

# Paringa Archers Newsletter



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## January 2025 Newsletter

### Committee Members for 2025

Paringa committee hope all members and families had a great Christmas, a very Happy New Year and are ready for another year of great social and archery related activities!

Following the AGM in December 2024 the committee members for 2025 are:

President	Jeff Garner
Vice President	Peter Mulholland
Treasurer	Vacant – (Jeff Garner acting)
Secretary	Shirley Morphett
Club Recorder	Geoff Dyer
Public Relations	Vacant
Coaching Coordinator	Jeff Garner
Tournament Coordinator	Geoff Dyer
AST Delegate 1	Jeff Garner
AST Delegate 2	Vacant
Club Coach	Jeff Garner
Groups Coordinator	Peter Mulholland
Public Officer	Jeff Garner
Member Protection Officer	Peter Mulholland
IT Manager	Jeff Garner

Please note that the committee still has two positions vacant:

1. Treasurer
2. Public Relations

Email the secretary ([secretary@paringaarchers.org.au](mailto:secretary@paringaarchers.org.au)) if you would like the committee to consider you for one of these vacant positions.

At the AGM for Archery Society Tasmania 2024 Peter Mulholland was also voted into the position of Vice President AST for 2025.

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## Field Course Tidy Up and Working Bee

It was great to see the recent tree clearing and groundwork on the field course left a good path to the targets. This was even commented on favourably by people who shot the Paringa Field in January.



In preparation for the State Field Championships in February, a working bee will be held at 10am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to help do some further repairs to targets on the field course and the range.

## A Worthwhile Read

If you are a Library member, did you know they have access to Bow International magazine through their online database? It is usually a good read. If you are not a member you can join online for free. The search link to the magazine is here:

[https://libriestas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_AU/library/search/results?s=bow+international&searchTarget=library&qu=bow&qu=international](https://libriestas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/library/search/results?s=bow+international&searchTarget=library&qu=bow&qu=international)

Thanks to John Dodos for pointing this out.

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## Competition News

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Shoot

The first shoot for 2025 was the Saturday shoot held on January 4<sup>th</sup>. A good turn out as usual, although it ended up quite hot after the first round and a few people opted out for the comfort of air-conditioning and a bit of rehydration elsewhere!

The event attracted its first compound shooter, Steven Finearty, and the ten ring on his target certainly copped a pounding! Of the other bow types, Tabitha won the recurve and John the longbow. Paul and Tony had a close tussle in BBR, with Paul ending up taking the lead by 5 points!

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday shoot consisted of a field of Barebow Recurve archers all shooting in the open division, with Paul in the 50+ age group. It was a close match between Paul (582) and Alex (586). Top scorer was relative newcomer Sam with 606 points. The compound contingent had three members, all in the 60+ age group, with Jeffrey Green taking a convincing first place – even with a miss!

### Paringa Field

The first official state shoot for the year was the Paringa Field, held over 18 and 19 January. It was interesting to see the bow types represented, with 1 recurve shooter, two longbow and 9 compound, of which 4 were in the 60+ age group! The award for the quickest shooting went to the single string group, who managed to stop for a snack and still beat all the others back to the club house! They could have even shot the mini clout if they wanted!

Team Paringa was represented by Todd Bowerman, Jeffrey Green, Jeff Garner and Peter Mulholland, all shooting compound, and John Dodos with his longbow. John placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the longbow division with a 204 (anything over 200 in longbow field is pretty good), Todd was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the open, Peter 1<sup>st</sup> in 60+ and Jeff Green 3<sup>rd</sup>. Full results can be found at <https://archersdiary.com/ViewResults.aspx?id=0f1b7b6eb-c8b8-4103-9fd8-1e5ba976d715>

Here's an interesting fact from the field – Jay Moylan from DVA went around our leech infested range wearing just a pair of crocs on his bare feet and still managed to avoid them all! Mind you, two March Flies still managed to draw blood from him!

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

The field of archers shooting the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday shoot proved that archery really is a sport for all ages. The age groups represented ranged all the way from Under 14 to 70+! The rounds shot were at distances from 20m to 50m.

Most Barebow Recurve shooters shot the 20m Newcastle round with Sam Sun taking a convincing lead with a score of 777. Trevor Curran was the only other BBR, scoring 698 in the Short Canberra Round (50, 40,30m).

The Cooke family represented Recurve for the day, with Sophie at 20m, Duncan at 50m and Charlotte and Alexander having a close match with only 9 points between them at the 30m Geelong round.

Also shooting the Geelong round were John with his 'real bow' the longbow, as well as Yann with BBR. There was only a 4 point difference, with the longbow taking honours.

Top classification score of the day went to Jeff Garner, shooting compound at 40m for 794 in total.

Scores can be found at <https://archersdiary.com/ViewResults.aspx?id=0a2c0a779-d64c-459e-8c4f-19adbe86355b>

## Upcoming competitions

### Calendar Events for February

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| February 9      | Paringa Club Clout<br><a href="https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=adaa0c85-9b89-4c6f-9eff-25a354f5faaf">https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=adaa0c85-9b89-4c6f-9eff-25a354f5faaf</a>  |
| February 15 -16 | AST State Field Champs Paringa entry via the link below<br><a href="https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Paringa%20Archers/finder?id=3003263">https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Paringa Archers/finder?id=3003263</a> |
| February 26     | QRE Indoor Burnie<br><a href="https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=526a36ee-7b7d-4ce3-a6c2-40e392c31964">https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=526a36ee-7b7d-4ce3-a6c2-40e392c31964</a>   |

Also

Burnie Archery Club will be conducting the Bruce McCaskill Memorial Field shoot on the 1st March and the Target Handicap shoot on the 2nd March. Registration and info is available via Assemble Sports here. <https://account.archery.assemblesports.io/c/club/Burnie%20Archery%20Club/finder?id=3003322>

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## Social shoots

### Mini Clout

A bit of competition for the mini clout this month, with the Paringa Field being held on the same Saturday. There was still a pretty good turnout for the mini clout though. Roger Emery came closest to scoring a 300 round with a 292 at 60m in the first clout. Paul nearly got there with a 291 in the second clout, and so did Denise, scoring a 290 at 50m.



50m line – those mini clout arrows certainly fly high – can you spot Denise's arrow at the top of the photo?



60m line – Tony looks like he is aiming straight for the clout!

## Clout Shooting

With the first full size club clout in a long while coming up very soon on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> it is probably useful to mention a bit about clout shooting here.

The history of clout shooting originates from ancient warfare where arrows were lobbed into the air, raining down on advancing ground troops. To train for this, archery, including clout, was often compulsory in parts of Europe in Medieval Times. In fact, football (different to the football of today), was banned in England in 1363 in favour of encouraging more archery practice!

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Early clout was shot with longbows and at a typical distance of 180yds or 165m, occasionally longer with heavier bows. Clout rounds were sometimes arranged with a clout at both ends of the shooting field so you would go up and score your arrows after one end and then shoot back toward the other clout for the next end. There was even one brave soul called a Marker who stood close to the target, and arrows would be shot one at a time with the Marker going out to indicate where the arrow had landed by waving a flag or throwing his hat in the air. He did have a board to hide behind if he lost sight of an oncoming arrow! I wonder how many Markers prematurely met their Maker! (<http://www.stickbow.com/FEATURES/HISTORY/clout.CFM>  
[https://www.reddit.com/r/AskHistorians/comments/65q26v/football\\_soccer\\_was\\_banned\\_in\\_england\\_in\\_1363\\_was/?st=jsjtoz2b&sh=c9f435c6](https://www.reddit.com/r/AskHistorians/comments/65q26v/football_soccer_was_banned_in_england_in_1363_was/?st=jsjtoz2b&sh=c9f435c6))

As tempting as it is to have a double ended clout nowadays, and save on walking, unfortunately modern rules have limitations on which way a clout can face and that is more or less southerly (in the Southern Hemisphere).

Some archers in the club have shot full distance clout before and most agree it is a great round to participate in. If you haven't shot a full clout, but have done the mini clout at the club, apart from the distance and type of arrow, it is all pretty similar. The official distances for each bow division / age class can be downloaded here:

<https://archeryaustralia.app.box.com/s/oq89ohzkz8qw27lvodlnf88u2r8huhq>

Don't get too frightened by the long distances, modern bows can usually make these distances ok. For the club shoot you can also shoot at shorter 'unofficial' distances should you have trouble making your official distance.

The arrows you shoot at clout are your normal target arrows. For those who have been shooting mini clout, do not use your mini clout arrows with large fletches, they are designed to slow down fast over short distances and definitely won't make it to the target. Those who are serious clout shooters will often use very heavy points in their arrows. This is so they land at a steep angle. This has two advantages, firstly you can see where they land, and secondly, they have less chance of skipping along the ground and miss the clout all together.

It is a good idea to number your arrows, and shoot them in sequence during practice. If you shoot 2 arrows off one sight setting, 2 off another and 2 off a third, you will get an idea of which sight setting is closest to the target and work from there. Remember, you are not allowed to carry any arrows in your quiver when walking up to the target.

For sighting, various methods can be used. Longbow and Barebow are not permitted fixed sights, but this doesn't mean you can't use something on your bow to 'aim' with. If your set up is fast enough you may be able to use the knuckles on your hand to aim at the clout, but you may have to use your non dominant eye to do this. Barebow recurves/compounds may be able to use the bottom of the grip, lower stabiliser mounts, or logos on the bottom limb to get a rough idea of where to aim each time.

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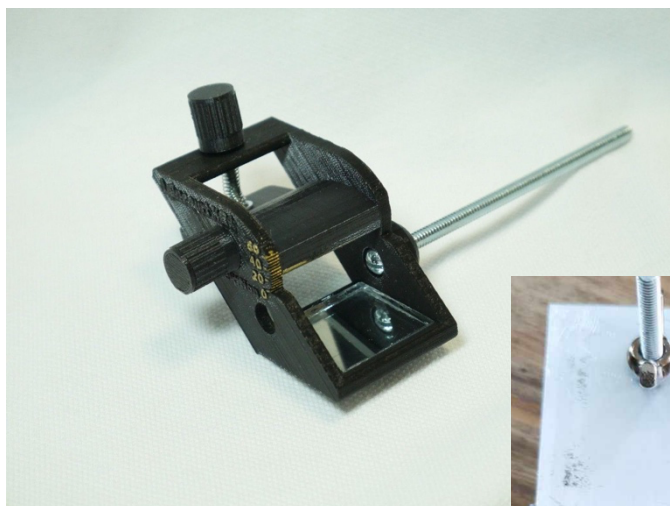
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For bows allowed sights, both recurve and compound can use sights incorporating mirrors, prisms, magnifying devices and/or levelling devices sights. Alternatively, you can use a ground marker placed between the shooting line and target providing it does not exceed a diameter of 7.5cm and does not protrude more than 15cm above the ground. A single mark can be made on the bow (usually on the bottom limb) for the purpose of aiming at the ground marker (or clout).

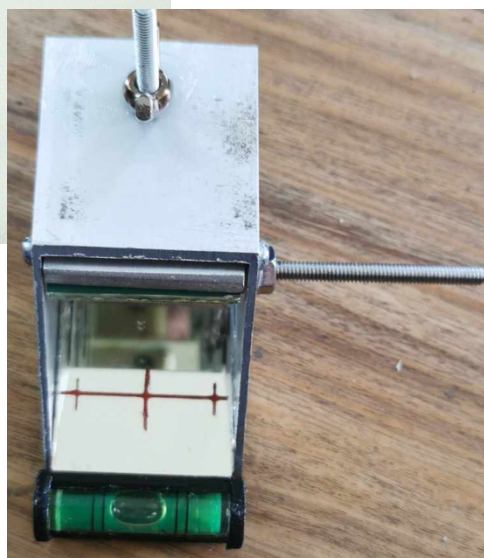
Because of the distance it is also in your best interest to make sure your feet are in the same position each time, so mark where your feet are so you can repeat it each end.

The entry to the clout is via archers diary:

<https://archersdiary.com/EventEnrol.aspx?id=adaa0c85-9b89-4c6f-9eff-25a354f5faaf> The ground is located at Smithfield, 566 Powranna Rd, Cressy. You will need to bring some lunch and drinks.



Examples of mirror sights used in clout



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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	Peter Mulholland 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	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		

If you would like to contribute articles to this newsletter, please email by the last Sunday of each month to:  
[vicepresident@paringaarchers.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@paringaarchers.org.au)  
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\$115

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(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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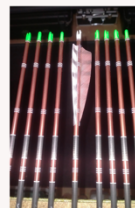
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