

# NEWSLETTER

## UPDATE FOR CLUBS

### ARCHERY NZ STRATEGY MEETING



All clubs have been invited to send a representative to the Archery NZ Online Strategy meeting happening in early March. If for some reason your club has not received their invitation please email Lisa at gm@archerynz.co.nz. Don't miss out on your opportunity to share what is important to your club and help us to shape the future of archery in NZ.

### POLICE VETTING

It's not too late to send in your club's response to the recent email regarding Police Vetting. Thank you to all the clubs who have responded. We have a lot of useful information to inform us on the way forward and will be having further discussions on this topic.

**Have you ever tried blindfolded archery?**

**You don't know what you're missing.**



## FROM THE CHAIR

### KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU

Happy New Year to you all.

In the spirit of New Year resolutions, the board has been looking back and looking forward, and has come up with two exciting new projects.

First, looking back, it has been agreed that Archery New Zealand (Inc) explore the creation of an online archery archive celebrating the sport of Archery in New Zealand. We're very aware that no such resource currently exists but that, in private collections, there is a wealth of material that can easily be made available online for everyone to enjoy. It is also envisaged that an oral history archive will be developed that includes filmed interviews with those who have been, and remain, significant within our sport.

Second, looking forward, it has been agreed that Archery New Zealand (Inc) will partner with World Archery to create a scoping document that will underpin the proposed development of a World Archery Excellence Centre for Oceania at a venue yet to be determined here in Aotearoa New Zealand. As this is an initiative from World Archery, a joint team to explore the feasibility of the project will be developed and led by the World Archery Development Officer for Oceania Cushla Matheson.



**Photo from World Archery Excellence Centre in Lausanne.  
What will the World Archery Oceania Excellence Centre look like?**

As both of these projects are very new, we will keep members regularly in the loop as they grow and evolve.

What a great start to an important competitive year with tournaments all over the country, and even online. Congratulations to our athletes competing in the World Archery Indoor World Series Online: Sarah Fuller, Kelly Atkinson, Katherine Watson,

COACHING UPDATE

# NEW PERFORMANCE COACHES

Congratulations to the following coaches who have successfully completed the World Archery Level 2 coaching course and therefore have been cross credited as Archery NZ Performance Coaches

**Albertus Viljoen Snr**

**Chris Roberts**

**Finn Matheson**

**George Rossolatos**

**Iain Hamilton**

**Jan Lees**

**John Luxford**

**Lisa Walker**

**Petra Baker**

**Rynard Van Tonder**

**Shaun Ryan**

We have received expressions of interest for future coaching courses at this level and are in discussions with international facilitators to do another one in the future. Make sure you keep reading your newsletters as details will be provided here as soon as available.



Hana Saemon-Beck, Hajar Sadek, Ava Hashemi, Amy van Zyl, Finn Matheson, Corbyn Jensen, Michael Grant, Keery Hoole, Darren Day, Bill Bourke, Gordon Harris, Anne Graham, Meike Voigt, John Way, Diane Hoeta, Valter Benvegna, Douglas Milligan, Akuhata Norman-Hewlett, Gustav Bam, Riku van Tonder, Rynard van Tonder, Justin Paton-Verrall, Barbara Scott, Paivi Old, Nina Hoeta, Hanlie Bam, Peter Bevan, Albertus Viljoen Jnr and Albertus Viljoen Snr (compound). With over 5000 archers taking part we can be especially proud of these athletes.

It's exciting, also, to see such good use being made of Archery OSA and, in particular, the foundational work being done by Steve Clifton and Patrick Biggs on the national records project. As you can imagine automating this process is a massive job and serious thanks to these two members is certainly in order. We can all help by being patient and feeding into the process.

Lisa and I have been busy with online and face-to-face meetings with NZOC, attending officials and athlete Olympic updates along with webinars and monthly information sessions with World Archery and Sport NZ. It's heartening to know that such comprehensive work is being done to support our athletes and to develop opportunities in such uncertain times. While we acknowledge the frustrations around selection and what happens next, we are committed to only sharing information that is confirmed to avoid further confusion as gossip is our collective enemy. We are being guided in our decision-making by the wonderful staff at NZOC, Sport NZ and World Archery and thank them for their ongoing wisdom and good humour.

Archery New Zealand extends its congratulations to Raelene Castle on her recent appointment to the role of CEO of Sport NZ. This is an important appointment for us, and Archery New Zealand will be represented, along with other New Zealand NSO's at her official powhiri later this week. Raelene has also taken on the role of interim CEO of High Performance Sport NZ following the recent resignation of current CEO Michael Scott. We wish Michael all the best in his future endeavours and look forward to working closely with Ms Castle in both of these roles.

With so many tournaments to attend and our Nationals on the horizon we have plenty to look forward to, all in the knowledge that we should keep using the tracer app, practice great personal hygiene, look after ourselves and each other, be kind and continue to play our part in the Team of Five Million.

Hei konā mai,  
Lexie Matheson ONZM  
Chair  
Archery New Zealand



MAJOR EVENTS UPDATE

# COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Archery GB has advised that an agreement has now been reached with India to host the Commonwealth Championships in January 2022. This shooting and archery event will take place in Chandigarh and Archery NZ will have to opportunity to select both a Recurve and Compound team. While this event does not come under the umbrella of the NZ Olympic Committee as the Commonwealth Games does and is seen as a separate event, all medals won at this event will be shown on the Commonwealth Games Medal tally. Time to take the training up a notch!



## NATIONAL OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

REFLECTION TIME

### PEOPLE OF THE FERN



All forms of life are said to be the descendants of Tāne, one of the sons of Ranginui, sky father and Papatūānuku, earth mother, therefore we are all related. This makes the fern one of our tuakana (senior members). From the children of Ranginui and Papatūānuku eons of time has passed down to Toitehuatahi, one of the main ancestors of the Māori people. He is the eater of the Ponga and Ti and is referred to as Toi Kairākau, the consumer of wood. His status tāngata whenua (people of the land) is very important, and our descent from this ancestor gives us one of our main connections to the land. The many fern families that exist today are like a cloak. They have protective qualities and healing properties that go back to the very essence of Aotearoa.

The silver fern is synonymous with achievement in New Zealand sport. The Australasian Team uniform in the 1908 Olympic Games in London featured the fern and kiwi for the first time. In 1920 the first New Zealand team at an Olympic Games did not wear a blazer but instead wore silver fern badges on their hats. In 1927 the Olympic Council of New Zealand determined that the colours of the association shall be black and silver with a fern leaf. At the Games in Rome 1960, the Olympic rings appeared on the blazer for the first time alongside the fern. In 1978 the silver fern was integrated above the five Olympic rings and first appeared on a New Zealand Team uniform at the 1980 Games in Moscow.

Riverglade Archers are our hosts for this years Archery NZ National Outdoor Championships and are busy with the Archery NZ Major Events team putting together what promises to be an amazing event.

The Outdoor Nationals programme is as follows

- Sun 18 April – 24 Target Marked Field
- Mon 19 April – 24 Target Unmarked Field
- Tue 20 April – AM Clout,
  - PM Official Practice,
  - followed by AGM
- Wed 21 April – 1440
- Thu 22 April – AM 72 arrow round,
  - PM Team and Mixed Team Match Play
- Fri 23 April – Individual Match Play
- Sat 24 April – Final's Day
  - Championship's Award's Banquet

The field event will take place at the River Glade Field course in Whatawhata, and clout, target and match play events at Mystery Creek Events Centre. The Finals Day will be streamed live to add to the thrill of the event.

An entry form will be available soon as well as more updates so stay tuned for this!

HIGH PERFORMANCE

### INTERNATIONAL EVENT APPLICATION FORMS DUE

A reminder to all archers who have indicated that would like to be considered for selection to the New Zealand Team for 2021, the International Event Application Form is due at the end of this month. Archers who do not submit this form will not be considered for selection. The form is located on the Archery NZ website and is an online process to make things as easy as possible.

We remain in regular contact with World Archery and the NZOC regarding the status of upcoming international events and as soon as confirmation (or cancellation) is received we will notify athletes. We expect an update to be coming very soon.



YOUTH UPDATE

## YOUTH COMPETITIONS 2021



**T**hank you so much for your support last year with getting our monthly youth shoot back up and running. We really appreciate it.

Thanks also to those who provided feedback on our format. We've taken your comments and crafted a new series for this year and it's on the website for you to print out and make available to the shooters in your clubs. The results template for you to send back at the end of each month is also on the website.

Please make sure your archers have signed up as Archery NZ Youth Postal members at the very least. This includes them in all the rounds. If you're not sure if they have, I can check for you.

Thanks to those who've already signed up their archers last year! I loved sending out certificates. This year I'll be getting those pinscores signed off too and noting down who has won pins, so let's get our archers collecting badges.

February's round will be a long-range round, 36 arrows at varying distances. If your archers are struggling with the distance they're supposed to be in, why not encourage them to shoot a shorter one, just so they can participate? (Although their scores cannot be counted.) Let's aim for them to get to that longer distance by the November shoot!

You'll notice that some of the rounds are called "School". That is because all Archery NZ archers in years 7 and above are automatically entered into the School Programme (and it's great for the younger kids to practice too). Please get your archers to add their school's name and their school year on the scoresheet when you shoot those months.

If you have any questions, please send me a message. I'm more than happy to help!

Cheers Caro,  
Archery NZ Youth Shoot Administrator



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## RESERVE THE DATE

**T**he Archery NZ Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th April. A full agenda will be released closer to the date but we would like to invite all members of Archery NZ to the meeting.



DRUG FREE SPORT

## ONLINE LEARNING

**A**rchery NZ is committed to being a clean sport. Representatives from Drug Free Sport NZ can arrive at any Archery NZ event for drug testing purposes. It is each individual athlete's responsibility to ensure they are aware of their medications and supplements and that they are acceptable for use in sport.

To increase athletes knowledge of this, Drug Free Sport NZ provides free online learning modules to support coaches and athletes in their anti-doping education

The online learning courses can be accessed from the Drug Free Sport NZ website  
<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/what-we-do/education/e-learning/>

STAY UP TO DATE

## CONTACT US

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