

# Paringa Archers Newsletter



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## October 2024 Newsletter

### Working Bee

Thanks to everyone who turned out to the working bee on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Quite a bit was done, including some cleaning of drains around the clubhouse, pouring the last footings for the gazebos and doing quite a bit of clearing around the field course.



A great turnout for the working bee on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Great company, good banter, chicken and champagne – well, at least soft drink and coffee!

### A bit more Paringa History

With the existing grounds having been approved and commenced in 1981, some significant development occurred over the following years.

In March 1983 a working bee to finish framework on the club room was established, and another to commence setting up 7 field targets, but no permanent field course as yet.

By mid 1983 members were asked to think about a club uniform, which was decided as a blue shirt with white collar and red stripe on the short sleeve.

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Kings Meadows High school gym was organised for indoors on Saturdays at 1-5pm. It was interesting to see that at this same time, the club was looking into hire of a video camera – this is compared to now, with everyone having mobile phones, where video recording is at our fingertips. Not to mention Paul and his drone!

In late 1984 the issue of permanent butts was raised, at this time targets were manhandled in and out of the storage shed each time a shoot took place. A far throw from today's easily moved permanent butts. By March 1985 approval for one permanent butt had been gained, and this was in the form of galvanised pipe – some of these stands can still be seen at the edges of the target range today. By May 1990 the one and only permanent butt was moved to the 90m line – yes 90m used to be popular – and a second butt was arranged.

At the same time there was a possibility of hiring a building at the showgrounds (at that time in Elphin) to hold indoor championships. There was also a club at Devonport and members were invited to use their indoor facilities any night. By April 1990 the showgrounds were being used on a regular basis for a weekly indoor shoot, but four years later, state indoor tournaments at this venue had been raising a bit of concern. Some archers were unhappy with targets, poor lighting, time delays and loss of state record claims due to these conditions.

In 1991 thoughts of a permanent field course were still in infancy and a field course at Mt Direction was made available on member Martin Hughes land. Targets were constructed of wet suit material, similar to some of the ones on today's club course. This course proved to be quite popular and grew in size fairly rapidly.

Interestingly, the raised mound you see at the end of the target range wasn't always there. An application to construct the earth wall as a safety barrier was submitted to council in May 1995. This same year proved quite busy at the club. In August, an application to erect the colorbond verandah roof on the shooting ground side of club house was put forward, an additional storage container was requested, and an application to extend the southern side of ground to permit construction of field course took advantage of fact that club would host the Tasmanian Masters Games.

By March 1996 indoor shoots on a regular basis were being arranged at the Octagon centre in Launceston. This sports centre also held archery classes separate to the club and was a source to finding new members for Paringa. The field course was now fenced and ready to set out, and up and running fully by June 1997, although working bees were still a regular occurrence to keep the course going.

So nearly 30 years ago, and the club was slowly approaching what we have today.



I wonder how long these fellas have been members of the club!

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## Competition News

### Mid Week 90 arrow shoot

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October saw a turnout of six regulars, shooting either a 20m or 30m round. Karen and Heather had a close match with just 5 points between them. Tony and Jeff both shot the 30m round, Tony with longbow and Jeff with recurve.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Shoot

It was great to see some good weather for a change with very little wind for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday shoot. A good turnout as well, with everyone having a great time. Some varied 720 rounds were shot, ranging from 20m on a large face to 50m on an 80cm six ring face. Some varied scores were shot, with the top-ranking being compounders Todd with an Elite Bronze, Geoff Dyer with a Gold and Steven Finearty with Gold.

### Indoor QRE

Just enough archers for the indoor QRE this month, with 4 turning up. Todd and Peter both shot compound, Trevor shot his barebow and Jeff recurve. It was good to see Debbie Draeger also turn up and shoot her recurve, though she didn't shoot the QRE. Debbie is looking forward to a brand-new compound in the not too distant future.

### Southern AST WA Championships

Only a small turnout of seven at this Hobart shoot, but at least 'Team Paringa' managed one representative with Jeff Garner shooting his recurve. This was a double 1440 round shot over two days and everyone participated for both days.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Shoot

Not a single compound in sight at the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday shoot! Peter was going to shoot his but gave in to the pressure and shot barebow with come and try equipment. This proved that club equipment can actually make it to 40m and even further, since quite a few went sailing over the top of the target!

Meanwhile, the two youngest shooters, Alexander and Charlotte Cooke continued to put in some good scores, keeping pace with some of the more experienced in the field.





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## Australian Nationals

The Archery Australia Nationals Championships and Archery Australia Open were held in Canberra from the 23rd to the 28th Oct. Information and results are available on Archers

Diary <https://archersdiary.com/EventResults.aspx> and IANSEO <https://www.ianseo.net/Details.php?toid=19903>

Todd Bowerman represented 'Team Paringa' over the course of events and managed some very good scores. The first round shot on the 24<sup>th</sup> was a 90m 1440 round and Todd placed 12<sup>th</sup> with a 1323. Next was a 60/900 round where Todd placed 14<sup>th</sup> with an 875. Just to put these into perspective there was only a 20 point difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and over the entire round Todd only shot two eights, with the rest in yellow. Compound can be very challenging at times! In the ranking rounds for matchplay Todd managed to get to the 1/16<sup>th</sup> round. So, all in all a very good effort!

As well as Todd there were seven other Tasmanian competitors:

Open Female Recurve	
Sarah Heywood	Hobart Archers
Amberleigh Muller	Hobart Archers
Open Male Recurve	
Alexander Levett	Arrogone Archers
Open Barebow Recurve	
Judah Holmes	Van Diemen Archers
50+ Male Recurve	
Abe Passmore	Van Diemen Archers
60+ Male Recurve	
Ian Bessell	Burnie Archery Club
70+ Male Recurve	
Rodnery Cameron-Tucker	Hobart Archers

Significant results went to:

Sarah Heywood finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1440 round and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 900  
Judah Holmes finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1440, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 900 and placing first overall in the matchplay!  
Ian Bessell finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 1440 and 900  
Rodney Cameron-Tucker placing first in both the 1440 and 900 rounds.

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## Upcoming competitions

Burnie Archery Club will be hosting the Luttrell/Clarke Memorial Field Shoot on the 9th & 10th of Nov. Entries close 5th Nov. Registration is available on Assemble Sports here.

<https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/finder?id=3001299>

Paringa Archers will be hosting the Northern Championships on the 23rd & 24th of Nov. Registration will be available soon. Check the AST Calendar for Registration details. [Archery Society of Tasmania & Affiliated Clubs Events Calendar](#) | [Teamup](#)

Burnie Archery Club will be hosting this year's AST State Target Championships on the 7th & 8th Dec. Entries close 2nd Dec. The AST AGM will be held at Burnie Archery Club on the 7th at 6pm. Registration is available on Assemble Sports here.

[https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Burnie Archery Club/finder?id=3002797](https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Burnie%20Archery%20Club/finder?id=3002797)

## Other Calendar Events for November

All entries via Archers Diary

November 9	QRE Target 720 rounds Hobart Archers
November 17	QRE Target 1440 Burnie
November 13	QRE Indoor Paringa

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## Paringa Archers Decathlon

**The last chance to try the Decathlon for 2024**  
**Saturday November 30th, 2024, Shotgun Start**

**Practice 11am - Round 1, 11:30am**

**Barbeque lunch provided**

**Round 2, 1:30pm approx.**

10 different targets, 6 arrows per target.  
Flu Flu arrows and blunts available where required.  
Bare Bow Recurve or Longbows, maximum 40lb  
Club bows available if you need them.  
Distances mostly 30mtrs or less,  
Variety of targets to test your skills.

**Featuring the “wheel” the “Popinjay” and the “Ball”**

**Come and test yourself, have some fun, and enjoy the banter and  
barbeque lunch.**

**Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> awarded on the day.**

**Registration to shoot and for lunch, please text Roger 0458596310 or  
email [rogeremery@bigpond.com](mailto:rogeremery@bigpond.com)  
Look forward to seeing you there.**

**We are looking for a barbeque cook if anyone would like to volunteer,  
please let Roger or Dean know.**

**Any members available to help set up from 10am would be appreciated**  
**The indoor venue is not available for the Decathlon and the shoot  
will be cancelled if conditions are too wet for outdoors.**

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## Social shoots

### Monthly fun shoot

Some threatening weather on this Saturday saw both rounds of the social shoot over and done with by 1pm! Mind you, that was also probably helped by the fact only 4 participants tuned up. John convincingly took out the longbow division and Heather was the one and only Barebow Recurve shooter.

### Mini Clout

The weather was much better for the mini clout shoot. The club record looked at threat for a while with Paul shooting at his best, his second end was even an all gold for a score of 58! No one managed a 300 for the day though so the record was safe. Highest score of the day was 286 for Paul on the 60m clout, with Heather shooting a 285 on the 50m clout. Good shooting from Bella as well, she won the second clout with a 260 and wasn't far behind Paul in the first clout with a 278.



Is that a snake or a leech!! (They are 4" feathers on that arrow by the way)  
The clout range presents its own challenges!



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## Scheduled Events

Scheduled Paringa activities						
Day	Morning	Team	Afternoon	Team	Evening	Team
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday			Club 90 arrow shoot	Karen Neil	Come N Try, Coaching	Jeff Garner Clint Freeman
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Social shoot		Social shoot	Roger Emery Dean Emery		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Come N Try	Alex Johnston (Dos) Trudy Johnston John Dodos Debbie Draeger	Club 72 arrow shoot	Jeff Garner		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Mini Clout		Mini Clout	Roger Emery Dean Emery		
	Coaching		Coaching	Jeff Garner		
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Come N Try	Dean Emery (Dos) Tony Delphin Brian Swinton Emma Hutchinson Peter Mulholland	Club 90 arrow shoot	John Dodos		
5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday					Club Indoor 18m	Jeff Garner
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday			Decathlon shoot	Roger Emery Dean Emery		



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COMPOUND STRING/CABLE SET (5 total)  
(please allow one week)

\$115

### STRING/CABLE FITTING

(This includes cam timing, draw length set and centre serving to suit nocks)

\$80

Colours currently available in "8125": Black

Colours currently available in "X": Black, Flo Yellow and Flo Green

Colours currently available in "8190": Black, Blue and Buck Skin

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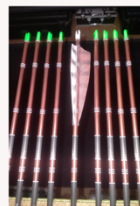
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