

## AROUND THE TRADS 2019.6

\*On the weekend of August 3/4 the Golden Triangle Archers in Vic held the Dunolly Trad Shoot. I have gathered the following information from a Qld archer who attended, thank you Tom. "Hey Sue, we shot a selection of 3d targets around the ranges shooting 2 arrows at each. Then the viking ship which was shot from about 40 to 50 mtrs with some extra points available for the hard to hit shields, and a running pig. Lastly, we shot the Kings round from 20, 30, 40 and 50 mtrs at IFAA style targets. Once you had your distances sorted you could choose to shoot again from any of the earlier distances but if you shot from 50mtrs then multiply your score by 5, from 40mtrs multiply by 4, from 30mtrs multiply by 3 and so on. Interesting to see different strategies at play but if you could score from 50mtrs the multiplying by 5 made a BIG difference to your final scores. There was axe and knife throwing later in the afternoon. On Sunday the range was shot again. A great raffle table with lots of great prizes and as always a great selection of meals cooked by the local ladies made for a fabulous shoot." Also their Facebook page: "What a fantastic gathering, 66 archers this year. Thank you to everyone who attended & hope to see you all next year!!"

\*As some of you know I've been somewhat pre-occupied with getting my better half back on his feet following his illness and hospitalisation and haven't been able to attend some shoots. So I decided to follow up on a couple of these and was quite surprised when I couldn't seem to find anything on the Stanthorpe trad shoot which was held August 10/11. I was really disappointed, actually quite stunned, to find that only one fellow and his daughter had travelled to the shoot. I remember there was snow predicted, so I guess that may have changed a few minds. Anyway, I am pleased to say I have received some information from Bunga bunga, so thank you Chris for retelling of your visit and enjoyable weekend. The club I believe have not been disheartened, so let's keep our fingers crossed we don't lose this shoot. Enjoy the story, corrected for spelling and grammar:

"It was Friday lunch time, and I had organised an early finish at work to get on the road to Stanthorpe to attend The Granite Belt Bowmen Traditional Shoot 2019.

It was our 1st visit to the Granite Belt Bowmen, with great feedback from other Archers on the previous year's shoot, so I decided this year we would attend.

The weather forecast was temperatures as low, as minus 2 degrees and possible chance of snow, being that Gemma my daughter had not seen snow she was excited at the possibility of it snowing.

We arrived just before dark, enough time to set up our gazebo and swag, we headed back into town to get some supplies and have dinner at O'Mara's Hotel.

The next morning we awoke to find only two other campsites where established, a bit dubious about how the weekend would pan out with such a small attendance. As it works out Gemma and myself were the only two archers that attended, other than the fifteen or so core Stanthorpe Club Members.

After getting over the initial introductions and perhaps nervousness of being around new people, we formed some groups and headed out. The ranges were well set out and somewhat challenging, in both target obstructions with overlying branches, and also physical exertion climbing your way up the mountain.

Once you are at the top, the view takes on a new meaning, with a fantastic outlook over the surrounding bushland and farming area of the Granite Belt.

Whilst we were shooting, the winds had picked up quite a bit, and often we found the arrow being blown off the rest whilst at full draw, not being too concerned, we all found it a bit of extra fun trying to time our shots in between the strong gusts of wind whirling up the Mountain.

Saturday Lunch was a killer steak sandwich, homemade Vanilla Slice, cherry ripe rum balls, which was all quickly consumed along with several cups of coffee to warm up the inner core.

After lunch we took on the 3D range, enjoying a leisurely stroll along the flat level course, with the usual banter and jovial remarks, whilst crossing paths with the other shooting groups.

It had a great vibe throughout the day with Brodyn playing country music out of his UE Boom mobile speaker and the boys laid back, but competitive nature.

The Tonka – 3D Rabbit, set up on the weighted line was absolutely brilliant, we all spent a good couple of hours trying to master the lead required to nail that quick little critter.

As the afternoon approached and the temperatures plummeted, the fireplaces were being stoked the music got louder, beers and spirits flowed freely, it was Party Time. Finally after all the hard work the members had put into the new club house it was their first opportunity to kick back and enjoy all of what they had achieved. The club house started to swell as other wives and siblings attended for dinner and celebration drinks, a hearty home cooked stew around the fire place was well appreciated, with lots of desserts and treats for the kids.

The celebrations went well into the night, with many of us taking shelter in the club house to avoid the fresh outside temperatures.

By 1am most of us were knackered, worn out by all the laughter, campfire stories and shenanigans.

The next morning was a very slow start with many contemplating shooting at all, due to sore heads and lack of sleep. After a mighty breakfast of Bacon and eggs, hot coffee and Panadol, we gathered to shoot another 2 rounds.

No snow fall recorded on the Granite Belt that night, but it was a night Gemma and I will remember for many years to come.

A big THANK YOU to Dennis, Bronyn, Kerry, Shane, Jack, Aaron and Brett for making our stay so memorable. Not forgetting all of the wives and siblings for all of the home cooked meals and help during the weekends event. We look forward to our return. Regards, Chris & Gemma"

\*It was a glorious morning as I headed down the highway toward Sunshine Coast Bowmen club course near Forest Glen on the Sunshine Coast in Qld to attend their One Day Trad shoot on Sunday 18th August. I wasn't expecting to be this one, and received a very warm reception when I arrived.

After a catch up with some who I hadn't seen for a little while, as my better half had been in hospital, I had a couple of practice shots when they called for Muster.

The range captain Mr Peter mentioned at Muster that one course was going to be a fox hunt as all the targets were foxes and the other course was 3D's shooting 2 arrows at each target. At this club due to the course layout all groups are allocated target numbers and everyone sets out then a "siren" is sounded for all to commence.

Our all-female group headed out to find it was the fox hunt course first. These 20 were all ABA photo targets and my goodness some of those foxes could do with a feed, talk about anorexic, and Mr Peter had certainly arranged the shooting peg in some testing situations. It was a little challenging, and fun, and the scores were certainly not going to be the highest on this range, that's for sure. Two in our group were a mother and daughter who were quite new to the sport and were shooting from the yellow peg, which at times was further away from the target than the orange peg just to make it interesting for them. We were also giving them helpful hints along the way.

Once we had completed this course we stopped for a spot of lunch, where we had a choice of handmade chicken sausages or beef sausages made by one of the club members who is a butcher, along with coleslaw. Then we headed out to do the 2nd course which was full of 3D targets, and the final target was 2 little bunnies with 1 arrow at each. The new people were really enjoying shooting at these targets, and once again Mr Peter had taken full advantage of the foliage and trees along the pathways when placing the orange Trad pegs. Even though there were quite a lot of people at the shoot, at least 45, our group didn't see that many people actually out on the course and I didn't even give it a thought during our break, so I do apologise for my lack of people shots.

We finished the course and I left as soon as our group got back to the clubhouse, after saying my goodbyes.

It was a wonderful way to spend a day. The members of SCB are all welcoming, the course and targets layouts are always very interesting and often deceptive, just the way we like it. We had a quick chat in regard to the shoot dates for next year, which will be confirmed by the committee shortly. The club's next single day Trad shoot is Nov 17.

\*The Swan Hill Archery Club held their annual Trad shoot on the weekend of August 24/25 and archers from Qld, SA and also NSW travelled to join the club members for the weekend. The weather was fine and cool. The following information was received from one of the archers who attended:

There were 2 field courses of 20 targets, one with a combination of 3D animals and paper targets where you shot 2 arrows at each target, unless there were 2 targets at the peg, then only 1 arrow at each, and also included some of the novelties events. Marty the Moose, which is a 100 metre shot, scoring 10/5 on the target score zone, unless you hit a Swan Hill sticker, you scored 50 points, or if you dropped short and landed in the circle on the ground you had points deducted – as if missing wasn't bad enough, a cheeky touch indeed!! There was also the flying goat, a steel Dragon where 2 arrows shot through the centre of the target earned you 50 points each or you could choose to shoot the 3D animal and score 10 or 5. The rolling disks were shot from a tower and then you shot at the Bear target nearby.

The 30sec speed round was set up in the dry creek bed and found archers shooting at stuffed toys plus rabbits and cats heart/lung shots. At the 60sec Hunt Round you walked to the first brick shooting at the two targets

before moving to the next brick and shooting the next two targets until you reached the end which was 3 balls set on posts.

One of the 3D targets on this course was a deer target at the end of a very narrow shooting lane which also had overhanging branches. Very interesting results for some archers I believe.

The 2nd course was all paper targets, shooting 2 arrows at each target, one from the red peg then walk up to the green peg for the 2nd arrow.

The Swan Hill club should be congratulated with non-shooting members getting behind the Trad shoot by running the meals, and helping with the course set ups for the archers to enjoy, and they are all looking forward to next years event, which may be held a little earlier in the year. Keep your eye on the calendar.

\*Townsville Bowhunters also held their Trad shoot on the weekend of August 24/25 with approx. 50 archers attending, including travellers from Newcastle NSW, Brisbane and Gympie in SE Qld, and I believe it was a pretty good shoot with 2 field courses and some novelties.

\*Tully Bowhunters held their clubs first Trad shoot under the TAA banner, on the weekend August 30/Sept 1 with more than 90 archers attending this one including the travellers from Newcastle, Brisbane and Gympie, as well as the Sunshine Coast and Gladstone Qld.

The following information obtained from Greg, a Tully Bowhunter (corrected for grammar and spelling):

We had one of the best Invitational Shoots, with over 100 Shooters competing in the two day event. The shoot opened with split the sapling, then the running deer; we had 3 different courses for the weekend from open terrain to rainforest. On Day 1, Course 1, 2 arrow round on 15 x 3D targets with running goat and canoe shot, Course 2, 2 arrow round on 15 x 3D targets plus speed round of another 5 x 3D targets. Novelty - Bundy bear long shot plus the Iron man contest (me: you need to be there to witness the madness of this event!)

On Day 2, Course 3, 1 arrow on 20 3d targets followed by Presentations.

Here is an extract from the clubs Facebook page too: "There were lots of laughs, good shots and bad, and plenty of great food. Many thanks to all volunteers who helped out and to all the business and people who donated to our raffle was much appreciated. To all the winners, Congratulations.

The Tully Bowhunters would like to thank Shane Knuth MP for presenting the overall Traditional winner with the Bill Hill Memorial trophy. This year it went to Jaben Seargent. Also, Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for making the weekend a successful event. So don't miss next year, book it in you will not regret the trip."

\*On Sunday Sept 8 Chevallan Archery Park held a single day trad shoot, and thank goodness the weather had cooled from the previous two days. I arrived at what I thought was reasonably early, to find the most of the archers already there, with a few camping over from Saturday night. There is a reasonable new, low key, TAA club, where the shooting is held on a private property by invitation of the owner, and quite a few of the Kurwongbah Lake Traditional Archers joined us today, all looking very distinctive, in their brand new shirts. I did the muster a little early, as everyone was quite raring to go, explaining the course layout etc for those who have not been before. My better half thought it best of remain home, so as not to overdo it, meaning there was only 2 of us from our "usual" group, so off we set for the field course.

There were groups on the first 3 targets, so we walked through to the Target 5, the course layout allowing this, with all shooting being done to the right of the walking area. As we were a minimal group we made it a little more challenging by shooting from both pegs. For this shoot there was 22 3D targets, with 2 arrows at each, scoring 10 / 5 for a change, and you shot the targets from the orange peg on the way down, then stop at the tea station, and shoot back up the course from the blue peg, which made it very interesting. The other events were moving pig, 45 sec 3D Round yard speed round walking from one target to the next, and the rolling disc. With just 2 of us we finished in quite a tidy time, then completed the novelties and were back at the shed by late morning, so we got a lift down to the bottom of the course, for me to take a few more people group photos as we had only seen 1 group on the course itself, and of course snuck in a couple of extra shots on the way back up again.

When we arrived back the second time we found another group had almost finished and they were shooting at the butt just near the bbq dining area, swapping bows and generally having fun as they too had finished.

Slowly the remaining groups wandered in to enjoy a bit of lunch before heading out again to do the novelties.

I finished entering all the scores once all the groups were in, and to expedite proceedings, read the results straight off the laptop.

With presentations and thank you done everyone started to disperse. It was a great day and I'd to thank everyone who joined us.

Our next 2 day event is being held October 5/6, and our next single day event is Nov 24, hopefully you will be able to join us too.

\*On the weekend of Sept 7/8, the ANAA White Rose Archery Klub Inc in Irymple Vic held a Trad shoot to for the locals and to accommodate those who were travelling around the state. There were archers from as far afield as Qld and SA who gathered together once again to enjoy the set up at Roadies. For this shoot they only shot the rounds and novelties at the home property. The weather was a little on the cooler side and the fire bucket pit was certainly put to good use. The gathering certainly enjoyed the many targets on the unique field course, the challenge of shooting the rolling disks through a doorway, and also the shooting from the tower to targets below. The speed round was held with a bit of a twist with extra points for targets hit and scored in a certain time. Overall it was, as usual, an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

\*The weekend of Sept 21/22 saw the club at Taree hold their annual Trad shoot. Here is a little write up (which is on ozbow.net) that I have received the ok to use by the writer, Mr and Mrs Towball: "Thank you Manning District Bowhunters for a wonderful weekend. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as did everyone present. The course was fantastic.....real trad and very well designed. Dave and Chris must have spent some time thinking up some of the crazy shots and well thought out placements. Sharlie and everyone involved with the canteen and cooking.... Well Done!

The members at Manning are so friendly and welcoming. Karl and Glen thank you for making everyone feel special. The clubhouse, hot showers and flushing loos are awesome. Numbers were again a little disappointing for all the hard work put into the shoot. The up side is that we all managed to chat with everyone and have Fun! Hope to see you all again soon"

Me: I was also in contact with the club getting photos and it was indicated that even though "every one had a great time", as the shoot was not very well supported with only 18 in attendance, it may not be held again. We will have to wait and see.

\*Trad shoots confirmed for Dec 2019/Jan 2020 – Stawell Bowhunters Inaugural Trad shoot Nov 30/Dec 1 and at the time printing, no shoots are being held Jan 2020.

\*Reports from: Chevallan Archery Park Qld, Hunter Valley Trad Archers, North Albert Trad Tourney, Sunshine Coast Bowmen and Chevallan Archery Park single days will be in the next edition

For the readers who are on Facebook, check out Travellin' Round the Trads, where you can read the shoot write-ups and view many more photos.

You will find the further information and available flyers for the Traditional Shoots on the following websites: [Traditional Archery Australia](http://www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org): [www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org](http://www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org) > Shoot Information

[Wallace Woods](http://www.wallacetradwoods.com): [www.wallacetradwoods.com](http://www.wallacetradwoods.com) > Shoot information (proposed 2019 calendar, and will have the link to the shoot flyers as they become available)

[Chevallan Archery Park](http://www.chevallanarcherypark.com): [www.chevallanarcherypark.com](http://www.chevallanarcherypark.com) – for the Proposed Traditional shoot calendar, IBO approved African 3D targets now with replaceable centres, Customised unique Archery medals/medallions.

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[Ozbow](http://www.ozbow.net): [www.ozbow.net](http://www.ozbow.net) > Traditional Archery Events > each shoot has an individual thread

If you have any queries or would like to be added to the Qld Traditional Archery data base for direct shoot information, please feel free to contact me by email at [swallace@wallacetradwoods.com](mailto:swallace@wallacetradwoods.com)

Wishing all the readers the very best for the festive season, and I look forward to seeing you 'round the trads in 2020. ☺