

TWIN COAST ARCHERS



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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 Nationals - As far as I know, just 5 of our members attended this event. Let me know if I am wrong. Results are as follows (each in their respective divisions):

Stephen Orchard, 1st. Benjamin, 1st. Samuel Orchard, 3rd. Angelo, 3rd. Luca, 4th.
 Congratulations!!

Bowhunting News

Congratulations to Rebekah on her first bowfishing success – 25 Koi Carp, Also to Nephi for claiming his first magpie! Well done! Total tallies from 28th August – 31st October include: 23 Goats, 2 Turkeys, 1 Myna, 2 Magpies, 66 Koi Carp and 17 Possums. Also, I'd like to mention a few other achievements our hunters have made. Nathan shot his personal best billy and so far the club's biggest goat (28.5"). Congratulations! So there you have quality, now for quantity... A certain someone (who happens to be typing this right now) shot their 150th Bow-shot Goat on 15th Sep. Also, we have made a new record for 'most goats shot' in 1 newsletter. Our previous record was 21. Individual's totals changed...notably Rebekah has shot a lot of goats lately (8 of the 23).

Club News

Twin Coast Archers now have **A WEBSITE!!!!** If you havn't already checked it out, you'd best click on this link right away! www.twincoastarchers.com Become a member of the forum and we can get some discussions going!

From the Website administrator – “Most of you probably already know about our new website, but I would like to seize the opportunity to make you aware of one particular part of the website; “The Forum”.

For those who are not familiar with this internet phenomenon - simply put, a forum is an online discussion site where people can have conversations in the form of posted messages. They are commonly used on the internet for all type of interest areas, from technology to politics.

Internet forums are a great place to find people who are interested in the same things as you are. Forums in general do two basic things: they give you an opportunity to learn more about the subject you are interested in, and it is a place where you can help others by answering their questions.

For instance, you are thinking of buying a new accessory for your bow, but can't make up your mind between the different brands and types available. So, why not ask the opinion of other archers? Someone might already have tried the accessory you are considering, and might have some valuable tips.

With this in mind, we have started an archery forum on the Twin Coast Archers website. There are of course already a few archery forums available on the internet, but these are mostly aiming at the US or (a little bit closer) Australian market. When you are looking for the best area to hunt for wild boar, you're normally not really interested in locations in Missouri or Kentucky...

On our forum you can share your thoughts with other local archers. So, please come to the Twin Coast Archers Forum and join us. Ask your questions, share your experience or just get on your soapbox and have your say.

www.TwinCoastArchers.com/forum, we hope to see you there!'

A Birthday Hunt

By Nathan Orchard

The afternoon started well with quite a few people turning up to shoot at the Thoroughgoods, a course set by Sarah.

The targets were set at distances from 10 to 57 yards with targets ranging from bears to beavers and just about every other animal you can think of! After finishing the shoot and heading back to the house, Sarah and I headed off in hope of a real animal to finish off the day.

We headed down the road then cut off into the hills watching for goats.

Soon some were spotted feeding their way up a gully about ½ km away.

We watched them for a bit then headed in their direction but as soon as we had walked 30 yards we spotted a nanny feeding only a little way down the hill. She had young kids with her though so we slowly crept around her and continued down the hill.

We had only gone another short distance when we spotted another one - a young black and white goat standing only 20 yards further down the hill.

We stood in full view of the goat deciding whether to shoot it, but we decided it was too small and the goat must have heard the words “nice meat” and “roast” a few too many times and took off down the hill following some other nannys and kids.

We kept moving towards the first mob of goats we had seen and soon we were standing watching them feeding just over the hill. I knocked an arrow and Sarah whispered “Shoot that nanny” and she ranged it to be 23 yards. I was about to draw back when a young billy stepped in the way so I waited. I was just about to draw back as the billy was moving out of the way when we felt the wind swirl and the goats trotted off.

We stayed put for a bit then watched till the goats walked down the hill and behind some scrub and ran up to where they had been.

We spotted them on the opposite hillside and after walking their way up the hill a bit they stopped, Sarah ranged them while I drew back .

“That nanny standing broad side is 54 yards” she said so I settled my pins behind its shoulder and released. The arrow flew straight to its mark and the goat only traveled 20 yards before going down.

We got a couple of pictures and then Sarah headed back for the Quad and I quickly gutted and skinned the goat then took its front and back legs, cut out the back steaks and wrapped everything up in the skin.

I was walking quickly to the road when I spotted Sarah coming. I jumped in the Patrol (as the Quad turned out to be already in use) and we headed back, put the goat in the freezer and cleaned up ready for Rebekah’s birthday dinner.