



# Newsletter

## April 2011

It's been a very tumultuous time for the club so far in 2011. Below are some of the things that have been happening.

### Update on the Flood

As you know the Club has been under some stress in 2011 - the January flood did quite a bit of damage to the Club's fields, target butts and of course the equipment in our container was destroyed.

Although the field is still a 'tad' soggy and the grass a bit long we have been able to shoot for the past 4 weeks thanks to the efforts of a number of club members who have gone out of their way to help get us back on track.

There are a few silver linings to our 'flood' cloud:

- we have salvaged enough of the old targets for Graeme to restart his Beginner's Courses & "Come 'n Try" sessions on the 'new' upper field;
- our new target butts were not at the field at the time of the flood and therefore were saved - these butts are working exceptionally well although we are still experimenting with target frames;
- we have received a grant from the State to help with equipment losses as well as an additional grant from the Brisbane City Council;
- Graeme is looking at what additional equipment we can purchase with our grant moneys from last year. If you have any ideas please contact Graeme as soon as possible.

We still have some work to do in relation to the field drainage but we're almost back to normal and hope to see you back at the club for our regular shoots.

### Newsletter

Tom Woodley has decided he is unable to continue with production of the newsletter ("The Sped Arrow") he started some time ago. Tom spent a lot of time researching information for the newsletter and we thank him for his efforts.

A role now exists for a member/s to take over the collation and submission of a monthly or quarterly newsletter.

If anyone is interested in giving it a go please contact Strafford Stark ([stark@bigpond.net.au](mailto:stark@bigpond.net.au)).

## Club Positions

### President

Ross Larsen has been President of the Club for many years. Early this year Ross decided, for personal reasons, that he would resign from that role and just "enjoy my archery".

Ross was a founding member of the Club and has been a stalwart of the Club ever since. Thank you Ross for all your hard work over the years - enjoy your archery!

Peter Milner - Vice President was unable to take over as President (due to personal responsibilities) and so the Committee voted Strafford Stark as President.

### Other Committee Positions

The other Committee positions remain unchanged, ie -

Peter Milner	- Vice President
Richard Mutch	- Secretary
Graeme Jeffrey	- Treasurer
Deborah Cooke	- Assistant Treasurer

All Committee positions are vacated at the next AGM and a new Committee elected. Richard will be sending nomination forms around prior to the AGM, so start thinking about who you want on your Committee.

### Club Recorder

Unfortunately Dawn Milner has resigned as Club Recorder due to health reasons. Thank you Dawn for all your hard work as Club Recorder - we hope to see you fit and well very soon.

Luckily Phil Buhot, who had been apprenticed to Dawn, is able to take over the role. We know that Phil can always seek Dawn's advice on appropriate disciplinary actions for those who do not complete their Score Sheets correctly.

If anyone has any questions about Score Sheets then Phil is now your man.

## Director of Shooting (DoS) Duties

In the past the DoS duties have resided with Graeme, the President or another person with a whistle. This is not entirely appropriate for the control of what could be a dangerous pastime.

The role of the DoS is to ensure a safe & controlled shooting environment by (this is not an exhaustive list):

- ensuring that no club members, general public or animals are in front of the line prior to shooting;
- ensuring that shooting commences, finishes and arrows are collected in an orderly manner in accordance with FITA requirements;
- ensuring that shooting complies with FITA, AA & Club rules, so that all claims are valid;
- be familiar with FITA, AA & Club equipment & shooting rules.

Therefore we are calling for volunteers who wish to help with DoS duties.

A formal training program will be developed for prospective DoS's and all club members will be made aware of archery field and shooting etiquette.

Anyone interested in helping with DoS duties, please contact Graeme Jeffrey ( archer@gil.com.au ).

### **Archery Australia Member Dues**

Unfortunately some members remain non-financial with respect to their Archery Australia dues. These dues were payable by 1 January 2011 and are extremely important because of their insurance component.

We will be following up, over the next few weeks, on those members who have not paid their AA dues. If you are one of these members please contact Graeme Jeffrey to pay your dues immediately.

Any member who has not paid their Archery Australia dues will not be permitted onto any archery fields nor will they be permitted to participate in other archery activities.

### **Easter**

For those keen people who wish to shoot over Easter, the Club will be open on Easter Saturday from 12.30pm to 4.30pm, weather permitting of course.

The clubhouse will be open as well.