

TWIN COAST ARCHERS



July/August 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 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

Tournament News

IBO round 3 – Congrats to Stephen Orchard and Paul Hardy for gaining first in their respective divisions. Luca shot his way to a second place. Both Jed and Angelo laid claim to a 3rd place in their divisions.

IBO round 4 – More Twin Coast archers attended this one. Congrats to Nephi who claimed a 1st place (In his first ever tournament), Benjamin and Jed also claimed 1st places in their divisions, Angelo claimed a 2nd, Mitchell and Luca claimed 3rd places in their divisions and Rebekah blitzed her way through the final shoot she is eligible to compete in the cubs division with a high score of 595 (that's only dropping 25 points over the whole day, on targets at unmarked distances!!). It was the highest score of the day, but not by much. Jed was snapping at her heels with a 594 in the Junior division! The closest score to theirs was a 573. Go Twin Coast!!

Overall, the series were not regularly attended by the majority of our archers this year. Nevertheless, the 3 that attended all four rounds all placed! Angelo claimed a 2nd, Luca also claimed a 2nd and Sarah claimed a 3rd = (according to the results, however it was overlooked on the day).

Bowhunting News

Congratulations to Samuel Orchard for claiming his first animal with the NZ Bowhunters Society, also his first of a species...a Rat! Nathan also shot his first rat. Luca and Nephi both claimed their first Turkeys this time around. Nephi also shot his first goat or 3! Well done! Total tallies from 1st July – 27th August include: 13 goats, 1 rabbit, 4 Turkeys, 2 rats and 21 possums.

Club News

Our first training days went off to a good start. Those that attended learnt new skills regarding distance estimation. It was well worth attending. We will be having another one on Sunday 1st September starting at 1:15pm. This will be held at the Thoroughgood's property (1206 Kaipara Hills Rd, Warkworth). Most of you know about this by now and it's as good as upon us anyway! See you on the weekend!

Upcoming Shoots

(for full list of shoots this year, see

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

- Twin Coast Training day (Thoroughgood's property, West Warkworth) 1st September 1:15pm.
- Hinchco Memorial shoot (Massey) 1st September
- Twin Coast Training day. To be arranged (Mid October)
- IBO Nationals – Kerikeri 19th and 20th October
- There are some NZFAA shoots I believe, but I can not access the information.

Introducing: The Story Page (there will be one story per newsletter for those that want to read what some of our hunters have been up to...recently and in the past)

A Hunt That Will Be Remembered Forever

(by Rebekah Thoroughgood)

It was the 3rd of May 2012. Kate and Dad were out Turkey hunting and Sarah offered to take me after goats. I hadn't shot a goat yet and hadn't been after them much. This time, I was really keen.

We hopped on the Quad bike and drove around the road. The wind was blowing in our faces as we zoomed along. For some reason, there seemed to be a hint in the air that something good was going to happen. Would tonight be the night?

A short while later, as we drove in the gate, we spotted a herd of goats moving off "Hop off and see if you can get one!" Sarah whispered, I hoped like crazy they would stay around for just one long moment so that I could get a shot. Not a chance! They had already put their minds on the task at hand, escaping! I jumped back on the quad and we continued on.

We parked and hopped off the quad and started walking when we spotted some more goats, they were already on to us. They headed around the hill side and stayed at around 150 yards away, Sarah looked through her binos and saw a juvenile grazing, not noticing that it's herd had run away without it "Let's go after that one there, we'll have to move fast to get it!" Sarah said "Ok!" I replied.

It was not long before Sarah whispered "Give me thumbs up when you want me to put the light on." (it was dark by now you see) "Ok" then I stalked in to about 8 yards, gave her the thumbs up then came to full draw, Sarah flicked the light on. "I can't believe it!" I said, we were looking at twin 5 day old kids. I let down. I had no intention on shooting Kids that had a life to live! Sarah snuck up and grabbed one, it was a young nanny and squealed when she grabbed it. She then carefully placed it on the ground and scooped up the other one, he was a young billy. We left them to enjoy their evening.

Half an hour later, after going hopping over a barb wire fence, we got 10y away from a nanny. It was very frustrating. Sarah took a picture. We weren't going to shoot her, cause Sarah said she was heavily pregnant. A short while later, after sliding down a few rocks, we faced the goats at about 10 yards. I came to full draw, lining up on a young billy. Sarah was videoing. I released, the arrow flew true over the short range and hit the billy in the spine and liver. I had gone a bit right, and high (because I had just changed sights about a week back, and the colour of my pins had changed. I was used to 10y being the red pin, now 15 was the red one!). I had put my 15 yard pin on him, luckily he dropped on the spot, rolled a few yards and there goes my first goat.

We were both so pleased, Sarah said "Well done!" It wasn't long before I was set to my first lesson of gutting a reasonable sized animal. 1km later, I lifted it onto the quad, and two very happy hunters (or should I say, one hunter and a tag-along to help me carry the goat!!!!) returned. We got all tidied up, hung the goat up and had dinner. Dad and Kate arrived home, we asked them how they'd gone. Kate had shot two turkeys. They did not expect us to have gone hunting, so were very surprised when I eventually informed them that I'd shot my 1st goat! The next morning, Sarah helped me skin it and I chopped it up. Then I salted the skin (I am going to tan it and put it on my bedroom floor). After that, we feasted on backsteaks for breakfast!

47hrs, 27mins and 43seconds after shooting my 1st goat, to be precise, you will have to wait for me to write the article to find out what happened!!!

Editors note: Rebekah has now shot at least 10 goats and is well and truly hooked! It all starts somewhere...