

TWIN COAST ARCHERS



May/June 2015

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 1 - Congratulations to Nathan Orchard (1st place, Recurve unaided), Samuel Orchard (1st place, Youth Male Fingers), Benjamin Orchard (1st place, Youth Male Release 15-17), Sam Overton (2nd place, Youth Male Release 15-17) and Brenton Baker (3rd place, Youth Male Release 15-17). Well done to those who made the effort to show up and simply shot the best they could but didn't finish up in the top 3. You don't have to place to have a good day!

IBO- Round 2 - Congratulations to Stephen Orchard (1st place, Male Bowhunter Open), Samuel Orchard (1st place, Youth Male Fingers), Benjamin Orchard (1st place, Youth Male Release 15-17) and Brenton Baker (2nd place, Youth Male Release 15-17).

NZ Bowhunters Tournament - only three Twin Coast members attended this shoot - Nathan, Patrick and Sarah.

Nathan successfully shot his way to 3rd place overall, missing out on 2nd by 1 point (out of all the shooters who attended) which also meant 3rd in his division, the largest of all. He also won the 'most improved' trophy which is amazing seeing as he shot a good score last time, but obviously a better one this year! Well done Nathan, quite an impressive performance.

Sarah got the Ladies Sighted trophy for the 5th Consecutive year as well as managing to narrowly snaffle the Ladies Specialties trophy also. Patrick was content to shoot the tournament but not many of the specialties, so didn't place high in his division...but hey! So long as one has a good time, is content with their result and comes back with all their arrows - what more could you really want!

Bowhunting News

Total tallies from 1st May – 30th June include: 7 Goats, 9 Rabbits, 3 Hares, and 12 Possums. Big Game - A Fallow deer and 3 wallabies for Sarah and a Fallow deer for Nathan.

Club News

Thursday nights - I have heard that the Thursday night coaching is going quite successfully. This is held at 8pm on Thursday evenings, for the more progressed shooters wanting to upskill. This night does not cater for beginners and because of this, new shooters are asked not to attend. Tuesday nights from 6:30pm are the time for new/all archers to attend.

NEWSLETTER

Story Page - if you have a short story you'd like to share, send it in and it may well feature here.....

NZBS Annual Tournament

by Patrick Thoroughgood

Queens birthday weekend every year sees Bow Hunters from all over the country arrive at a tournament venue, this year it was a farm just out of Blenheim. Twin Coast had three hardy hunters (or hardly hunters) turn up to enjoy the tournament, comradery and prize giving. Hunters turned up with all the usual paraphernalia, antlers, skins, photos and tusks. All of these items were judged in order that the best for the year can be awarded the appropriate trophy.

The shoot was made up of the usual two courses both made up of 20 static targets and 4 specialty targets. For hunters who have arrived at hunting via an archery club where coaching is provided the 20 static targets are not too difficult. No binoculars are allowed so finding the kill zone can be difficult, one just has to aim where a hunter would shoot and if the targets are correct the hunter is rewarded with a good score. The specialties are more difficult and there are skills to learn in order to master them. The moving pig target runs down a wire and must be shot on the move, the 20 second snap requires 4 arrows to be shot in 20 seconds, the 5 second snap requires one arrow to be shot in a 5 second exposure of the target with 5 seconds between each of the 4 exposures of the target, and the run and shoot requires the hunter to run from a peg to either one or several other pegs, locate and shoot four arrows into the target all in 30 seconds. With 10 points per kill zone achieved the specialties are worth doing well.

Nathan Orchard improved his score from last year (in fact was awarded the most improved) to finish third (by one point) in the compound 2 division. Sarah Thoroughgood finished first in the ladies sighted division and scored first in the ladies specialties also. Sarah entered a skin finishing second and several photos finishing third in one of the three divisions. Patrick Thoroughgood (me) had the neatest hair do.

Next year the tournament is in the Tauranga area, closer to home so if your keen, get onto the Bowhunters Society website and start making plans to attend. Its open to everyone, you don't have to be a member to shoot the tournament.