

TWIN COAST ARCHERS

January/February 2014



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

I don't think we have had any tournaments over the time this newsletter covers.

However, the club shoot at the Thoroughgood property was good fun (even if I do say so myself) on 4th Jan. There was a good turnout (for those that don't already know) and fresh chevron was enjoyed by just about all for lunch.

Bowhunting News

Congratulations to Eli for arrowing his first animal – a Rabbit. Other 'firsts' were first Koi carp (or 9) - Samuel Orchard and first Mullet – myself (Sarah). Total tallies from 1st January – 28th February include: 21 Goats, 4 Rabbits, 125 Koi Carp, 1 Mullet, 1 Eel, a Turkey and 22 Possums.

Club News

A special welcome back to everyone...even though club has been back for nearly a month now!!

K3D Round 1 is coming up on 16th March (which Twin Coast is hosting) – which means WORKING BEES~! In the upcoming Saturdays, it would be nice to have a team of workers to help prepare the course/shed for the shoot on the 16th. These working bees will be 8th and 15th March – starting at 9am at the Orchard's farm (574a Brown Rd, Kaiwaka). All are welcome and many hands make light work... See the Twin Coast Website/Calender for upcoming events.

If you have a short archery story you would like to share – please send it on through and it may well feature here...

KOI CARP BOWFISHING JAN 2014 LAKE WHANGAPE

by Samuel Orchard (12)

Dad, Nathan, Benjamin and I went down to Huntly to go carp shooting. When we arrived, we went down to the lake to see if we could shoot a few. We spotted one just off shore so I snuck up and drew back. It was slowly swimming away, so I shot and just missed it. It quickly swam off.

Nathan spotted one along a bit further along the lake, so I waded out and shot him. I hit him in the gut – it didn't really fight, so I pulled it in. We walked a bit further around then I spotted one just off the shore and I stalked up but it swam away.

The next one we spotted I stalked up and drew back. I shot and hit him in the tail. I pulled him in and so we went back to camp. Once we got back we grabbed our head lamps and started back to the lake.

On the way round Nathan spotted one, so I went over and shot. Unfortunately it skimmed off its back so we went on. Then Nathan spotted one and shot it in the head. I shot one more that night then we went back to camp for a good nights sleep under the stars.

In the morning we went down to the lake and walked around for a while before Uncle Glenn got there with Josh. When they arrived, Josh and I started out. We walked about one third of the way round to a kind of bay. Kate, Benjamin and I were ahead. Benjamin shot one and I shot one. While I had another carp on my arrow, Josh and Nathan arrived, so Josh came in to the water and shot at one about 7 times before he hit it. It was the most dumb carp so far. On the way back, Nathan spotted one and Josh walked up to about 1 yard away and shot it.

When we got back, we had dinner, then Josh and I went down for just one more look before dark. I spotted the first one and shot it and pulled it in. I dropped it on the bank and walked round a bit further. I spotted one more and shot him in the tail. He was quite big. Just then Josh spotted one and he shot that then we went over to a smaller bay. We waded out and shot two each then came back in.

We walked back to camp with 7 more koi carp for the pile. The next day we did not shoot any in the whole time. I had shot nine carp altogether and it was a fun weekend.