

Around the Trads

*Held over the Easter Weekend of March 26/27, the North Albert Field Archers once again put together and ran another great Trad shoot. The weather was warmer than expected with the days being dry, with a couple of showers in the evenings. One poor soul was sitting in the wrong spot as our tarp expelled water from the roof area straight down his back. On Saturday the 95+ archers from Coffs Harbour, Darling Downs, Sunshine and Gold Coasts, and Wide Bay areas shot the 2 field courses, 2 arrow round on one course, 1 arrow round on the other, speed round, hunt round, rolling disks and the moving target. One of the club members threw up the disks for the bow bird event which is shot with flu flus. Following the showers on Saturday evening, shooting the two field courses on Sunday was pleasantly cooler. With this shoot, the course you shot your 2 arrow round on the Saturday, becomes your 1 arrow round on the Sunday, and the 1 arrow round from Saturday becomes your 2 arrow round on Sunday.

*The Barambah Trad Bash was held on the weekend May 7/8. There were 73 archers, one had travelled down from Mackay, many were from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, and the Sunshine Coast, with a couple from Wide Bay, all ready to enjoy the events on offer. We had a 20 target 3D field course which had been changed this year as the creek was fairly dry, so the club took advantage and placed some shots in to, over, and along the creek. There was also the Popinjay, the Clout with a small target zone, Speed Round, the skipping rolling disks, Hunt Round, running pig, all these to be shot on Saturday and score cards handed in by 5.00pm. On Saturday evening there was a night shoot which was light beams shining on and off 6 targets set up on the practice range, all via a timing device. The archer was not aware which target would be lighted next. Then on the Sunday we shot the field course again, and the new novelty for Sunday was the War Pig. This event had you sitting precariously in a saddle, on a 3D pig which was suspended off the ground by chains and you were to shoot at 5 targets. Quite a few of us passed on doing this event, even though the scores were included in the days total. The new kitchen/canteen area seemed to be quite popular. A Mothers Day cake was enjoyed by all the Mothers who were there just prior to Presentations.

*Trad shoots confirmed for Aug / Sept include 3 Inaugural Trad shoots being held. The 1st being held at North Burnett Field Archers Qld Aug 20/21, the 2nd one is at Silver City Archers Broken Hill NSW Aug 27/28 which is followed by the 4th Annual Mallee Sunset Field Archers Mildura Vic Sept 03/04, which is then followed by the 3rd inaugural Trad shoot at Swan Hill Archery Club Vic Sept 10/11, so with these 3 shoots being held over consecutive weekends, one could plan a holiday and see some of western NSW, or perhaps a paddle steamer trip along the Murray River.

* Reports from the Hunter Valley Trad Shoot, the Caboolture Corral, Jules Shield at Lakeside Bowmen, and the Traditional Shoot section of the Norfolk Island 3D International will be in the next edition.

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

www.wallacetradwoods.com > Shoot Information – (click on link to flyers)

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

Traditional Archery Australia Closed Group is also now on Facebook.

www.chevllanarcherypark.com – for Traditional shoot calendar, flyers, information, IBO approved African 3D targets, Customised unique Archery medals/medallions. Proudly supporting Traditional Archery.

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

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