

# TWIN COAST ARCHERS



## May/June 2013

A special welcome to our New Members!

Thankyou to all who let me know of their successes. For those that do not know, Email me at [stgd94@gmail.com](mailto:stgd94@gmail.com) with your archery related news/pics that you want to share.

Hunters: If you intend sending pics through of bowshot game, please ensure you select the most 'clean' pictures. I.e, ones with the least blood/dirt etc... on the animal. Thankyou

Note from the editor: Keep up the good shooting guys and girls. I'm getting members telling me left, right and centre of both tournament and hunting successes. I asked Benjamin not long ago if he'd shot anything in the last week '18 possums in the last couple of days' or something like that was the casually made answer. What??? Stay away from him if he's in hunting mode! I've been on lots of successful hunts with Rebekah lately. 'Every time we go out after goats we shoot one' was a comment she made to me and its no lie either, not even an exaggeration (not saying we're the best out -far from it- ...just things happened to go well). Even back in April, hunting with Nathan in the South Island. We were travelling around like madmen...only a few days one place before moving on. Yet he managed to shoot two big game species which brings him to needing merely one more species before gaining his Master Bowhunter award - the ultimate goal of most NZ Bowhunters Society members that are not already! I am sure others in the club have had success out there, but I've not heard much else so I wouldn't know.

However: what you don't often hear is of the misses or lost oportunities that occur. I know myself that I've managed to miss two deer of two different species in just about as many weeks (hard luck alright). Neither shot was closer than 45y, but thats no excuse...not when the same bow, same arrows and same archer has claimed goats at distances far exceeding that before now. Most of those that I have been hunting with lately have all managed misses. Hey..it happens. But! Did you hear of the Twin Coast shooting team and training that is going to start up? It is going to be focusing on shooting in very challenging and pressuring situations. The goal is to up the chances of success and confidence. We won't be hearing anywhere near as much of this "I got a shot at one, but ..." or "We ended up in a shootout for first place but ..." or things like that. It'll be more like the opposite. More success! We all have room to improve, so why not try?? All are welcome to the training sessions. The first is on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm, the next is the day after (21<sup>st</sup> July) starting at 1pm also. **Please email Stephen Orchard ([orcan@clear.net.nz](mailto:orcan@clear.net.nz)) if you wish to attend.** To be part of the shooting team (who get to wear around Shooting Stars team gear), you have to shoot at least 6 tournaments a year. Thats not that many really... I don't know about you, but I'm in! - Sarah

### Tournament News

K3D results - Congrats to the 'top 3' placegetters in their respective divisions. Stephen Orchard with a 2<sup>nd</sup> equal overall, Mitchell Joynt scored 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Luca also scored 3<sup>rd</sup> in his division overall, Benjamin showed us how its all done and claimed first place over all the rounds (with a perfect score of first places every round), Mathew North scored 2<sup>nd</sup> equal overall as well and last but not least, Samuel Hardy also claimed a first overall. Good results for Twin Coast..keep it up team!

The 2013 Annual NZ Bowhunters Society Tournament in Blenheim went quite successfully for the small bunch of TC Archers that made the trip down. As far as the Tournament went, Sarah got first in Ladies Sighted for the third year in a row, Stephen shot his way to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Non-competitive, but was the highest scoring NZBS member in the division so laid claim to the trophy (non-members are not eligible for the trophies). Nathan got 7<sup>th</sup> out of a large division of 37. Benjamin and Patrick both shot as well, but have decided they'll do better next year!

As far as the bowhunting trophies went, we didn't miss out there either. Sarah scored the 'Best Prepared Skin' trophy with a Goat skin from Tauhoa and Nathan came third with his Fallow Deer skin. Between them, they also laid claim to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 'Most Small Game Points'.

Then came the spot prizes. Patrick and Benjamin both got their names called out. The last success that came took great skill...winning the two major drawn prizes! A German-made knife complete with a sheath was up for grabs for NZBS members and the name got called out "Stephen Orchard." Way to go! As he made his way to the front and took claim of the knife, he was also handed his NZBS membership card (that's how close it was)!!! Then came the pig hunt draw (a chance to hunt pigs with two successful bowhunters). This was open to any NZBS member who had not yet claimed a pig with the Society. I don't know if I was surprised or not when the name was called out "Sarah Thoroughgood." All in all, it was a pretty successful trip for us!

As far as IBO shoots go, Twin Coast members have been quite successful. At the first round in May, Sarah got 3<sup>rd</sup>, Angelo, Luca and Oscar all got 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jed got 3<sup>rd</sup> also.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in June, Angelo, Luca and Jed all got 1<sup>st</sup> (Jed's Dad, Geordie, also got first but I don't know that he is a member of our club yet!), Sarah got 2<sup>nd</sup> as did Ambrose.

## Bowhunting News

The only 'first of a species' this time around was a peacock claimed by Sarah. Total tallies from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> June include: 8 goats, 2 rabbits, 22 Turkeys, 1 Magpie, 1 peacock, 57 possums and 2 young boars from the Waikato. Please keep me up to date with successful hunt tallies if it is not objectional as we review these tallies annually and they will be compared to previous years. You would be quite surprised at the number of possums, goats and rabbits in particular that have fallen to arrows from club members over the time we've been running the newsletter (453 possums and 134 goats to name a few species, not to mention a couple hundred Koi Carp).

## Club News

The AGM has been and gone, so a list of the people who are running the club will be probably printed on the next newsletter.

## Upcoming Shoots

*(for full list of shoots this year, see*

<http://www.nzfaa.org.nz/joomla2/images/pdf/2013%20Archey%20Calendar%20Update%201.pdf>

- IBO Series – Round 3 (Mt Tiger), 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Twin Coast training sessions – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1pm.
- IBO Series – Round 4 (Twin Coast) 11<sup>th</sup> August
- Hincho Memorial shoot (Massey) 1<sup>st</sup> September
- There are some NZFAA shoots I believe, but I can not access the information.