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## AGM Report from the Athletes' Commission 2012:

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.



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Someone recently said to me "One of the hardest things to do is to coax the right

*people to put their hands up and get involved. When they do they deserve all the support they can get. My rule of thumb is - If you think you can do a better job, do it or shut up and get out of my way while I'm trying to do mine”.*

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 end 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.

A big highlight for me was returning to archery with the Aussie Open being my first tournament in 18 months!

Another highlight for me was hosting the Oceania Championships here in Whitianga. I had help from family, good friends both old and new, and club members. The feedback from the archers and officials was wonderful and it was a tournament enjoyed by all – especially the Australians! The Community of Mercury enjoyed the archers who came from Tahiti, Tonga, New Caledonia, Australia and New Zealand.

Rob Peterson Silver in Target and Bronze in Match Play  
Elizabeth Andrew Silver in Target and Silver in Match Play  
Elizabeth Ellery-Siaosi Silver in Target

Elizabeth Ellery-Siaosi also qualified a place for New Zealand for Women's Compound in the 2013 World Games in Columbia.

Congratulations to:

Linda Lainchbury winning the Australian Open 2012 & the World Field Archery Champs in Argentina 2012

Elizabeth Andrew coming 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Open 2012

NZ Development Team for Aussie Open: Micky Gunn, Elizabeth Andrew & Gustav Bam

Anne Mitchell qualified and competed at the World Field Champs in France.

Isaac Ellery for shooting a 1401.

**Stephanie Croskery** has been awarded a New Zealand Universities Blue for her archery achievements.

Congratulations to **Yiftach Swery** who had a nomination for the **Wallace Corporation University of Waikato Blues Awards** accepted.

Congratulations to **Rachel Hughes** who's nomination for a *2012 Massey University Blues Award in Archery* was also successful.

Rachel Hughes being voted Tairawhiti Sportswoman of the year.

David Croskery for being voted Coach of the Year in his district.

Lytton High School Sport and Cultural Awards presented to Dean Croskery awarded a "Blue" for Sporting Excellence in Archery again

Sean Walker's Scholarship

Sebastian Ashburn Awarded the Eastern Bay of Plenty "Sports Boy of the Month" for April 2012 for his bronze medal in the Trans Tasman Men's Recurve match play

Geraldine Archery Club hosted the South Island Masters

Archery being approved by College Sport in Auckland

Andrew Russell & Caro Geelen's engagement

I apologise if I have over looked anyone and if you know of any achievements we love to hear about them so we can celebrate them with you.

It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to not stand again for the position of Athletes' Convenor. I feel I achieved a lot in this past 2 years and still wish to put back

into the sport, but for now after an enforced 18 months off the sport I love I want to re-focus on my shooting, do some more study and cope with a growing archery club.

I wish you all a positive and inspiring year in 2013.

**Karen Moffatt-McLeod**  
*Convener, Athletes' Commission*

*AGENDA ITEMS:*

*Uniforms – to be or not to be?*

*Inclusion of ranking round scores in the Target Championships for ANZ Nationals*

*Shooting Rule Changes (please refresh my memory)*

*Nominations for the position of Athletes Convenor.*