

Around the Trads

For the June Queens Birthday long weekend the entire East Coast weather was sunny and mild, and saw 117 archers enjoying the Hunter Valley Gathering, at their grounds in Newcastle. This clubs signature event would have to be the broadhead round held on the Sunday, where archers are able to hone their skills. The weekend saw one very keen archer fly from Far North Qld to Sydney, meet up with his dad who had flown in from WA, to join the shoot, which from all accounts was as successful as previous years with various novelty events and the 3D field course all being shot on the Saturday.

-The Aust Longbow and Recurve Muster was held at Gladstone club grounds Lake Awonga, Qld and 45 archers from as far north as Townsville, a few from the Sunshine Coast and couple from Dalby made the trek. There was a moving target, 2 speed rounds plus the long 20 target 3D course I believe. All the kids had a fun afternoon session learning new skills from one of the sports colourful characters.

-This weekend also saw the low key launch of the inaugural traditional shoot at Chevallan Archery Park. There were 40 archers in total invited from Northern NSW, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Darling Downs, and Sunshine Coast, 34 of who were never able to attend either Newcastle or Gladstone due to the distance to travel, so have not been to a traditional shoot on this weekend before. The event may have caused a few grumblings from others; those of us there enjoyed ourselves for 2 fun filled days of shooting. We had the 150m clout (SAT), hunt round, speed rounds, moving target, rolling disks (SUN), and 25 3D targets over 2 courses shooting 2 arrows at each.

These events were shot on both days, plus the extra extra long gamble shot.

-There was also a dozen or so Victorians who held their own mini trad shoot, which looked very interesting with them all rugged up, shooting in beanies, thick jumpers and raincoats, and judging by all the smiles, were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

-The Caboolture Corral, held mid-June, was looking like another damp-under-foot shoot as it had drizzled on the days leading into the weekend and some were recalling the previous year's dampness and antics of some vehicles getting up the driveway from the bottom campground. This may have explained the attendance being down.

It turned out to be a beautiful and sunny winter days and we had an absolutely marvellous weekend. With 2 x 15 3D target courses which includes the moving target, shooting down to 3 targets from a high secure platform, a speed round and the kids young and, well.... a little older, shooting flu flu arrows at the flying pink pig on Saturday just prior to the Moose throwing the disks up for the bow bird event.

-Lakeside Bowmen in Petrie, on the northern outskirts of Brisbane held their Jules Shield Memorial Trad Shoot over the weekend of July 11 / 12. With burst of cold air from the southern states heading north, it was leading into very cool nights for camping. This did not deter the approx. 60 archers who attended I believe. Most of these were from the Brisbane area, and a family from the Coffs Harbour club. They had the 20 target 3D range x 2 arrows, speed round, moving target, rolling disk, the William Tell and the Hot Shot Shootout.

-In the next article you will find information from the Trad shoots held at Hinterland Field Archers, Mallee Sunset Field Archers, Warwick and District Archers plus others.

Trad shoots being held in September/October are at Lilydale Bowmen, The Basin, Melbourne Vic - Warwick Archers Assoc, Warwick Qld – Hunter Valley Traditional, Newcastle NSW – Coffs Harbour Archers, Woolgoolga NSW.

You will find further information and available flyers for the Traditional Shoots at the following websites.

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 > Shoot Information – (link to flyers)

www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org > Shoot Information – (link to flyers)

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 and I'll see you 'round the Trads. Cheers.