

WAVERLEY CITY ARCHERS NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 2011.



AROUND THE CLUB

THEFT OF MONEY.

It is with regret that I must report to the membership that we have had money stolen from the club cash tin.

This is the second time this has happened in a relatively short period of time which has required us to go from a simple metal box to a stainless steel cash box and now to a letterbox set up in the equipment room.

We have had things stolen from us many times in the past by strangers to the club but the saddest thing about these thefts is that they are by a person who has been entrusted with a clubroom key and that is the first time in over 20 years of my membership that a trusted person has stolen from their own members and I find this deplorable.

The stolen monies are from membership fees and coaching classes which together keep the Archery club afloat by providing rent, power, targets and a whole raft of other items which help make the archery experience fun for those who would like to take part.

BACKGROUND.

The money comes mainly from the coaching courses which are organised and run by members who receive NO money for doing this most valuable job.

Fred Koepler, Graham Williams and John Basemore and most recently Tingo (if I have missed anyone, I apologise) have given their time because of the love of their sport, and the enjoyment they get from showing newcomers the sport which has given them so much pleasure.

GUILT IS A HEAVY BURDON,

The thing with human beings is that we can remember things that we have done in the past and us 'oldies' can tell you that GUILT is a heavy burden to carry for the rest of your life and a memory as grave as theft will be with you forever so I want to appeal to the better side of your personality and suggest that it is not too late to relieve yourself of this act by placing the money back into the money box as soon as possible, life will be a whole lot easier for you without this memory, I promise.

When you put it back in the box, mark it returned money thanks.

SECURITY

The committee has found it necessary to ramp up security in the club room to help deter theft and asks members to follow the procedure when paying money in but watch your fingers when you are putting money through the door it has a tight little spring which could catch your fingers if you are not careful(not really)so watch out.

That's enough of that ,now on to more positive things.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership continues to grow at an incredible rate due to the hard work of the coaching staff and to the drawing power of archery which holds a fascination for humans.

The very interesting thing about newer members is their interest in more traditional forms of archers reflected in the number of long bows of varying designs and horse bows which seem to appear whenever someone returns from overseas trips, it is good to see.

The membership is using the archery field on most days of the week (the grass guy has to make an appointment to cut the grass.) with Saturday still the main day with more archers shooting the round of the day,I counted around 15 archers last week. Sundays is coaching ,Wednesdays are huge and some are using the field on Thursdays also.

This is probably a good spot to put in my usual request for anyone who would like to take a more hands on role in the club to come forward. We need committee members ,coaches and judges so if you would like to extend your boundaries of knowledge of the sport please come forward we need you. AGM 08 October

DOING ARCHERY

It seems to me that when you 'do' other sports like golf for instance ,you learn how to play and then you play a round of golf to see how well you play and when you play footy, round ball or Australian rules, you learn how to play and then you play a match,it is not usually the case that you would just spent time whacking a golf ball around or boot a footy end to end ad nauseum.

Well,when you do archery for a sport you learn how to shoot and then you see how you go in a match.

WCA has its match time on Saturday afternoons which is our CLUB SHOOT , you see to have your round of archery recognised they must be shot in the presents of other archers during a round so they can witness your efforts.

Archery is a very pure form of sport because it is all up to how you can shoot an arrow.No one can interfere with your shooting like,tackling,bumping or pushing in fact it is not in good taste to even talk loudly while archers are on the line so your result is purely a result of the effort that you are putting in to become a better archer.

The club extends an invitation to all members to come along and 'DO' archery for real on Saturday afternoons.You will see the round of the day and an alternative

shorter round written on the shooting calendar on the clubroom wall. By taking part you can better your personal best score and have your name put up on the board in the club room or you can trophy hunt the special pins and badges for all gold or perfects and class pins that you can view in the glass frame on the clubroom wall.

Of course the ultimate way to 'DO' archery is to take part in the tournament calendar which gives you a chance to visit the many other archery clubs around the state and around the country where you can meet other archers of the same age. You might even travel the world with archery by taking place in international tournaments representing Australia.

The possibilities are endless so why not give it a go and if you are going to 'do' archery you really have to 'do' it or you are really not doing at all, I guess.

Victorian State Clout.

Just a short word about the state clout held on 28th August by the WCA who took over the event after another club was not able to run it.

It was the first time that the official FITA 5 ring clout was shot and by all accounts the day was an outstanding success for our club and for all who took part in the shoot. Results can be found on the internet but from our club,

JACKIE JENNER came 2nd in the Barebow women's,
FIONA GUEST came 1st in Compound Women's with
LEIGH ALLISON coming 3rd and
DEBBIE ALLISON 4th place.

In Barebow mens,
CHUAN-CHEE TING 'TINGO' came 2nd and
COLIN SHORT 3rd place.

In the mens compound section,
JOHN GALLEY came a very close 2nd with
VINCENT HO 4th and
JOHN KIRKPATRICK 5th place.

Longbow Mens,
ROSTISLAV PASECHNIKON 2nd place and
JOHN ALLISON 2nd in the Veterans Compound Mens division.

There were 49 archers at the shoot with a wide ranging of ages and bow types present.

Congratulations to all who took part and a huge thank you to all the club members who contributed to putting on a great shoot by helping with the setting up and taking down of the tournament it is a big job but with such enthusiastic assistance we can mark up another success for the club.

ALAN WHITE TALKS ARROWS.

On September 17th **Alan White** of MAVERICK ARCHERY came to the club and gave a very informative talk about the very important topic of arrow selection concentrating on how the spine of the arrow affects how arrows leave the bow cleanly.

The weather was kind and so we were able to have the talk under the verandah. The talk followed one of WCA famous BBQ's head chef was Colin Bush

assisted by James Hirth who, incidentally I notice, plays the very important role of sausage tester which means that the snags are taste tested throughout the cooking process with the result that every sausage is cooked to perfection. Members once again brought along salads etc. which made the days a great experience.

Overall the BBQ and talk were very well attended and enjoyed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON 08 OCTOBER.

All members are asked to come along if possible to take part in this most important event.

We will have a BBQ prior to the meeting and a round will be shot afterwards.

We need people to put their names in for the committee especially President as I understand Graham will, sadly, be standing down, and the position of Secretary will also become vacant as Brendan Poge will be stepping down from that position.

We have a very strong club in membership numbers but unless people come forward to do this vital work the club would more than likely collapse.

Being on the committee is a very positive experience and can give you a great feeling of achievement knowing that you are playing an important role in running one of the biggest archery clubs in the state of Victoria.

Give it a try you are sure to enjoy it.

THE MONASH TROPHY.

WORKING BEE.

The Monash Trophy is one of the largest tournaments on our calendar and will be held on SUNDAY 6TH of NOVEMBER and to prepare for this showcase event we will have a **Working Bee on 29th of October.**

A WORKING BEE is a day when all available club members come together to share in work that needs to be done in order to run a top class event and because the work is shared it means that each person only has to do very little work and have a good deal of fun doing it.

There should be time to shoot a round later.

Please check on the starting time as the WB gets closer, enthusiastic members usually get stuck in quite early and seem to have a very enjoyable time as it is in general a social event as well as being creative.

The club benefits from the working bees as shooting-butts are upgraded for more enjoyable shooting.

Join in be a top club person and you will love it.

CHECK IT OUT

Google.... archery news and select London 2012 Olympics archery breaking news.

This is a very interesting site with shooting form videos and updates dated 06 of October.

WHAT'S ON.

Australian Masters Games Adelaide 7th to 16th

OCTOBER.	8th	AGM all members please attend.	
	8,9	Victorian State Field	SA
	9	English Warbows at WCA.	
	15th	Grange	Darwin
	22nd	Long FITA/Short FITA	Horsham
	22	Werribee Challenge	WA
	23	Whitehorse Trophy	BHAC
	29th	WORKING BEE	

<u>NOVEMBER.</u>	5th	Grange	Darwin
	6	MONASH TROPHY	help required.
	12th	Canberra (Presidents Shield)	
	19th	Long FITA?short FITA	Horsham
	20th	Yarra Silver Star	YB
	26th	General Meeting all members to attend.	

So there is lots of exciting stuff happening ,get amongst the fun and enjoy your archery.

HAPPY SHOOTING.

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