

## Around the Trads

The 2015 Trad shoot year commenced earlier in Qld this year, with the Inaugural Wide Bay Field Archers Tradtastic being held at their club grounds in February. There was some concern it may be too hot. This was not the case as an intense low pressure system was forming. Still, 70 archers from Brisbane through to Maryborough, Toowoomba, Dalby, Gladstone ventured to Hervey Bay and we battled a very stiff breeze and mosquitoes, which made putting tents and tarps up challenging, to say the least. Their first shoot went well, so with some fine tuning and more club support it should be even better for 2016.

Victoria's first "Trad" shoot was held at Ballarat Bowhunters in early January, with 44 archers, mostly locals, a small group from Melbourne and a couple of ring-ins from NSW and QLD who were travelling down south I believe, enjoyed the cooler than usual Victorian weather.

Wisemans Ferry 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Get-together at Hawkesbury Field Archers, was next on the calendar and is always a fabulous shoot to attend. This year saw 120 archers including 25 from Qld, 1 for SA, 10 from Vic and 2 from Germany, enjoying the many and varied events. The Challenge Round is the signature event – 10 3D targets only 3 arrows allowed on this particular course. One shot per target, if all your arrows get broken, game over. Should you be fortunate enough to have all 3 at the final target, these can all be shot. This shoot grows in popularity every year and is one to have marked on your Traditional shoot calendar.

At this shoot, following Saturdays archery activities, Traditional Archery Australia held an open AGM. All committee members were re-elected to their nominated positions unopposed. Membership count was noted as over 300.

Easter shoot was soon upon us and it seemed the 15<sup>th</sup> Traditional Rendevous being held at North Albert Field Archers in Yatala Qld, could become a canoeing event. The rain was very persistent, up to and including Friday evening, so I am sure there may have been even more than the 105 archers who enjoyed what turned out to be a beautiful sunny weekend. There were one or two showers during the evenings only, so the running of the many events went smoothly, even if it was a little damp under foot. Archers had travelled from Dalby, quite a few from Toowoomba, others from Kingaroy through to Gympie and many places in between enjoyed 2 field courses, rolling, moving and flu flu events. There was a good contingent from Coffs Coast Archery club who were busy taking notes for their Inaugural Trad shoot to be held in October.

The Barambah Trad Bash held on the Mothers day weekend in May, was at the club grounds in Nanango Qld. The daytime shooting was glorious, the evenings however were a little chilly and there were many fires to catch up with friends. The morning walk around the 20 target course soon warmed everyone. This year they added a Popinjay event, where one had to shoot the "pigeons off the steeple" with rubber blunts on flu flus. There were 90 archers, including one very well-travelled Victorian, many from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Sunshine coast, Stanthorpe, and The Summit NSW. Numbers were down this year due to the No Dog policy – never mind. In the next article you will find information on Gladstone Muster, Hunter Valley Gathering, Caboolture Corral and others.

Trad shoots in July/August are at Lakeside Bowmen, Petrie Qld - Chevallan Archery Park, Gympie Qld - Golden Triangle Archers, Dunolly Vic - Grange Bowman, Brisbane Qld - Hinterland Field Archers, Gold Coast Qld - Mallee Sunset Field Archers, Mildura Vic. You will find further information and available flyers for the Traditional Shoots at the following websites.

[www.ozbow.net](http://www.ozbow.net)>Traditional Archery Events>2015 Calendar – for dates on all the years shoots. You will find each club has their own forum Thread when the flyers become available.

[www.wallacetradwoods.com](http://www.wallacetradwoods.com) > Shoot Information – (link to flyers)

[www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org](http://www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org) > Shoot Information – (link to flyer)

If you have any queries or would like to be added to the Qld Traditional Archery data base for direct shoot information please feel free to contact me by email at [swallace@wallacetradwoods.com](mailto:swallace@wallacetradwoods.com) and I'll see you 'round the Trads. Cheers.