

NEWSLETTER

Service Award for Elizabeth Andrew

At the Annual General Meeting, the Board presented Elizabeth Andrew with a service award for her professional support of Archery NZ's administrative functions this year, helping out in a time of need, on top of her officiating support of the organisation as a judge and a DOS.

Well done Elizabeth, and thank you for your dedication to Archery NZ!



Chairperson Staff

Well, it has certainly been a year like no other, words that we repeat from just 12 months ago. A year when what we have expected, has rarely come to pass and Covid has wrecked plans with regular disregard. I am sure that we are all looking for something that resembles a normal life going forward, and whilst 2021 did not give us what we wanted or expected, we will in some small way be better prepared for the challenges that will undoubtedly present themselves in 2022.

I certainly had no plans to be on the Board in 2021, yet now find myself as the Chair. I would like to thank all those who have and continue to help me in this role and hope that people will come to me with ideas and problems, so that we can move Archery forward.

We have a Board who to a person bring skills, energy, and a desire to do good things for Archery. The Strategic Plan has been set and in essence is simple, although has some huge tasks to complete. 2022 will start to see some of these activities take shape or be implemented. Read on in other articles below, there are some details on these plans, some of which are about producing results in 2023 and 2024.

I am excited that the coming years will be good ones for our sport. For all the difficulties we have faced, there is no doubt that this sport has so much to offer our current participants and those seeking a sport or pastime they can undertake and is a positive part of their lives.

I imagine that many of you are now looking forward to a break, a recharge and getting more familiar with your archery gear. Competitions will be coming thick and fast in the new year, with Nationals still four months away.

So, get stuck in to relaxing, enjoy the holiday break and come back stronger for 2022.

Kind regards
David Velleman
Chair – Archery New Zealand
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Shooting Under the Traffic Lights (CPF) System

Archery NZ has put out some guidance documentation for clubs on how to comply with the COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light system). Please see our [news page](#) for this guidance document.

We hope to see our archers from all parts of the country back at their clubs and participating again

Constitution Review update

Following receipt of your feedback, the Governance subcommittee is putting together a draft of the Constitution and intends to seek feedback from clubs and members on this in February/March, with a meeting at the Nationals in April for final consultation. Voting on the proposed changes will likely take place in May 2022.

Upcoming Postal Ballot for Financial Year End

In the new year, members should expect to receive a postal ballot to change the end of the financial year for the organisation. The intent is to change the financial year end from 30 June to 31 March. As the AGM must be held within 5 months of the end of the financial year, this allows a suitable period for preparation of accounts for auditing, however will place the AGM at an appropriate period before the start of the membership season, rather than just after as it is presently.

Board Elections and Update

At our AGM, one three-year board term was up for election. We welcomed Leonie Hunter-Smith as a new Board member. Leonie is the Secretary of Randwick Archery Club, a chartered accountant, a director of shooting, and with extensive experience as a Board member and financial advisor to organisations.

We offer our thanks to Lexie Matheson, as outgoing Board member since 2019, and as chair of the organisation for the last few years. Thank you very much for your efforts and contributions to the governance of Archery NZ.

Per the Constitution, our new Board has elected from within itself the role of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Your new board for 2021/2022 is:

- David Velleman - Chairperson (1 year remaining)
- Andrew Russell - Deputy Chairperson (1 year remaining)
- Leonie Hunter-Smith (3 years remaining)
- Melanie Jones (Co-opted, 2 years remaining)
- George Rossolatos (2 years remaining)
- Hana Saemon-Beck (2 years remaining)

There is also one additional co-opted role still to be filled, for a 3 year-term. This Board member would be appointed by the Board, and per our Constitution, at least one of the two co-opted roles must be independent of Archery NZ, to bring in experience and ideas from outside the organisation. Sport NZ introduced a requirement for NSOs to have at least 40% women as Board members. With 3 male and 3 female Board members at present, the co-opted role may be any gender. The Board will advertise for this role shortly - please contact us if you would like to suggest a suitable candidate for the role.

The Board is excited to work with our members and stakeholders over the coming year, and looks forward to consulting with our members authentically, and focusing on our key strategic goals:

1. Provide coherent positive governance and management of the sport
2. Grow participation and inclusiveness among adults
3. Create a national structure for school archery
4. Run successful events at all levels across the country
5. Increase the international competitiveness of our athletes and officials

We wish all members a safe and festive summer.

Para Archery Divisions Recognised



As part of our strategy of inclusiveness, Archery NZ has recognised the World Archery (WA) Para divisions within our rules. This includes the following categories:

1. Para Recurve Women Open
2. Para Recurve Men Open
3. Para Compound Women Open
4. Para Compound Men Open
5. Para Women W1 Open
6. Para Men W1 Open
7. VI1 (Visually Impaired)
8. VI2/VI3 (Visually Impaired)

It is intended that the Para Recurve, Compound and W1 divisions can be run on the same shooting line. Under WA rules, para-archers have 10 seconds additional per arrow compared to able-bodied athletes under WA rules. In order to be inclusive, Archery NZ has approved a rule that will enable para-archers to compete on the same shooting line by using the same timing as able-bodied archers. Para archery competitions may also be held separately (e.g. for para archery events/championships) - in this case, the full permitted timing per arrow for para archers will be available.

The next step in the strategy is to implement a national classification panel to look after provisional classification and national classification. We are consulting with World Archery on opportunities to receive training for this and hope to arrange this once COVID-19 restrictions enable international travel. We also intend to seek out resources for clubs to enable better support/coaching of novice and developed para-athletes.

The Board strongly supports the development of para-archery and believes that our sport will offer great opportunities for para-athletes.

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion subcommittee is expanding! We are looking for members who embody the values of EDI and would be able to contribute and push for positive changes to ensure that archery is an inclusive sport, with members from various backgrounds, and that opportunities are present for all to participate in the sport regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, language, age, abilities, and socioeconomic circumstances. If you are interested in being part of this committee or know someone who might be a good candidate, please send through an expression of interest to chairperson@archerynz.co.nz by 15 February 2022.

Schools Archery

The Strategic Plan identifies a goal for Archery to become a mainstream sport, School Archery is critical to achieving this. For the last six years there has been a successful schools archery competition run by College Sport and hosted by Auckland Archery Club that attracted 18 schools across the region in 2021.

We are looking to extend this to many more of the 350+ secondary schools in NZ, a massive task that will take some years to complete. In 2022 we will be identifying how we might achieve this and need to work with a lot of people, clubs, schools, and other organisations to achieve it.

There are ambitious goals to have a North and South Island Schools championships in 2023 and a National Schools tournament in 2024.



Traditional Bow Type recognised

As another initiative focused on our inclusiveness strategic goal, the Traditional Bow division has been recognised by Archery NZ. This division has been recently introduced by WA, replacing the Instinctive Bow division. This bow type removes some significant restrictions that were placed on bows in the Instinctive division. While WA only recognises the bow type for the Field 3D discipline, Archery NZ has decided to recognise it for each discipline (target, clout and field), as we have previously done with the Barebow division.



World Archery Rule Book 22.4 Traditional Bow Division will have the full rules (will be replaced on 15 January once it officially comes into force). Below is a high-level summary for information:

- The riser must be of laminated construction including wood or made of one-piece of wood.
- The bow may be a take-down type, and may include adjustable limbs for poundage and tiller adjustment
- The bow shall be bare, except for a non-adjustable arrow rest, and must be finger-release
- No lip or nose marks allowed on string, nor visual aids or patterns on the bow that could be used as an aiming reference
- Split fingers of 3 fingers under must be used, with the index or middle finger within 3mm of the nock or touching. There is to be no string-walking, but face-walking is permitted.

The Traditional Bow division will match the Barebow division for all distances and target face sizes for Archery NZ events.

High Performance and Representation

It is fair to say archers competing at the top level of our sport have had an especially tough time over the last couple of years. Covid has ravaged any plans with tournaments cancelled or moved relatively late in the process. What will our High-Performance programme and representation look like in 2022 is very much up in the air at this stage, and we will look at a range of options.



The High-Performance Sub Committee (HPSC) is currently working through those options and planning for not just 2022 but out to the 2028 Olympics. We are hopeful of getting a draft plan out in January and selection will be very much based on the 2021 Selection Policy (on website – Athletes/Selection Info).

Archery NZ has been invited to send a team to the US Training facility near San Diego in February 2023 and this will form part of the planning by the HPSC.

Any suggestions or otherwise can be sent to David Velleman at chairperson@archerynz.co.nz

Novice/Development Classes Trial Approved

The Board has approved the Novice & Development classes for trial this year. Archers are eligible for the novice class if they started shooting (introductory course) within 18 months of the end of the current membership year. i.e. for this membership year (1 October 2021 - 31 Sept 2022), Novice archers would need to have started shooting after 30 March 2021.

The rules are as follows:

1. Archers are eligible to compete in the Novice class if they have started archery within 18 months of the end of the current membership year (30 September), with automatic progression to Development Class in the following membership year.
2. Progression from Development to Senior/other age classes will occur at the beginning of the next season (1st October) after the attainment of a single score equal to or higher than the identified Merit Score for the division (see Table on the Website Rules Document for scores).
3. Archers may choose to compete in 'higher' classes but not lower, e.g., Novice archers may choose to compete in the Development Class, or Senior/other age classes directly, but must upgrade to full membership to compete in the Senior/other age classes
4. Merit scores may be attained at registered minor or major tournaments.
5. Scores from previous seasons will be acknowledged. Therefore, if an archer has previously achieved a merit score in a certain discipline, they will not be eligible for that class (score tables are provided in the attached rules document for various rounds).
6. Existing full members may shoot in Novice or Development classes if they meet eligibility criteria.
7. An archer can be eligible for different classes for different divisions (Compound, Recurve, Barebow, Traditional, Longbow).
8. The required scores will be the same for all ages and genders within each discipline.

The Novice class will match the Under-14 age class for all distances and target face types, and the Development Class will match the Under-16 age class.

We encourage our clubs to include these two classes in their tournaments this season. We will be running these classes at Outdoor and Indoor National Championships.

Please encourage those who would be eligible to join Archery NZ under the Novice/Development membership category and enter these tournaments to start/continue their archery competition journey!