



Lakeside Bowmen



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their awesome work over the last year and also to the committee members who have decided to continue this year. Another thanks is in order to the new faces that have dedicated their time this year to help out. Everyone needs to remember that without these people offering the time and effort to benefit this club there would be no club!

This is my first year as president as Lee was unable to continue due to other commitments and I will endeavour to carry on the high standards. Some people will know me already but here is a little bit about myself :

I have been a member at lakeside for a number of years, with a break in the middle. I shoot compound barebow, compound sighted, recurve or longbow, really depends on my mood on the day!! I have 2 sons that both shoot at lakeside and they both shoot barebow compound. I am a qualified field instructor and help run our coaching sessions throughout the year. I am from the South Island of New Zealand and was a avid hunter of deer, pigs, goats, rabbits and possums, all hunted from the dark side of a rifle! It wasn't until January this year that I had the pleasure of hunting and taking my first animal with a bow. It was a billy at about 38 mtres and don't listen to Mr Pender if he tells you how many arrows it took to finally hit it! It took 1 arrow and the goat took 2 steps and fell over dead! The previous 9 arrows, that missed completely, were just to sight my bow in! I then took some smaller pigs and a sow before getting a trophy class boar on our last day. Dave had an outstanding hunt and between us we took 28 pigs and 7 goats.

If you have any suggestions, questions or problems please feel free to contact me. Please remember that all of the committee are here to benefit you as a club. This year has seen a change in the way we run the coaching sessions. People now book for a 4 week course and by the end of that time we will hopefully have them range cleared. This is proving popular with bookings up until August! We have had a lot of enquiries as to other days available for coaching and we will look at running Sundays again on a "turn up and try" day. This is yet to be finalised and we will keep you informed. We have trialled putting new coaches onto the first 4 targets at the end of session 1, at a distance that they can hit the bale, and this has gone down well! Last month we put out a couple of 3d targets and a 4 target stalker round to give them a feel for what we do. This is something we tried to increase the enthusiasm and to avoid staleness with shooting too long on the practice butts. I have had some of the newly cleared members comment to myself that the club members have been fantastic in support and making them feel at home, so please let's keep up the great work, even if it doesn't feel like work, and introduce ourselves and make the 'newbies' feel welcome.

As I said earlier I would like to invite any and all members to have a think about the club and attend a meeting or approach a committee member with any ideas that you would like to see at our club.

Straight arrows!

Rob Hennessy

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CLUB SHIRTS

There has been some discussion on the new shirts being too hot and that not many people wear them to the club shoots, here and away. With this in mind there are some new ideas on the clubhouse door, in a new design and material. Under each idea there is a sheet of paper for people to express interest in what they like. At this stage it is only to gauge what you as a club would like to wear as a club shirt, so please add your name to your preferred design. At the next committee meeting in May we will decide whether we go to a new design or not. There has been around 30 people show interest so far but we need more to show support.

HELPERS WANTED (AND NEEDED) !!!!!!!

Our club is hosting 2 groups sponsored by the Moreton Bay Regional Council in May – adrenaline Men on 11/5/2013 and adventure Woman on 25/5/2015. There are 12 or 13 adults in each group, which operate on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30pm (weather (rain) permitting). These dates and times are after block coaching on the Saturday mornings. We need 3 – 5 club members to assist these visitors with archery instruction, and we can guarantee you an interesting time, and a chance to promote our club and sport to the general public. Please contact Tim Stone on 3285 2533 if you are able to assist.

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WHEN TO NOCK OR MOCK!

Picture dear readers if you will; a serene day, the sky is blue and all is well with our part of the world. The furry animals are scampering about going about their daily routine of killing other animals and gorging on their flesh. You may think that just because the birds are twittering that they are happy. Far from it readers; it's a warning signal to other feathered friends; roughly saying "sod off this is my manor!". It is a day that will always be remembered – Harvey Norman never had a sale and not 1 carpet retailer was closing down (those sort of things stick in ones mind) – but I digress as is my wont. Our very own Brian Harding while walking yon trail (with gay abandon – correction; make that walking happily) paused awhile to survey an almost impossible shot. His steel grey eyes narrowed against the glare of forenoon sun; very few archers could not and would not take the gamble on this impossible shot. BUT (and there is always a BUT) to make a very short interesting story as long and boring as possible; I will procrastinate on. Without angularity anywhere he approached the woosie peg with short but tentative steps (it may have been the red marker; the bloke who saw this 'happening' and even though he is one of our best barebow shooters (*ah! Shaddap*) he has been known to embellish – *slightly*). Continuing on – there was purpose in his stride and his mannerism reflected a deeper meaning; almost leonine but certainly peremptory. His bow arm steady and remembering to fit an arrow to his string; raised the bow to firing position; at this distance he could not afford to be blas'e – he was at ease with the world and stood rather nonchalant as benefits his character. He *loosed der shaft* – not only did he miss the bale but he struck a tree and the arrow bounced back about 2 meters; but not to be deterred he fitted yet another shaft and once again he *loosed der shaft* – and yet once again he hit the same tree and once again the arrow bounced back. At this point it was rather difficult not to "mock" and of course the usual "green forms" will have to be filled in to appease the tree huggers. "are you sure it was our very own Brian Harding?" I hear you ask. "when did this occur?" I hear you ask once again. It was Sunday 31st march at 10:45 and 26 secs in the forenoon. Being 100% accurate is easy if you pay top dollar for your watch. And this dear readers is the truth as I see it. Hey! Would I lie to you?

Roy Stafford

ANZAC DAY

As this coming Thursday is ANZAC day there will be **NO** shooting allowed at the club **BEFORE 1PM**. Please be aware of this as it is the law. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP DRAW

The member's name that was drawn at the April club Shoot was Sean Williams. Unfortunately this member was not present so the money jackpots to the March shoot.

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The Masters Games will be held at Geelong Victoria from the 5 to the 12 October 2013.

I, John RG, have nominated myself for archery and am planning to drive to Geelong departing approx 30 September and returning after the closing ceremony on the 12th. Qantas fly to Melbourne /Avalon cost \$170 one way. If anyone wants to come and share the drive they are welcome or if they fly I can pick them up at the airport and we have a car to get around with. Think of the Glory it will bring to "The Club" to have a load of Members at the games! Call me 0410560068

Regards, John RG.

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Trad Shoot

There is the Jules traditional shoot coming up in July and a flyer will come out to you closer to the date. We have decided to change the normal club shoots in June and September to a 3d shoot. We will need helpers on those dates from 0700 and to stay behind to bring in the targets. If you as shooters want to shoot more 3d we will require this extra help.

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Closures to the ranges

With the state IFAA titles coming up in May we will be opening the IFAA target after the working bee on Sunday 12th May. Therefore the RED range will be closed but the Yellow range will remain open. The practice range will be unaffected.

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Bowhunters proficiency certificate

The next course to be held at the club is on 25th May at 0830. You must have been a full ABA member for at least 3 months to attend. This cert is a must if you want to hunt public land in NSW or claim any game. This is free to members.

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WORKING BEE -- ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE!!

We will need as many helpers as possible attending the working bee on Sunday 12th May because there is a lot of preparation work that needs to be done for the State IFAA Titles the following weekend that Lakeside will be hosting and we need to get the IFAA ranges ready in time for this event. We also need to do general maintenance on the ABA ranges and work around the clubhouse.

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Membership Cards :

As we seem to have an increasing number of people shooting at the club who are not probationary, full members, or ABA members we ask that when you are at the club please display your club membership card, either on your shirt or on your quiver. We are in the process of issuing all members with a plastic cover to keep your membership cards in, so if you are at the club and don't have a plastic cover, ask for one. Unauthorized people shooting at the club pose a risk to every member who may be there lawfully, as they have not been part of the Club coaching session, or understand the safety aspects of the sport. If there is an accident these people are not covered by the Club or ABA for insurance purposes.

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Members Sign In :

It would be appreciated if ALL members could continue to sign the register book before practice, or going out on the ranges. This is to help the club to keep a record of who is using the club facilities. It also may help in future funding for grants. Non Lakeside members MUST be ABA members, and at the moment DON'T need to pay the \$5 visitor fee.

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Nominating for Branch (Interclub) Shoots :

If you are intending to shoot at a Branch (Interclub Shoot) please nominate to Branch Score Recorder **BY 8PM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE SHOOT**. If you think you might be able to attend, but unsure due to work or family commitments, it is best to nominate, and if you find you can't make it, contact the Branch Score Recorder as early as possible to advise. It is much easier for the Branch Score Recorder than just turning up on the day to shoot without previously nominating.

Branch Score Recorder is Leanne Pickett, 0434 037 613 or 282 7078 (5.30pm – 8.30pm) or email abasqscorer@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>ANZAC Day. No shooting before 1pm.</p>	<p>Working Bee 12th May 8.00am start Helpers needed!!</p>
<p>New Adults weekend. 27th & 28th April.</p>	<p>Club Shoot 26th May – nominate BEFORE 8.30am</p>
<p>Bowhunters Proficiency Certificate</p>	<p>All new full members and range cleared probationary members are invited to shoot. New and probationary members are FREE for their 1st club shoot</p>
<p>25th May 0830</p>	