

# WAVERLEY CITY ARCHERS NEWS LETTER



## DECEMBER 2011

Hello Archers,

We have had another amazing year of archery ,but before I get started I would like to extend a welcome to all our new members with the hope that you enjoy your new sport.

### ***AROUND THE CLUB***

We have had our Annual General Meeting to elect the committee for the next 12 months and we are fortunate to have some very committed members filling positions.

Thanks goes to ,

FRED KOEPLER	.....PRESIDENT.
VACANT	.....VICE PRESIDENT.
VACANT	.....SECRETARY.
GRAHAM STEWART	.....TREASURER.
LEIGH ALLISON	.....RECORDER.
RAY LENDRUM	.....ORDINARY MEMBER.

Congratulations and thanks to these people, I hope everyone will do all possible to assist when asked, to make their jobs easier.

As you can see there are positions not filled as yet which means that we are working at a reduced efficiency so if you feel that you can make a difference and fill one of these vital roles please come forward now and talk to Fred....the club needs members to take part in the clubs activities.

We also require coaches to keep our coaching programme going so if you would like to become a qualified coach please talk to Fred.

Fred has asked me to pass on his thanks ,on behalf of the club, to outgoing members of the committee.

GRAHAM WILLIAMS who filled the position of President for two years and BRENDAN POGE who filled the position of Secretary while juggling a busy life with family and work .

GRAHAM WILLIAMS filled the role of President most effectively and I asked him some questions about his time as President which he answered in the following interview,

Hi Graham would you mind answering a few question for me to mark your end of term as President.

1. How many years did you hold the position of President ?.

Elected at AGM in July 2009. Declined nomination at AGM on 17 July 2010 and John Basemore was elected. The following day, he resigned the office and I stood in as interim President (no-one else would do it!). Elected at AGM in Sept 2010. Declined nomination at AGM in Oct 2011 .

I've been elected secretary at various times since about 2000. Have also acted as Recorder and Treasurer when those positions were not filled.

2. What do you consider your best achievement during your term ?.

Difficult to separate my 'achievements' from those of the Committee and the active members of our club. I suppose that the ability to drive programs to their completion whilst retaining the support of members would be an attribute which I, as with any president, would like to believe I'd succeeded in.

3. What are your hopes for the club in the future ?.

That it continues to diversify and increase its membership without diminishing the comradeship within the club. Also, I'd like it to keep its focus on an indoor range through careful financial planning and community involvements.

4. What are your personal aims in archery for the future.

Pathetically few. Being able to hit the target regularly would be a bonus

Do you have any other comments that you would like to make about archery or the club?.

We have a number of members who spend much of their leisure time and expertise in assisting the club and developing the techniques of other archers.

On the other hand, very few of the remainder are prepared to take on Committee positions, despite having the administrative skills to do so, and even fewer are willing to become qualified coaches, despite having the knowledge to do so. Simply put, the club cannot survive unless others become regularly and formally involved in the club's welfare.

Graham has also played a pivotal role in the coaching programme which is our main source of revenue.

I personally thought that Graham was a very innovative leader always trying different things to broaden our range of activities like encouraging the English War Bows to use our field, organizing the Traditional Archery Shoot and working on archery for the blind.

He also managed to fulfill our tournament shooting calendar which is most important to keep our high profile within the archery community.

A job well done and greatly appreciated, thanks Graham.

We have been having some busy Saturday afternoons with more and more members taking part in our club day shoots, they are always great fun and offer the best opportunity to socialize under the verandah at tea break and on the archery field trying to shoot a PB, earning an all gold badge or blowing the back out of one of James' arrows which is always a bit hard to do because they are usually stuffed in the X ring ( he is often blowing the back out of his own arrows Te He HE AKA LOL)

While I am on socializing you know its' Christmas, right???

### **SPECIAL CLUB EVENT**

**THE COMMITTEE INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO A  
BREAK-UP IN THE WCA CLUB HOUSE ON  
TUESDAY 13/12/2011 FROM 5.30 P.M.**

**YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS  
BUT THE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.  
THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO  
SEEING EVERYONE THERE AND ASKS THAT IF  
YOU WILL BE ATTENDING PLEASE EMAIL FRED**

**[fred@koeppler.net.au](mailto:fred@koeppler.net.au)**

***It is likely to be a very popular evening so please email SAP.***



The MONASH TROPHY was a resounding success with 41 archers from many clubs around Victoria taking part .

The Monash Trophy is a very exciting time for us to show off our club to the rest of the state by running a top class tournament.

As usual the WCA membership pulled together, after repairing all the butts and mowing the field to make it look magnificent , the club put on a tournament which is one of the best in Victoria.

Winners amongst our own members were

1st Chris wood CMM, 2nd John Galley CMM, 3rd CP Singh CMM

1st Kean Ngai BM.

1st Fiona Guest CW

2nd Leigh Allison Cw

Well done to all who took part,full results can be found on the AV website (seems to be a bit slow so give it time )

Photos are on the WCA Website ,very nice too.

### ***THE MASTERS GAMES***

The Masters Games were held in Adelaide in October with a strong contingent from Victoria who blitzed the competition bringing home at least two medals each .

Several archers prepared for the event at the WCA field,

Dawn Nelson-Furnell 4x Gold,Leanne Strahan 2x gold,Paul Bowan Gold and Silver and yours truly Gold and Silver.

Full results can be found on the Masters games website and photos on the Archery South Australia web site.

The Masters Games experience is amazing and with the emphasis on fun you can't help but enjoy them I would encourage everyone, if your old enough, to have a go.

There were 52 sports represented and around 8,500 participants .

Thanks to Archery SA for putting on a great games with over 100 archery contestants entered.

### ***THE FIELD CLUB SHOOT.***

OMG!!!! What a day,10 archers from WCA rolled up to the Sherbrooke field to take part in the WCA field Champs.

It was wet to begin with and the forecast was for more wet but we decided to head of and have a go anyway, for a while the gentle but consistent rain managed to soak us to the skin then it got heavier so I couldn't see with my specs on or off but at the 14 th target I had had enough and decided not to continue ,Fiona and Harley followed shortly after.

John Galley described the oncoming deluge like a wall of white moving into the bush and that group hightailed it out of there also.

But Alfred Vella and John Allison somehow found the need to continue to the end and full credit to them for persistence,it must have been abominable.

At one target Jackie Jenner, at thirty meter shot the most perfect robinhood into her own arrow with her longbow...wow...some shot .

We had a great time and we thank the Sherbrooke archers for allowing us to use their field course.

It was a successful day for us and it has rekindled my interest in field shooting, it was the first time for several of the archers who attended and they all thought it was great fun.

### **A NEW ARCHERY CLUB,**

On the 4th of December a new club, Phillip Island Target Archers had an open day to launch operations, by all accounts the 'have a go' day drew quite a lot of attention with a number of ex archers dusting of their bows to rekindle their interest in the sport.

I hope someday we can go down to PI and support their efforts.

Good luck PITA

### **CHECK IT OUT**

One for the girls, a website called 'Girls can't what?' there are lots of products including T shirts covering all types of sports including Archery.



### **WOTS ON**

#### **Just for December**

10th Fun Shoot ...waiting confirmation.

11th English War bow Archers at WCA field (come have a look)

13th Club Breakup

17th Melbourne                      Geelong

17-18      Victorian State Matchplay Championships

24th Adelaide              Short Adelaide

31st Holt.

So that's it for 2011 it's been full of action and fabulous, next year will be a blinder so I hope you can all take part and have a great archery year.

Here's hoping you can all join in with the spirit of Christmas,  
Peace and Goodwill to all and a Happy New year.

HAPPY SHOOTING.....

Clem.

