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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2011 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

### Introduction from the President

Once again we find the year near its completion and a new competition season has already begun. With the passing of the calendar year there is a lot to reflect upon. Some of these are: Trans-Tasman Trophy Event; Oceania Continental Championships 2012 & the Oceania Continental Qualifying Tournament for the World Games 2013; the Development Team competing in **the** Australian Open; SPARC becoming Sport New Zealand; Archery approved by College Sport in Auckland; Various awards and recognitions for individuals.

The Trans-Tasman Trophy Event hosted by Rotorua Archery Club at Smallbone Park in Rotorua – New Zealand won the Trophy.

The Development Team competing in the Australian Open – this was the first international event for two of the team members and resulted in a bronze medal for the seasoned team member.

Oceania Continental Championships 2012 & Oceania Continental Qualifying Tournament for the World Games hosted by Mercury Bay Archery Club at Whitianga Waterways Arena – 5 medals won by Kiwis and New Zealand secured 1 place for Women's Compound for the 2013 World Games in Colombia.

The sportsmanship and camaraderie that results during and from these events is a great reflection on the individuals who competed.

Archery was approved by College Sport in Auckland - our thanks to Andrew Russell for his efforts on this, as it provides ArcheryNZ with a great stepping stone to launch this nationally.

Whilst these are archery focussed events there have also been changes for some of our external influences.

SPARC renamed and rebranded themselves as Sport New Zealand – with this rebrand has also come a change in the way Sport New Zealand allocates funding. Gone are the days when we could sign up and automatically be allocated funds. The onus is now on the National Sports Organisations to provide information and prove growth so we can secure funding from Sport New Zealand. The primary focus from Sport New Zealand is on our younger archers and this year's Board indicated 10% growth for the 2012/13 and with movies like "The Hunger Games" and "Brave" featuring this year it is not an unreasonable goal. In order to ensure that ArcheryNZ meet this requirement from Sport New Zealand it will require information to be provided by clubs and commissions.

The Flavell Bill, which sought to restrict the number of "pokie machines" and to give the control of funds to local Councils, was put before Parliament invoking a myriad of discussion and concerns regarding funding allocations and those companies / foundations that provide them. ArcheryNZ was fortunate enough to be awarded one of the grants this year – our thanks to Karen Moffatt-McLeod for her efforts on this.

The Board has spent a lot of time this year focussing on the processes that have been developed over the years and a huge effort was put into reviewing all of the rules and constitution.

As always I am grateful to those members who have served on the Board and also to those who have given of their time to take on other positions within ArcheryNZ. Without these individuals and their contributions we would not be where we are today.

## Membership

### Membership Secretary Report December 2012

As at December the 2012 – 2013 affiliations are almost complete. No major issues with membership renewals other than a couple of lost e-mails which were fixed up as soon as they were identified. And time delays because membership renewals are still coming in (early December)

It is a big job to manually process and enter or update all the member information on to a database. It has been a struggle to get membership cards out early because of the time required to check and account for payments via cheque or direct credit both for membership and the Archer subscriptions and also manage changes, errors, missing payments, over/under payments, cancelations and similar things.

We are considering an on-line membership process which would help speed up things and reduce the time spent on processing and accounting for membership and Archer subscriptions. This is likely to increase the Association's costs for membership collections.

There was one query from a member regarding privacy issues in relation to the privacy statement wording on what information we could release to third parties. ArcheryNZ has to operate within the Privacy Act 1993 and cannot release personally identifiable information to anyone without a member's permission. The organisations we do release information to are listed in the privacy statement and these organisations are listed because they are needed for ArcheryNZ to carry out its business. Never the less perhaps we should review the privacy statement.

Membership breakdown over the last three years is shown in the following table. The presence of the baby boomers is being seen even in archery with a steady increase in masters 50 + and 65 + groups and a corresponding decline in seniors, now less than 1/3 of total membership with all the decline occurring in the senior male group exclusively (virtually no change in female senior membership). It is reassuring to know the largest representations by far are the junior groups accounting for nearly 40 % of membership.

Membership turnover for the organisation is rather high at around 37 % (yes that means 37 % do not renew their membership the following year) with the highest turnover being Senior male and all junior classes at around 40 to 50 % each. The membership would grow faster if we did not have this large attrition each year. I suspect this is primarily because we do not support beginning and novice archers very well and perhaps there is something we can do about it.

Group	2011	2012	2013	2014 predicted ?
Masters (50+ and 65+)	14.1%	19.0%	24.1%	29.0 %
Seniors	39.4%	38.3%	31.6%	27.0%
Juniors (all classes)	42.3%	36.8%	39.6%	40.0 %

Moira Ashburn

### ANZ Board

The Board held three, two-day meetings in the calendar year of which two meetings were concluded via Skype conference calls such was the amount of business to be covered.

The major items of the year were the efforts to re-start a viable coaching group, embedding of the selection procedures and policy, a further overhaul of the Constitution and Rules and consideration of how to deal with the motions about the possible restructuring of ArcheryNZ.

An application for Olympic Solidarity funding to establish an effective Coaching Commission was suspended until the new IOC funding is released in 2013.

### Website

Thanks to the team at Smokey Lemon and with assistance from web master Tony Walker, Archery New Zealand's website is functioning well with more applications to come, especially that of the Forum. Your patience and constructive feedback is gratefully accepted and much appreciated by those who are involved.

### Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was accepted by the Archery NZ AGM in January 2011, and has been an active document ever since. For the 2013 National Championships, the 2013-2017 version will be presented and discussed. It is an updated document of the 2011-2016 document, acknowledging changes in the sport mostly coming from external sources such as World Archery (WA), and the changes to the allocation to funding by SportNZ and High Performance Sport.

## **Athletes' Commission**

This year seems to have been busier than last year, if that is possible! To be honest it has its ups and downs and some big issues have been tackled by the Board.

Thanks to those who have given support and offered kind words and positive or constructive criticism to help us move forward and make improvements.

One of the main focuses of the Athletes' Commission has still been to improve the communication between the ANZ Board and the archers & clubs. This will always be a work in progress but is important for Archery to continue to grow and gain notice. The introduction of an Archery NZ Members' forum on the website has taken longer to get up and running, but we had to look at all angles and legal issues so our members are protected.

We managed to secure \$25,000 of funding for extra Damage butts and frames. This should prevent archers' arrows being damaged by hitting the wood on the old frames. A \$20 equipment levy was also added from 2013 for the use of the ANZ equipment as we need to keep this in good repair and updated as much of it has had a hard life.

We are still hoping to see a re-emergence of an Auckland District Archery Association as requested by some archers in this District – it's a work in progress and those archers/clubs interested should contact Caro Geelen or Elizabeth Andrew.

In October a Sport NZ NSO (Nationals Sporting Organisations) Forum was held in Wellington. This was designed around the smaller NSOs so we can get together to discuss issues, make suggestions, listen to presentations and predominantly realise we are not alone! The majority of the 22 NSOs present, like ANZ are run mostly by unpaid volunteers, and like us find it difficult to get people to put their hands up to help out and make a difference. Many of the same names/faces appear time and time again to fill the gaps vacated and many of those people have been volunteering in one organisation or another for many years – some there for 54! Maybe it is about time more people thought about putting something back into their sport, it could be a little or a lot – many of us find it easy to complain from behind our keyboards but not want to make a difference.

This year will be busy with the up-coming Youth World Championships, World Championships, World Games and looking ahead to Rio Olympics 2016. We also need to look forward to the 2017 World Masters Games to be held in Auckland and the part Archery will play in that.

At the end of 2011 3 months of researching, talking to, looking at other NSO membership structures in New Zealand was undertaken. Back in the days of the Hillary Commission (the forerunner of Sport NZ) an in-depth report on membership fees/numbers/structure was completed. This report was used as a base and updated the facts with the current NSOs. The Board received the report in February 2012 and considered a recommendation of a future structure for Archery NZ. This is a tiered system that means all archers can affiliate but at a level that encompasses their involvement e.g. social, district competition, National, International etc. This report will be tabled for discussion at the Athletes' AGM as there may be improvements that can be made and our members need to discuss it, rather than put a motion to be voted on prior to discussion. We must remember that there needs to be some balance between membership and income so we still need to be realistic about our fees. The Board is aware of a very similar proposal that has since been presented as a motion.

The Shooting highlight of the year would have to be winning the Trans Tasman Trophy – congratulations to the archers, coaches and management who all assisted in achieving this.

## **International tournaments**

This year the emphasis of SportNZ funding was on those likely to win medals at the London Olympic Games in 2012 and unfortunately Archery had no such applicants.

The focal points of the international season were the Trans Tasman Trophy, Steve Clifton and Shaun Teasdale represented NZL at the World Indoor Championships in Las Vegas and Anne Mitchell at the World Field Championships in France.

## **Selection Panel**

The members of the Selection Panel varied throughout the year as a result of resignations. As there was no Coaching Convener there was coach on the Panel. The Vice President is the Convener but Sandy Hughes resigned at the end of September. The other member of the Panel is the Ranking Administrator. Patrick Biggs. To ensure there is a working group until the AGM and other officials are elected the Board appointed Anne Mitchell as the convener and Andrew Russell as the coaching representative. It is noted that Anne Mitchell will not be seeking international selection in the near future.

## **Coaching Commission**

No-one was willing to stand as convener in 2012 and despite the best efforts of the Board, no coach was prepared to accept the position on the Board. The Board used SportNZ funding to bring an experienced coach from Australia and coaches from around New Zealand for a weekend seminar. A restructuring of the commission to become a committee and not be represented on the Board has been accepted by the Board and the constitutional motion to facilitate this change will be discussed at the AGM.

## **JAMA**

### **Trans Tasman April 2012**

There was a great victory by the New Zealand Junior Team over the Australians at Smallbone Park in Rotorua. Highlights included Isaac Ellery's first ever JAMA 1400 score. Numerous Trans Tasman records were broken by members of both teams and some demonstrations of commendable sportsmanship from both sides. It was a truly memorable event. Rotorua Archery club did a fantastic job of organising and running the event, the venue was first class and the weather was kind.

The team's success was brought about by lots of hard work from archers to achieve the tougher qualifying scores. This gave them the experience and ability under competitive pressure to be the winning team.

No date for the 2014 Trans Tasman yet but it is likely to be held in Brisbane around Easter. Qualifying criteria are on the web site.

### **Archery in Schools**

Archery in Schools continues to grow steadily now with around 100 students from some 13 schools nationally competing for the Archery in Schools Team Trophy and individual placing certificates. Competition between the schools in the teams event is getting hotter and in term 2 this year Cambridge High School finally wrestled the trophy from the grip of Gisborne's Lytton High School but it was back again in term three.

### **College Sport Auckland**

Andrew Russell and his team of supporters have been successful in getting College Sport Auckland to approve an Auckland Schools Interschool Archery league due to start in January 2013. It is hoped to extend this competition to other districts once established there.

### **JAMA Postal Shoots**

Monthly JAMA postal shoots are also growing with total of 172 junior archers taking part in monthly postal competitions throughout the year. They compete for placing certificates and indoor and outdoor pin score achievement badges and the most improved archer trophies. The largest single class is cub men's recurve with 46 archers in it.

Due credit should go to the clubs who drive both the JAMA postal competitions and, to a large extent, the Archery in Schools programme and it is through their efforts Junior archery is flourishing.

### **JAMA North Island and South Island Champs**

Christchurch and Rotorua clubs again staged the JAMA South Island and North Island Champs. These clubs will be holding these events again this year. JAMA South Island Champs in March and North Island Champs date to be announced.

### **JAMA Age group changes Jan 2012**

These were successfully implemented after the 2012 Nationals and as far as I am aware there have been no major issues with it. I do note however that at a recent regional clout competition that the current 80 m recurve clout is way too short for the older intermediate recurve archers (can be up to 15 years old) and similarly for cub compound archers (13 years old) so may be this should be reviewed.

### **Judges' Commission**

The 2011-12 year saw a change in personnel in the Judges' Commission with Les Jones vacating the Convenor's position, a role he filled from August until the 2012 AGM when I took over. Thank you so much Les for helping out and all the best with your thesis.

After the 2012 Nationals Ann Powley announced her retirement as a Judge but advised she would still be continuing as Administrator. Ann has been a National Judge for quite a number of years and her service to the Commission has been greatly appreciated.

During this period we have seen an increase in our numbers of judges with one returning judge and two new judges; two of these in the Wellington district. The Commission is pleased to report that there has also been a number of enquiries from other members of ArcheryNZ willing to become judges. Although below our required number we are

hopeful that membership will grow over the next year or two to a level above that required. Unfortunately we still need to address the fact that we don't have any International Judges, with our Strategic Plan requiring at least one.

With the re-branding of ArcheryNZ last year, the Judges' Commission has been in the process of introducing a new judges' uniform throughout the country. By the start of 2013 all judges should be wearing this new uniform at all tournaments.

During the year Carole Hicks and Anne Mitchell went through all the ArcheryNZ Constitution and Rules and will be submitting these changes to the AGM with the Shooting Rules in particular having had numerous changes.

To help aid Judges with identifying registered uniforms, a request has been sent to all clubs to ensure that photos of their current registered uniform has been forwarded to the webmaster to put onto the ArcheryNZ website

#### **NATIONAL OUTDOORS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 201 Championship was held at Rathkeal College in Masterton. Partly because of a rush of late entries and a late reduction in the area of land available the JAMA line along with the Masters 65+ and crossbow were moved to a separate ground. This was most unsuitable particularly in terms of available Judges and timing equipment. The Board has put together an administration programme and small group to run that aspect of the 2013 Nationals.

#### **NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Indoor Championships was held at a single venue for the first time in many years. Palmerston North proved very popular, with the tournament over-subscribed and a waiting list. If the single venue is to continue more spaces on the line are needed.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The year has been busy for the Association with the efforts to re-organise coaching, the updating of the Constitution and Rules, regularly seeking financial support for our equipment. Sport New Zealand continues its detailed analysis of our plans and the Minister of Sport requires greater detail from all sports receiving and/or seeking funding. It is critical that clubs provide the detail requested by the Board on an annual basis. Our manager at SportNZ, Jo Cheatley, has been most supportive as we work our way through these details.

The Board thanks all the club and district officials who give up their time to support and promote archery as a sport for all and wishes all members of Archery New Zealand a safe and successful 2013

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