



The Sped Arrow



"Four things come not back - the spoken word, the sped arrow, times past, the neglected opportunity."
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Editorial

Archers usually love the months of October and November. These are the months when the various archery manufacturers release the latest range of bows and associated equipment for the following year, onto the market. So it is this year, EXCEPT, I am sorry to say for Carbon Tech's Phantom All Carbon bow. Yes I am still awaiting mine and have reached the stage where I will leave my payment with them just to find out how long this whole exercise is going to take.

Anyway for those interested in what the new range of gear is, the following are the websites for the major bow manufacturers:

Hoyt: <http://www.hoyt.com/>

Elite: <http://www.elitearchery.com/products/2011-bows/>

PSE: http://www.pse-archery.com/pdf/2011_PSE_Pro_Series_Bows_cs2.pdf

Alpine: http://www.alpinearchery.com/downloads/2011_ALPINE_CATALOG%20web.pdf

Bear: <http://www.beararcheryproducts.com/downloads/2011BearArcheryCatalog.pdf>

Athews: <http://mathewsinc.com/products/bows/>

Mission: <http://missionarchery.com/#>

Fuse:

http://www.fusearchery.com/catalog/2011_fuse_catalog.php

G5: <http://g5prime.com/default.asp>

Martin:

http://www.martinarchery.com/catalogs/Martin_Archery_2011_Catalog_150dpi.pdf

I have to say that I am very taken with the new Fuse Blade Carbon stabilisers, which have been made with an aerofoil shape to cut down on drag and make it less susceptible to crosswinds.

Club Notices

Sandy Dunstan shot a Robin Hood on Sunday at the Invitational Social Shoot at the Club, using her longbow. Dunno what it is about longbows but that seems to be where the RH's are coming from. This is it:



Mark Kliver and I want to float the idea of a Star Party at the club one night in the not too distant future. Mark and I do astronomy and we each have a serious telescope and it was our thought that some club members may wish, one night, to view the heavens and get an eyeful of what really is up there. We propose to hold it on the club grounds but

picking the correct night is a bit of a gamble because you can never accurately predict the weather.

So what we thought was the on a Saturday at a club shoot we would have a look at the weather and the forecast and call the party for the Sunday night or if you'd prefer, we could put it on, on the Saturday night- you'd need to tell us of your preferences

The night would start with a BBQ at the clubhouse followed by the star gazing when it is dark. We think you might enjoy it, particularly the younger people.

It is requested that you give this some thought and advise me of your decisions/preferences.

New Gear

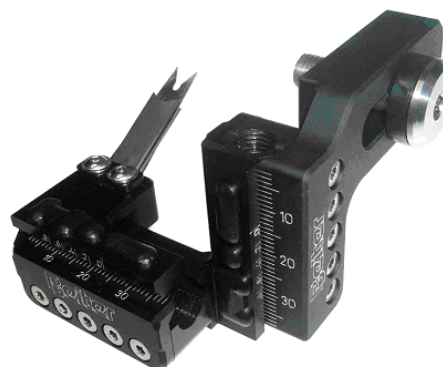
Anyone who knows me, knows that I am a gadget freak and there can be few sports like archery which produces such a wide range of gadgets. Here are some of the latest:



Fuze Carbon Blade Stabilisers

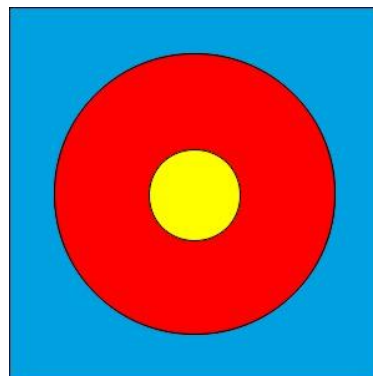


AAE/Cavalier Blade Rest



Beiter Blade Rest for Compounds - \$240!!!

Trophy Ridge have a new rest called the Revolution Rest but I can't download a picture of it. See their 2011 catalogue.



Hit/Miss Target for shoot offs. The gold is the hit area and it is 100mm in diameter and is shot at over 50m using a compound.



Bernardini King Release Aid – new release of old favourite.

The New Hit/Miss System for Compound Bow Shootoffs

Hit/Miss Competitions

Current Series
2010 VIC Series

Hit/Miss is the new competition format developed by FITA for compound archery. It is a major change in the way we score and shoot competitions and has created a fast and exciting competition format.

The Hit/Miss face uses a 10cm diameter centre. Only the yellow centre scores, the rest is a miss.

So the scoring is simple. You either Hit or You miss

Scoring the Sets

Archers compete in a Head-to-Head format seeded by a ranking round.

The match is then shot in a set based system.

Each archer shoots 3 arrows.

The archer with the most hits for that end is the set winner and is awarded 2 points.

Should they get the same number of Hits then both archers receive 1 point.

This is done for 4 ends, or whoever reaches at least 5 points first.

Here is an example match:

Bernie Andrews	3	1	1	3	-	5	8/12
Craig Tyson	3	1	1	2	-	3	7/12

Here is a break down of how they went

End 1: Both archers had 3 hits. One point each is awarded

End 2: Both had 1 hit each. . One point each is awarded, now they are on 2 points each.

End 3: Both had 1 hit each. . One point each is awarded, now they are on 3 points each.

End 4: Bernie shot 3 hits to Craig's 2 hits. Bernie gets 2 points awarded and wins 5 to 3.

Non-Elimination

Gaining popularity in Australia is a Non-Elimination format of matchplay. While this does not change the results, it does mean that those who lose a match are still competing for places after the loss.

This has 2 effects

- Allows people to move up the ladder with good performances after the loss.
- Keeps people participating and enjoying some competition after a loss.

For example:

Fred ranks 8th in the ranking round

He wins his first match (against 9) but loses his second match. (against 1)

Normally he would now be finished for the day.

Next round he competes against the number 5 seed. If he wins, he's now seeded 5. Should he stay there he finishes 5th instead of 8th.

To keep track of places, competitors should be handed a card with a number on it. This number is their ranking after the ranking round. When 2 shooters compete the winner must keep/take the lowest numbered card.

Example:

Fred is ranked 8th and is against Bill ranked 5th.

Fred wins the match so takes the #5 card

Bill lost so takes the number 8 card. From now on that is their new seeding for future matches. Easy-Peasy eh!?!?



What I'm thinking is that perhaps the Club might like to have a go at this sort of shooting at some stage in the near future. What do you reckon, committee members?



The Parting Shot

Strafford Stark has been hard at work arranging a grant from the State Government and thanks to him, we have one - \$26,000 for the purchase of new target butts and sundry other items. Well done Strafford, you have done us well!

Currently discussions are in progress regarding which target type to buy. There are two main contenders, the Eleven target and the Damage target. This is a substantial difference in price

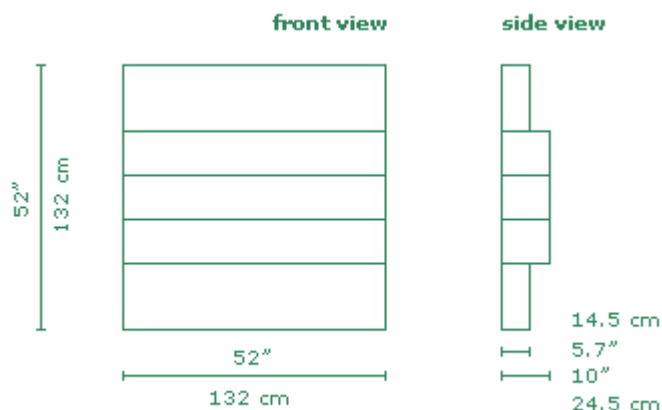
between the two and the Eleven is the less expensive of the two.

Many of the club have shot on Eleven targets during the Australian Nationals this year and I believe most of us were impressed with the result. They are quite light and an easy lift for one person.

They suffer from two disadvantages and these relate to the target proper and the removable centre.

The main part of the target stops arrows very effectively but arrows are hard to draw out of the mat. The replaceable centre is very good when new but as time goes on it softens and, worse still, arrows striking the points where the centre plug meets the target mat wear enough to allow arrows to pass clean through, so a ready supply of centres is needed.

The Eleven Target:



It has been decided to wait until after the Pan Pacific Masters on the gold Coast before deciding which target to purchase. The Gold Coast club uses the Damage targets so the group attending this competition will have an excellent opportunity to assess how effective these targets are.

Whichever target is chosen, it is planned to buy 15 of them.

Watch this space for further news as it comes to hand.

Well people, that's it for this time. Enjoy your shooting and deep tens, everyone

The Damage Target plus essential accessories (stand and backstop)



