

TWIN COAST ARCHERS



May/June 2016

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

NZBS Annual Bowhunters Tournament Katikati 2016 Queen's Birthday Weekend

Some outstanding shooting was shown here and a big congratulations to Nathan for being the top shot overall. Trophies Nathan collected were: Highest Score Saturday, Highest Score Sunday, Compound Overall Highest Score, Mens Specialties, Compound 2 division winner and no surprise with this list - Tournament Champion. Great job, well done!

Very few Twin Coast shooters showed up - correct me if I am wrong, but it was only Nathan, Patrick and myself (Sarah).

Patrick does not shoot some of the specialty targets, so his score always comes in lower than those similar that shoot the specialties. It was an enjoyable outing and he's finally got his new sight so back to shooting again - watch this space!

As for myself, I certainly did not shoot as well as I should have and relinquished the Ladies Sighted trophy for the first time in 5 years. A 2nd place was all I could muster and was very pleased with that considering some very poor shots I'd pulled off. A great tournament all the same and I am now warning you nice and early - Next year the Annual, NZ Bowhunters Society Tournament is going to be in Tirau (Lakeview Archery Club) - so mark it on your calendar, Queen's Birthday weekend. Its open to everyone, you don't have to be a member to attend.

Bowhunting News

Congratulations to Rebekah who got her first wallaby. Total tallies from 1st May – 30th June: 11 Goats, 8 Rabbits, 5 Koi Carp, 13 Turkeys, 5 Pigs (small game - under 15kg dressed), 4 Possums, 4 small game (shot under artificial light) Wallabies and 16 Hares. Big Game - A Big Game Wallaby each for Sarah and Rebekah from South Canterbury as well as a hefty 50kg Pig and a Fallow deer for Sarah from Motueka

NEWSLETTER

Club News

Nothing much I can think of this time around..

I have been doing a bit of tallying up of the game that has been taken by TC archers in the past 2 years and decided to run a bit of a guess game.

I am putting a slight restriction on who is eligible for this draw. The following people are eligible:

New hunters (been hunting 12 months or less); people who have never been hunting before; and any junior member interested (age 8-18).

Answer this question correctly and if more than one person is correct, there will be a draw. Winner gets to spend half a day goat hunting with me (Sarah) on the weekend of 23/24th July which is when I am next home. Winner does not have to be a hunter already, can be just someone interested in hunting. If the winner is a hunter, then obviously they will get a chance to shoot something if the opportunity presents according to their ability.

But first, you just have to answer this question correctly:

Q: *Between the Newsletter issues of Jan-Feb 2013 and Nov-Dec 2015, which one species of animal featured in the bowhunting news section in all, except 1, of the newsletter issues in those 2 years?*

Take your guess!

I'll give you a slight clue: possums, goats, rabbits and turkeys... are all very common animals we shoot, so often feature in most/every newsletter. Email me your guess at stgd94@gmail.com. Guesses have to be in by 11:59pm on 11th July and I will let you know if your answer is correct or not. Winner will be announced at Archery club on 14th July.

Story Page - please do send me an archery related story and it will likely feature here. It's nice to hear from a variety of people about their adventures!

Seeing as I was sent no stories this time around and I did not get my act together to write one about our cracker trip down South for a month recently; I shall write a little bit to give you an idea in bare minimum of our trip.

From Gore to Motueka: Rebekah and I with our trusty weapons; a 52lb Martin Exile and a 60lb Elite Hunter and to a MUCH lesser degree, .22 calibre rifle. Seeing as the latter was hardly used, I shall just mention the bow-shot creatures:

2 possums, 2 goats, 4 rabbits, 6 wallabies, 6 pigs, 15 hares and a young fallow deer.

Howling wind, pouring rain, sleet, sunny conditions to blizzards; from -4° to 27° - nothing stood in our way. Over 1,300KM of road, from boring, endless Canterbury highways to ford ridden back country roads near Lake Sumner - from twisty bendy roads out to Akaroa to steep, narrow stone farm tracks on the Canterbury high country Station. From a nice bed to sleep on - to a bed of hay in the tray of the ute. With merely a tarp as weather proofing, amid a thunder storm with rain lashing at our temporary structure on and off for several days. Absolute frustration through to total elation - this month long trip was sure one we won't forget anytime soon.

It all started with picking up my new (1991) Hilux in Gore. I did a bit of hunting in Southland before picking up Rebekah at Dunedin airport on my way to South Canterbury.

Once in the back blocks of Waimate, we hit the wallaby population for nearly a week before heading into the high country right when the weather packed in :-(No success up there. Then we headed onto Christchurch where we came stuck for longer than we wanted sorting out various things with the ute. Firstly, the dinged, going-rusty wellside was switched over to a much tidier flatdeck :-). Then we spotted the axle seals were leaking and diff oil was making one tyre look very sleek :-). (2 more days spent in the City had that problem sorted (fortunately the mechanics were able to start work on it quickly). After that

we gratefully scooted off into the country once again and visited my former boss out at Akaroa. This was coupled with me looking after the oh-so-familiar 2174acre sheep and beef farm for 4 days while he and his family were away. The hare population was crazy there which proved good for us. After that, we headed to Lake Taylor overnight - shot a possum with the .22 in the rain while we were there. Then on to one of our favourite South Island hunting spots - a friend's farm near Motueka for a week. The pigs really wished we hadn't arrived, the deer mostly had one up on us and even a couple of outlaw goats copped arrows during our stay. Rebekah flew home a day or two before my departure date. It was then on to the Cook Strait ferry for me. Berthing at 11:30pm in Wellington, I drove as far as Foxton and decided to call it a night considering it was then 2am. At 7:30am; I travelled on and was up in Katikati early afternoon with a few stops on the way!

So now you have the story in brief, check out the pictures on the additional pics page.

Until next time everyone; stay safe and may your arrows find their intended targets.

~Sarah~