

Around the Trads.

*The Lilydale Trad shoot was held 26 / 27 Sept this year and from all accounts the 40 or so mostly local shooters I believe, enjoyed the great event and good weather, with a lot of club support from the non-trad members. There were Rhinehart 3D targets around the field courses, with various novelty events also shot over the weekend. They often have a twist on the scoring at Lilydale, if you feel you can place your second shot better than your first, then you can forfeit the first shot, take a second and score appropriately. So if you miss on your second shot, you score a big fat 0. Makes you think before making that second shot, I am sure.

*On Oct 3 /4 the Hunter Valley Field Archers held their charity shoot and from various sources it was a good weekend. The club would like to thank every one of the 93 archers and all the visitors who attended and dug deep into their wallets to raise money, which includes all the shoot fees, for Epilepsy Australia. They had 2 field courses and some novelties, including a moving target.

I believe on the Saturday night an Auction was held as a gentleman had come to the club on Saturday morning & donated 3 of his bows, which raised \$970. A cheque for funds raised over the weekend totalling \$7500 was presented to Stephanie Doherty on behalf of Epilepsy Australia. Congratulations to everyone who received certificates.

*October 16 / 17 saw 80 archers at the inaugural Coffs Coast Archery Trad shoot. The weekend weather was glorious and we all enjoyed 2 x 15 target field courses (one 2 arrow, one 1 arrow), a speed round, hunt round, running javelina, jumping rolling disks which were a little tricky, to say the least, and a flu flu event with a Coffs touch. Both the field courses run alongside a meandering creek and should you miss the target on the bank edge, there was an arrow retrieval service to the relief of most of us who may have misjudged a distance from time to time. There is flat grassy and quite shady camping ground, and the stands of various tree species on their ex forestry plantation grounds made for very informative walks around the field courses.

* The Trad shoots in Qld drew to close for the year with the final Qld shoot at Chevallan Archery Park, Gympie, on the weekend October 31 / November 1 being a combination Celebration and Halloween Trad shoot. Having done the 2 arrows 3D 25 target field course, 60 sec Hunt round, 3D 30sec speed round, Kings Rounds, moving target and the Clout and then enjoyed a refreshing shower. As we were all quite looking forward to the home cooked dinner, most of us forgot to put our costumes on. It was good seeing everyone enjoying the evening, relaxing around the dining area. On Sunday we had the Field course 2 arrow round, this time with the rolling disks and the Round yard 45 sec speed round.

The presentations are held so those travelling get home at a reasonable time. There were 5 camps staying on overnight Sunday to travel on Monday and we are all now looking forward to these shoots in 2016. I wonder how many new novelty events will we get to choose from?

-In the next article you will find information from the Trad shoots held at Manning Valley Bowhunters, Taree NSW.

If you would like a printable Proposed Traditional Calendar, (based on 2015 calendar and still to be confirmed by associations/clubs) please contact me of the email noted below.

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

www.ozbow.net > Traditional Archery Events > 2016 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)

Traditional Archery Australia Closed Group is also now on Facebook.

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

As this is the final article for 2015 I would like to wish all the Traditional Archery community a wonderful holiday break and I'll see you 'round the Trads in 2016. Cheers.