

Juniors on Target

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Exciting things happened during April, with the Sorrento Handicap Shoot and the Trans Tasman Championships in Melbourne, where WA archers shot extremely well.

There are also lots of archery activities happening in May. Bowmen of Melville have the PAA on May 7, Benara have the Grand Prix # 3 on May 21 and we are also running our Postal Shoot.

2006 Senior Nats

We'd like to congratulate Jason Radusin on his participation in the Senior National Championships recently contested in Morwell, Victoria. This was the first year, hopefully of many, that he achieved a place on the senior state team. Jason was one of a handful of juniors (around ten) from across the country that competed in these nationals, and the only one from WA.

Jason's efforts contributed to the teams great performance, where they finished 2nd in the aggregate teams event. He was also part of the WA men's recurve match play team, named the Evil Black Ducks, who made the final eight. Unfortunately next year's Senior Nationals will be held concurrently with the Juniors in Perth, but maybe you'd like to aim for the Senior State Team in 2008. Jason has shown us that it can be done.

GP Postal Shoot

If you aren't confident about entering the FITA Star event, then here is just the thing for you – the second of our Junior Postal Shoots. You will be able to shoot from Saturday May 13, up to and including Sunday May 28, with results needing to be in to one of us by email or post by Monday May 29. If you, or other juniors in your club have never entered the Postal Shoot, it's a really stress free way to compete. Place and Graduation certificates are awarded for each round. We look forward to receiving lots of results!

Silver Arrow

National Indoor Postal Shoot

Last year we braved 11 degrees and drizzle for the Silver Arrow National Indoor Postal shoot, but this year it was blue sky and sunshine. Ten juniors enjoyed shooting in these perfect archery conditions at the Bowmen of Melville grounds, followed by a sausage sizzle. Our thanks to Keith Longbottom for acting as Line Captain and to Cadan, Tierney and Kevin for putting the target butts away in the shed. If you were one of those who came on April 30, and you shoot a better score between now and the end of May, send you score sheet to us and we'll send that one instead. If you have shot the Silver Arrow at your club, but want us to send your scores in, then post your score sheet, an entry form and fee to ASWA Junior Coordinators, 15B Taree St, St James WA 6102 before the end of May. Otherwise make sure you send it all to Terri Nielson by June 16 2006.



A Real Clout Arrow

Best wishes and Happy birthday to:

- Daniel Tew, 12th May
- Todd Suddell, 15th May
- Nicholas Greeney, 16th May
- Christopher Gill, 18th May
- Aaron Edwards, 18th May
- Sam Rose, 20th May
- Michael Wilkinson, 22nd May
- Tierney McPartland, 24th May
- Ross Sandrock, 25th May
- Brent Marsh, 31st May

Benara FITA Star Grand Prix Three

The next competition in the Grand Prix series is on Sunday May 21 at Benara Club, Whiteman Park. This event allows you to claim a FITA Star, depending on your score and bow type. If you're planning to enter for State Team selection, you need to shoot all of the remaining Grand Prix shoots, so enter now if you haven't already done so. Your club will have all the details.

- C**alendar
- ▶ **14th - 28th May**
Junior Postal Shoot #2
 - ▶ **21st May 2006**
Grand Prix #3. Benara FITA Star at Whiteman Park. Entry forms out this month.
 - ▶ **28th May - 11th June**
Junior Postal Shoot #3
 - ▶ **4th June 2006**
The Sunset Star. A new FITA Star tournament at Sunset Coast Archers. It's also GP #4
 - ▶ **11th June**
Juniors and Pathway Training Day at Bowmen of Melville.
 - ▶ **2nd July 2006**
Grand Prix #5 - Field at BoM

Carolyn Madeley and Moya Longbottom
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Sorrento Tournament

Eleven juniors braved the windy conditions at Whiteman Park on Sunday April 9 to take part in the Sorrento Tournament. This was a handicap shoot, which meant that even less experienced archers had a chance to beat those who have been shooting longer. Also available were Achievement badges for "off the bow" scores, beginning at 800. There were some great scores shot and below are the results under the handicap system, followed by those who earned Achievement Badges.

Girls [Recurve and Compound]

1. Ashley Sim

2. Tegan Healey

Boys [Recurve and Compound]

1. Daniel Tew

2. Tierney McPartland

3. Aaron Edwards

800 badge

Matt Rodgers

Ashley Sim

850 badge

Aaron Edwards

900 badge

Tegan Healey

Junior Profile: Tegan Healey

NAME: Tegan Healey

NICKNAME: Tegs, Twegan (as the state team likes to call me)

DIVISION: Under 14 girls compound

BOW TYPE: Compound. Hoyt Rintec and getting a Hoyt Selena soon

CLUB: Kalamunda Governor Stirling Archers

YEAR YOU STARTED ARCHERY: 2003

HOW OFTEN DO YOU SHOOT: Twice a week

MAIN REASON YOU STARTED ARCHERY: Because my brother did it and I tried it and found out I like it. Also you meet great people and get to go on holidays.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR CAREER SO FAR: 2006 Junior Nationals in Brisbane and the Trans Tasman test just past.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: When I achieved my goal to get a medal at the

TransTasman Test

A huge congratulations goes to Tegan Healey, Matt Rodgers and Alex Wood for outstanding performances at the Trans Tasman test, recently contested against New Zealand in Melbourne. All three of our WA representatives won Gold in their respective divisions. Tegan and Alex were both star performers with the compound bow. Both shot comfortable 1300s on the second day. Matt wasn't too far behind either, with a solid 1210.

Reaching the Trans Tasman test is a milestone anyone can achieve with some hard work and commitment. It is contested biannually against New Zealand at a location alternating between both countries. This year it was at Diamond Valley Archery Club in Melbourne. The team was chosen from the best archers of all divisions at the Junior Nationals in Brisbane. Maybe the Trans Tasman is a goal you can aim for.

Training Day

The next Training Day is to be held on June 11 2006 at Bowmen of Melville grounds. More details will be emailed out closer to the time and will be in next month's newsletter.

Nationals.

GREATEST STRENGTH: Archery

FUTURE ARCHERY GOALS: To get into the worlds one day and win gold.



FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Simpsons and Futurama

FAVOURITE MOVIES: Thunder struck.

06 State Indoor (with benefits)

Coming soon are the State Indoor Championships, which are held annually every winter. The State Indoor is always a great shoot for all juniors, even those who haven't shot a competition before, because the distances are short, the atmosphere is friendly and the weather inside is always great! However this year there is an added incentive... it will also be the National Championships!

This year Archery Australia is running a trial which will see the National Championships run as a postal shoot, where everyone posts in their scores from their State Indoor events (which will be held concurrently nationwide). However just because it's a postal shoot it doesn't mean that it isn't for real. Winners hold the title of Australian Indoor Champion, and be sent fair dinkum Aussie National Medals. So make sure you enter the biggest shoot in WA this year. Keep looking out for entry forms, which will be on club notice boards shortly.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta lollies, sausage sizzle.

MOST DISLIKED FOOD: Sushi

PET HATES: Small dogs, I like big dogs. Also snakes, spiders and any creepy crawlies.

MOST ADMIRE SPORTS PERSON: My coach, Valentino Rossi (MotoGP Champion)

WHY DO YOU ADMIRE THEM? Because my coach has taught me to shoot very well. I like watching motorsports sometimes and Valentio wins EVERY THING sort of like me but he has people to compete with.

FAVOURITE MOMENT IN AUSTRALIAN SPORT: When I won gold in target and field.

OTHER SPORTS YOU ENJOY: Hockey, tennis, Motorbike riding and bashing up Gemma.

HOBBIES BESIDES ARCHERY: Watching TV, playing sport and talking about archery

ADVICE FOR BEGINNER ARCHERS: Ask for help if you are confused or can't do something. It worked for me!

Thanks to all who sent in Junior Profiles, which will appear in the coming months
If you have not returned yours yet please do, we'd like to hear from you all!