

Melville Club has an undercover shooting line, so even if it looks a bit rainy, you'll still have an enjoyable time shooting. Bowmen of Melville club grounds are in Beasley Rd Leeming. Enter through the Melville Glades Golf Club and follow the driveway off to the left.

First Junior Grand Prix Postal Shoot

The first of our Postal shoots for 2006 saw 12 juniors showing their skills. Congratulations to everyone who entered – keep up the great shooting. Place and Graduation Certificates have been sent to your clubs. Remember that you can enter for free too by simply shooting a round and emailing us your score! The results are:

Newcastle

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| Cadan Almond | GAC | 723 | Gold |
| Jesse Barnes | Bun | 706 | Silver |
| Marcus Scott | Bun | 696 | Bronze |
| Alex Holland | GAC | 695 | |
| Ben Hunter | GAC | 664 | |
| Mathiew Pas | Bun | 653 | |
| Chris Fraser | Bal | 458 | |

Mini Canberra

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| Alan Oliver | AAC | 704 | Gold |
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Geelong

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| Ashley Hughes | Bun | 659 | Gold |
| Darren Cook | Bun | 615 | Silver |

Darwin

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| Ellis Billington | Bun | 573 | Gold |
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Canberra

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| Tierney McPartland | GAC | 749 | Gold |
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Our WA Trans Tasman Australian Team Members

Our best wishes go to Alex Wood, Matt Rodgers and Tegan Healey as they compete as part of the Australian team in the Trans Tasman Challenge being run at Diamond Valley Archers over Easter. You inspire all showing what can be achieved by a bit of hard work and persistence. Congratulations on being selected and may all your arrows hit gold.

Best wishes and Happy birthday to:

Cadan Almond, 1st April
Sam Dorland, 16th April
Cameron Cook, 18th April
Christopher Hall, 29th April

If we've missed your birthday or got it wrong in any month, be sure to let us know!

Forward Planning

Here is a shoot for all level archers, which because it's handicapped, gives everyone from beginners to Grand Master Bowmen (Bowpersons!) an equal chance of winning.

There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Men, Women, Boys and Girls Divisions with Achievement Badges being awarded for scores over 800. The shoot is being held at Sorrento Archery Club, Whiteman Park on Sunday April 9 2006 and starts at 10.00 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 and entries close on March 29. A late fee of \$10 applies after that date. So if you're fairly new to archery, here's your chance to beat the more experienced archers!

9th April 2006
Sorrento Tournament Handicap Shoot, see details on this page.

14th - 17th April
Trans Tasman Event, Melbourne.

30th April 2006
Junior Training and National Indoor Postal Shoot. At BoM, 10am start.

14th - 28th May
Junior Postal Shoot #2

21st May 2006
Grand Prix #3. Benara FITA Star at Whiteman Park. Entry forms out this month.

Grand Prix #2 Kalamunda

This was a target event held at Kalamunda Archery Club. As to be expected Kalamunda put on a most enjoyable shoot, although apparently the wind was a little tricky for the longer distances. The senior archers used this as an excuse for lower scores, however the wind did not seem to affect many of the 20 junior archers competing. Some of the scores were outstanding.

Tegan Healy and Brent Marsh were both close to 1300, with Aaron Edwards and Jarrad Nicholson just shooting short of 1200. There were many other PB's scored on the day.

It was great to see some new faces, and some junior barebow and longbow archers. Well done to you all. Start planning for the next Grand Prix, which is another Target event on May 21st at Benara.

Did you see our latest TV Star last Tuesday? For those who missed out, Alex put in a stunning performance, describing archery across the airwaves to viewers all over the country. Well done Alex, we can see a bright acting career ahead!



2005 National Silver Arrow

Congratulations to those of you who entered last year's Silver Arrow postal shoot. The results have now arrived, and the WA archers featured quite prominently in some of the divisions. All of the results sheets and certificates have been distributed, or will arrive with this edition of the newsletter. To those of you who came in the top three in your division, well done. The next National Postal shoot is currently running, see the details in this newsletter, and start practising your indoor archery now.



Junior Profile Sheets

We know we have an amazing and talented group of young archers in WA. We would love to hear about your thoughts on archery and other things. We have attached an archer profile form to this newsletter. If you would like to fill them in and return them by email or post, we will feature them in the newsletters from time to time. It's a great way to get to know a little about your fellow archers, so please get yours back to us soon.

First 2006 Junior Training Day

Our thanks to State Coach Ken Birch and John Bailey for once again running a successful training day on Sunday March 26. A total of 11 junior archers attended, including some new faces. Clubs represented were Gosnells, Greenwood, Baldi- vis and Melville, with apologies from Yokine. As usual, Ken and John gave helpful hints on shooting technique, posture and the need for general fitness and included video footage to show correct string release technique.

2006 PAA

Remember guys, this is one tournament of the year which is not to be missed! The annual PAA tournament is great fun for everyone, both archers and spectators. Let's also not forget about one lucky junior last year who won \$100 cash, generously donated by Chris Binyon at Molongor Longbows!

The PAA tournament is a shoot that everyone can participate in, and also a great first tournament for many archers. This means that if you have only shot at your club in the past, here's a great opportunity to meet heaps of other juniors from all across the state. Feeling a bit anxious? No worries, bring some of your mates from your club to shoot it as well!

Targets are arranged in a semi-circle in the PAA, and gradually increase in distance as you progress, so you gradually work your way towards the harder, longer targets.

Every year the PAA is one of the most popular events on the calendar and one of the most enjoyable. Just ask anyone who has shot it before. It's definitely an event not to be missed. Entry forms will be out soon, so put your name down and we'll all see you at Bowmen of Melville on the 7th May!

Please help us fill some space with your words.

We'd love to include some Juniors Perspectives, email us with anything that's on your mind.