



MAJOR EVENTS UPDATE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Two bids were received for the 2021 Outdoor National Championships, from AimTru Archers and River Glade Archers. Both were credible bids of a high standard, and we thank both clubs for taking part in the process.

We are pleased to announce that following assessment of bids, River Glade Archers have been awarded 'preferred bidder' status. While a host agreement is prepared and signed for the event, preparations will start in parallel.

The bid from River Glade includes Target & Match Play, Clout, and Field events, and is provisionally anticipated to be held 19-24 April (final dates will be confirmed once the programme is developed further) at Mystery Creek for Target, Match Play and Clout, and Field at the River Glade field course in Whatawhata.

The bid is a 1+2 arrangement, i.e. if both River Glade and Archery NZ are comfortable with delivery of the 2021 event, the agreement will be extended to 2022 and 2023.

Archery NZ looks forward to working with River Glade on the delivery of this event, and like many of our archers nationwide, are excited about shooting our Championships.

Andrew Russell
Archery NZ
Premier Events
Manager



FROM THE CHAIR

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU



Like many of us I'm wondering how that happened. It seems only yesterday that it was March, the sun was shining and our team of 30+ were preparing to head off to Fiji for the World Archery Oceania championships. We had a team at the Chula Vista Olympic Excellence Centre in the US, our Development Squad was in Thailand, our nationals had just been completed - and then Covid struck and everything changed.

Thanks to your resilience, however, we've done quite well.

Highlights post-lockdown include the online coaching course with Pascal Colmaire and Dr James Park, the online sessions with Crystal Gauvin (US), Mike Schloesser (Netherlands) and Gabriella Schloesser-Bayardo (Mexico & Netherlands), a session with Mental Management guru David Niethe and, again online, with Olympian Richie Paterson and also online, a session with your board. The word 'online' just keeps cropping up.

As a board we've been closely focussed on our stakeholder relationships which continue to be strong. We've attended a number of World Archery, SportNZ and NZOC forums and, as recently as today, the launch, by Hon Grant Robertson, of the exciting NZ International Representatives Network for Sport (NZIRN), perhaps the most exciting sporting development in Aotearoa in recent years.

We've said goodbye to some great people: Chair Elizabeth Elkins, board members Chris Wilson, Dr Sier Vermunt, and Helen Skinner, General Managers Phil Vyver and Mike Thompson and Admin Manager Karen Moffatt-McLeod. We thank them for all they achieved on our behalf. We've built our subcommittee structure and welcomed our most successful Olympic coach Dave Henshaw, Olympian Dale Lightfoot and the wise man of archery in Aotearoa Mike Smerdon to our High Performance team, Grant Hewson and Anne Mitchell to our Finance and Risk group and strengthened the board by adding the tireless Andrew Russell, workaholic Tracy Cox and, most recently, Matt Phillips. I am pleased to report much laughter, hard work, and 'archery as the winner on the day'. To our acting GM Lisa Walker, you are simply a treasure.

As we move towards a new year we should also be aware of, and thankful for, our many volunteers. Largely invisible, they regularly make the impossible seem easily achievable. Cushla Matheson should be acknowledged in this regard.

For many, it's been a rough year. For archery in Aotearoa there have been significant challenges but we have arrived on the cusp of 2021 in pretty good shape. We have great relationships with our funders, our political advocates, and our friends across the world.

As a small subset of the 'Team of 5 Million' I would like to acknowledge those for whom kindness is merely a way of life. You have enabled us to not only get through 2020 but to do so with our heads held high, the sound of arrows launching and peels of laughter ringing out in the summer air.

Seasons greetings to you all. Keep using the tracer app over the holiday break, wash your hands, and we'll see you all 'bright eyed and bushy-tailed, in 2021.

Ngā mihi nui, Lexie Matheson ONZM Acting Chair Archery NZ (Inc)

PARALYMPIAN PIN PRESENTATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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INDOOR NATIONALS 2021

While no formal bids were received for the 2021 Indoor National Championships, there has been one expression of interest for the event, and we are working with this club to seek a bid in the new year.

Andrew Russell
Archery NZ Premier Events Manager



MASTERS GAMES

40+ CLUB

Seeking a different archery challenge?

Why not check out the Masters Games which are being held in Whanganui next year.

For more details and to enter, go to <https://www.nzmg.com/>



On the 17th November 2020 it was my pleasure to attend the Paralympics NZ Celebration Project at Government House, Wellington. The evening organised by Laure Gruffat, Events Manager of Paralympics New Zealand, was to acknowledge and celebrate 18 of our 209 Paralympians of which archery's Neroli Fairhall was one.

At Government House, after completing the security clearance, I was shown into the Ballroom and then escorted to my designated table where I was joined by Neroli's nephew Kriston and his wife Katie, and Carole Hicks.

Everyone stood as Their Excellences The Governor General of New Zealand The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy and Sir David Gascoigne entered the Ballroom. Her Excellency spoke and welcomed those Paralympians being honoured also families representing those no longer with us. Dame Patsy Reddy continued with the history of the NZ Paralympians and their impact and medal tally on the international scene.

In the 52 year history of Paralympians we now have 209 athletes. Special mention was made of Neroli Fairhall and her sporting achievements in those early years when Dame Patsy Reddy was inspired by the tenacity and determination of this young woman. She referred to the movie actor Christopher Reeve, Superman himself who through an accident found himself confined to a wheelchair, he once said: -

**“so many of our dreams at first seem impossible,
then they seem improbable,
and then, when we summon the will,
they soon become inevitable”**



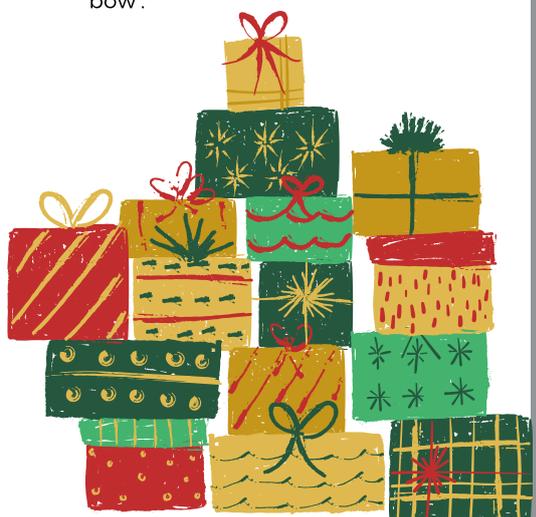
The Deputy Prime Minister Grant Robertson then spoke of his admiration of the Paralympic New Zealand and athletes. In his early years he too made reference to a courageous woman that he was inspired by, Neroli Fairhall.

Selwyn Maister, Paralympics New Zealand Chair was proud to have the occasion to celebrate and acknowledged each of the Paralympians, The official Paralympian “number” given is a number bestowed upon a Paralympian once they have competed at their first Paralympic Games.



FUN FACTS

- The modern Olympic recurve bow may look hi-tech, but it is actually based on a design that originated over 3500 years ago (1500 BC)!
- During the Middle Ages, a skilled long-bowman could release between 10-12 arrows per minute. That's an arrow every five/six seconds!
- In the 1904 Olympics, archery was the only women's sport.
- The very first compound bow was made 500 years ago.
- According to the National Safety Council (it does exist), archery is more than three times safer than golf, with just one injury for every 2,000 participants. USA Archery reports that the sport is even safer than bowling.
- When you're not being called Hawkeye, or Katniss, an archer can also be referred to as a toxophilite. The word derives from an amalgamation of two Greek words mean 'lover of the bow'.



Here is the summary of The presentation of the Paralympian Pin began with Paralympian number #17

Neroli Fairhall Born in Christchurch, Paralympic legend Neroli took up Para Archery following a motorbike accident which left her paralysed from the waist down. Fairhall competed in Para athletes and Para archery at her first Paralympic Games in Heidelberg 1972 and Arnham in 1980. Four years later, she became the first Para athlete to compete at the Olympics in Los Angeles. She went on to compete at two further Paralympic Games, Seoul 1988 and Sydney 2000. Neroli passed away in 2006. She was posthumously included in the Paralympic Hall of Fame during the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. We welcome her family Kriston and Katie to receive her Paralympic Pin. Paralympian number #17 Neroli Fairhall

At the conclusion of the Pin presentations several official photographs were taken of the Paralympians and families, then it was time to go. Apart from being a prestigious occasion it was very special for me bringing back lovely memories of Neroli and my time as her coach and meeting Neroli's nephew Kriston and Katie after all those years.

Thank you to Archery NZ for giving me the opportunity to represent them at this event.

Dave Henshaw



Dave Henshaw with Laurie Gruffat Event Manager Paralympics New Zealand

HIGH PERFORMANCE UPDATE

2020 SUMMARY



The High-Performance Subcommittee with the approval of the Archery NZ Board have now published the 2021 Selection Policy on the Archery NZ website. Thank you to all the people who have willingly shared their expertise and knowledge during the development of this policy. We believe the policy has different pathways to enable archers at all levels to progress their competitive journey on the international stage (whenever we get the chance to travel again).

For archers considering going for selection, the first deadline you need to be aware of is all Intention to Apply forms must be submitted by year end. This document is now an online form available on the Archery NZ website so it is quick and easy to submit..

While our subcommittee is relatively new, we have quickly developed a positive working relationship which includes many lively debates. This is because we are passionate about archery and our archers. Our work will continue next year, where we plan to reinvigorate the high-performance programme for both archers and coaches and we look forward to launching some new initiatives to support our archers to reach their goals.

Have a wonderful Christmas, stay safe, shoot lots
Lisa Walker on behalf of the High Performance Sub Committee



COACHING UPDATE

ARCHERY SPECIFIC INCLUSION TRAINING

This training session facilitated by the the Halberg Foundation is the perfect opportunity to look at how your club can be more inclusive with a specific focus on Archery. Designed for Coaches, club committees and archers of all ages, shapes and sizes, this introduction will focus on how to create a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone to enjoy our sport.

Introduction to Inclusion Training session

Thursday 21st January 7pm Via zoom

Register on Archery OSA. All registered participants will be sent a link to revisit the session after the event has concluded.

Be a champion and make Archery in New Zealand a truly inclusive place

THANK YOU

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Archery New Zealand could not operate without the support of our network of volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the country. Thank you to each and every one of you for the contribution you make to the sport we love. Please know how valued and appreciated you are.

YOUTH UPDATE

YOUTH POSTAL SHOOT

Thank you to all the clubs and schools who participated in our 2020 re-launch of the Monthly Postal Shoot. We had a bit of a patchy start (thanks COVID) but got there in the end. There was an enormous response to the School Shoot particularly, with certificates sent all around the country, and great to have the results coming in. Results for 2020 Schools can be found here: <https://www.archerynz.co.nz/archery-in-schools/calendar-and-results/> including Team results! And Results for the 2020 Youth Postal can be found here: <https://www.archerynz.co.nz/youth/youth-postal-rounds/> further down the page.

We would love to have more youth archers joining in on the challenge for 2021. Make sure you sign up for Youth Postal Membership, or ask your friends to do so if they haven't, so that they can compete in this event.

We also welcome feedback from clubs and youth members who shot during 2020. The format of the monthly shoots may change a bit depending on your responses, so please email webmaster@archerynz.co.nz with the subject "Youth" and I'll pick them up. If you want to comment about distances, rounds, number of arrows, or just want more practice at certain rounds, let me know so I can craft 2021 to suit.

Thank you for your support and look forward to your results starting February 2021!
Caro - Archery NZ Youth Postal Administrator



CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR HOURS

The Archery NZ team will be taking a break for the festive season between the

18th Dec 20- 18 Jan 21.

However emails will be checked & urgent matters responded to. You can email us at administration@archerynz.co.nz or gm@archerynz.co.nz

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!