

# Juniors on Target

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**W**elcome to the first edition of Juniors on Target for 2006! I'm sure you've noticed that to start our fantastic new year, we've adopted a fantastic new look to the newsletter. Our thanks go to Chris Madeley, the producer of this monthly newsletter for putting it together for us.

Once again the month is shaping up to be a busy one, with the first of the Grand Prix shoots, Junior training days and State squad training all about to start. So if you took a break from archery during the holidays and now you're having withdrawal symptoms – here's your chance to get back into it again.

## State Squad Training Day

Have you ever wanted to be on TV? Here's your chance (well almost!) On Sunday February 12 2006, a training day will be held at Whiteman Park for any archer who is classified 2nd Class and above. This is being run by Ken Birch and he intends to video each archer and then review their technique using the new ASWA projector. So head off to Whiteman Park on February 12 and be the star of your own archery video!

### Archery Achievements

A huge congratulations to **Matt Rodgers** for making the Australian team to compete in the Junior World Championships in Mexico, later this year! Also congratulations to **Matt, Alex and Teagan** for making the Trans Tasman team to compete against New Zealand, in Melbourne over easter. Well done to **Sian Reid**, who won her age division in the New Zealand Nationals in January.

## Baldivis Brekky! Grand Prix #1

Grand Prix #1 is the Baldivis Breakfast Shoot on Sunday February 26. It's a Field Shoot and is being held at the Baldivis Club's new grounds, Ennis Ave, Rockingham. Breakfast is at 8.00am and the shoot starts at 10.00am. Entries close on February 15 2006, so see your Club Secretary ASAP if you are interested. If you are thinking about trying out for the 2006 Junior State Team, you will need to shoot this as part of the qualifying shoots.



The boys shooting Clout

## Pathway Program

The first of the Pathway Training Days was held at Bowmen of Melville on February 5 2006 and there are other days already in the pipeline. As well as the State Squad day, Ken Birch and John Bailey will run a Training Day for both Pathway Archers and any interested Juniors on March 12 You will be sent more details on that one closer to the time.

Best wishes and Happy birthday to:  
Peter Kennelly, 2nd February  
Chris Trafford, 5th February  
Stephen Walden, 7th February  
Anthony Jennings, 15th February  
Chris Fraser, 18th February  
Ashley Sim, 22nd February  
Michelle Kite, 24th February  
Jeremy English, 24th February

## State Squad Training Day

We are running the Postal Shoot again this year, but as we mentioned last year, this will only be held with the **Target Grand Prix** this year. That means that the first one will be held between March 11 and March 26. We will make sure you have all the information you need before then. If you haven't taken part before, here's a quick summary: For those archers who have not been shooting long, or don't yet have the experience, the Postal Shoot is run at the same time as the Target Grand Prix shoots. You can shoot this on your normal club day, either in the week before, the week of the Grand Prix or the week after. Check the ASWA calendar at your Clubrooms for the Grand Prix weeks. We will send information out before each shoot to remind you. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Postal Shoot information so put it in a safe place.

- 12th February 2006**  
State Squad Training Day. Become your own movie star! See details on the left of this page for more information.
- 26th February 2006**  
Baldivis Breakfast Field. Grand Prix #1. New field course with many interesting targets. See details at the top of this page.
- 12th March 2006**  
Pathway and Junior Training day. More details next month.
- 19th March 2006**  
Grand Prix #2. Target Tournament. More details to come next month.

## Junior Perspective

by Jarrod Nicholson

The target started on Sunday the 8th; Brisbane gave us some light winds (coming from every direction) clouds and humidity. As the first distance was slowly shot away the rains came, and there it stayed, for the rest of the day. The winds didn't help either; as I found that I had to keep my sunglasses on to stop my eyes from being pelted with raindrops (though this made it harder to see the target). However, despite the rain some good scores were shot, Alex Wood's 318 at 90m was very impressive.

The rest of the target had fine weather, with the only concern being two eagles circling us from above. WA finished very well with three medals being won, two gold's and a silver. Callum Birch in the junior male recurve shot a pb for the first fita then smashed it by 74 points for the second FITA, good shooting. After the final day of target was finished the archers who had shot in the top eight scores of the second distance in the cadet and junior divisions were invited to compete in the match play.

Once again WA shot strongly achieving another three medals. Unfortunately myself and

Nationals Snapshots



Alex setting up another gold



Jarrod in the Target event



Callum in action



Teagan and Taylor



New Aussie team member Matt Rodgers



Team WA

Matt were put up against one another so one WA guy had to go, we drew in the end and finished up with a tense, one-arrow shoot off. Matt Rodgers went on to get the silver and Taylor Worth took the bronze in the cadet male recurve and Alex took out the gold in the junior compound division. We had a nail biting double shoot off between Adam Bridges and Jesse McDonald in the final of the junior male recurve. Both archers tied after twelve arrows, in the first shoot off they both shot a lowly six and then in the second Adam shot an X and Jesse finished up with a nine.

Those of you who have shot clout before shall know how tedious it can be and sometimes, how many hours it can take to actually shoot a single clout. Somehow, we had finished well before lunchtime, possibly the fastest clout ever. Teagan was the only WA member to come away with a medal, silver, for the event, however we did manage a few personal bests.

Conditions for the field were perfect. Mount Petrie I thought had a very good field course with lots of uphill shots, one shot where you stood on some not so stable rocks in awkward feet positions and my favourite, the

mound shot, where you stood half way up a mound and shot through a tyre. This shot was dubbed savage after Taylor managed to stab himself with his own arrow rest. Western Australia maintained its tradition of shooting well in field with two more golds from Alex and Tegan, a silver from Matt, Taylor finished marginally behind the medals in 4th and Callum had a tight struggle for podium in the junior male recurve.

A big congratulations and thank you to Mount Petrie Bowmen for a very well run and organized Junior Nationals. As I understand there were lots of personal bests shot and a few national records as well. Well done WA, we hope to see many more juniors in the team for 2007.

### Results in Brief

	Target	Field	Clout	MP
Alex	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	4th	<b>1st</b>
Callum	9th	4th	7th	DNQ
Matt	<b>2nd</b>	<b>2nd</b>	12th	<b>2nd</b>
Jarrod	7th	7th	5th	6th
Taylor	6th	4th	11th	<b>3rd</b>
Teagan	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	DNS
WA Teams, Recurve	<b>3rd</b>	Compound	5th	
Sian	5th	4th	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>

## Want to be on the State Team?

### Not sure how to qualify?

#### Read on!

- Junior archers who are First Class, or almost at that level, can try out for selection on the State Team.
- Each junior archer must shoot 3 target shoots, including the State Target, 2 Field shoots including the State Field and the State Clout shoot.
- Your chosen bow type must be nominated on the Registration Form, which needs to be given to the Club Recorder, with \$5.00 nomination fee, who will submit it to the Selection Committee before August 31 2006. These forms will be sent to your Club Secretary closer to the time.
- Once the State Training Squad is selected, training days will be held by the State Coach.
- The State Team will be announced at the end of October 2006.

Make sure you catch Alex Wood's Review of the Junior Nationals too!  
Appearing in the next edition of the WA Archer.