

NEWSLETTER

Indoor Nationals 2023 - Palmerston North

The Indoor Nationals entry form has been released, and entries are filling quickly.

We look forward to you joining us on 13-14 August in Palmerston North.

A reminder that the new Novice and Development classes will be included in this event, so this is a great opportunity for newer members of your clubs to get involved in tournaments. Please encourage them to consider the event.

Outdoor Nationals 2023/24

While we regret that the Outdoor Nationals in 2022 did not proceed this year due to a number of Covid-related issues, the Board is pleased to announce that River Glade Archers' appointment as host/Local Organising Committee has been extended to 2024 (previously was to have finished in 2023).

We look forward to returning to shoot with River Glade Archers, and thank them for their support of this event.

Chairperson Stuff

Reading back the December Newsletter, it is hard to believe that so much has happened in a few short months. In early December, we were looking to start opening the country and there was an optimism that the pandemic was diminishing, only for the large shadow of Omicron to cast itself across our lives.

Just as we started to take some steps towards a more normal season with a number of competitions taking place, Omicron started to take hold. With an uncertainty of what we could and should do, we have had to cancel our Outdoor National Championships.

Hundreds of thousands of people have caught Covid, with varying degrees of impact and sadly hundreds have lost their lives.

In this rather bleak time, it was wonderful to recently be able to name a team to contest the World Games in July. Our best wishes go out to Elizabeth, Lisa and Riku, as competitors and Cushla as the Coach/Manager of the team

The coming months will see more normal activity happening in our sport and numbers for the Indoor Nationals are already strong.

Whilst it is hard to even try and guess what the coming months will look like, I would like to express my thanks to the many people who are working tirelessly to move our wonderful sport forward.

Kind regards
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Chair – Archery New Zealand
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AGM Date Announcement

Archery NZ's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 29 August at 7:30pm, by Zoom. Please find attached the Notice of AGM and call for Board Member nominations and Service Award nominations.

Volunteer Intern

We are pleased to announce that Monique Aitcheson, a student from University of Canterbury, will be joining us as an administration intern (120h) over the next six months. Monique will be assisting the Board and committees and has a special interest in coaching through her studies, so we will be looking to get her exposure in that area too.

Please make Monique welcome when you come across her in the role.

Constitution Change - End of Financial Year

The postal ballot has been completed, and successfully passed the change in year end to 31 March for Archery NZ. This will mean that our AGM will need to be hosted before the end of August each year (within 5 months of the AGM). Thank you to all for supporting this change to facilitate improved financial reporting timings for AGMs.



Board Update

We have regretfully accepted the resignation of George Rossolatos from the Board for personal reasons. George joined the Board in April 2021, has been a valued team member, and we have appreciated his calm and measured approach to the role, plus his support of the Youth Committee and Youth Council.

In looking to fill this internal vacancy until the Annual General Meeting, and also to fill an independent 'co-opted' Board position, the Board sought expressions of interest for both internal and independent Board positions. The Board is pleased to have received a number of excellent expressions of interest from individuals that have good governance experience, and a range of complementary skills for the existing Board.

Due to health and family reasons, Melanie Jones has indicated that she will unfortunately be unable to continue in her Board Member role for a period of time. With the quality of Board Member applications received, Melanie felt it was the right time to step aside from the role in order to allow another to take up a Board role. Melanie has been a member of the Governance Committee and Youth Committee during her tenure on the Board and has been a contributor to the review of the Constitution and Admin Rules. The Board has appreciated her sensible and considered input to Board decisions and direction. Melanie has indicated she would like to continue with her role as Records Officer, which she has done a great job in after picking this up.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank George and Melanie for their work over the past year. We will miss your input as great Board members and people, and we are fortunate to also have some fantastic new talent joining the Board. Our new Board Members (two independent and one ANZ member filling a vacancy until the AGM) will be announced to members shortly as these appointments are finalised.

Para Liaison

The Board is pleased to confirm Scott Collett's role formally as Archery NZ Para Liaison. Scott has been undertaking some of this role for a while, and it now has a clear set of responsibilities.

Developing para-archery is a clear part of Archery NZ's strategic plan, and we are glad to have Scott support this work - thank you Scott!

Constitution Consultation

It was excellent to meet with our members and clubs at recent stakeholder consultation sessions in April regarding ANZ's proposed new Constitution. Significantly, this includes a revised membership structure providing clubs the ability to join as Affiliated Clubs, which a number of Archery NZ benefits becoming available to those clubs and all of their members. There was great engagement from both members and clubs, support shown for the general direction the changes are heading, and some useful and considered feedback that has been incorporated into revised drafts of the Constitution and Administration Rules.

Updated drafts, information on membership benefits and FAQs are being distributed to members and clubs by a separate email, along with surveys for final feedback before a postal ballot. We expect the Postal Ballot on the Constitution changes will be issued in approximately late May, and close 1 month after that.

ICT Systems Review

Archery NZ is taking the opportunity to review its ICT systems, to review their suitability for future use, and ensure we strategically plan out systems selection. This will ensure that we have the right systems to deliver services to our membership.

We have had an initial workshop with key stakeholders, and a meeting with Sport NZ to review how other NSOs manage ICT systems, and the various options available. Our next steps are confirming our requirements for each part of our ICT systems, and then reviewing the options to determine where best to invest in system development.