

Newsletter #52

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Hello to all our members – new and old. The clock change is almost upon us and that means its going to get a little cooler and a bit 'more damp' – the local pukekos will more than likely like this.

GENERAL NEWS AND UPDATES FOR MEMBERS

Jig has left some big pieces of polystyrene on deck which can be halved and make good home targets for juniors but location at home needs to be checked for safety. Not suitable for seniors.

I have noted that some juniors having difficulty getting up in morning maybe we should make it seniors in morning and juniors in afternoon.

Appreciate feedback on this from juniors and seniors.

Also think I need to spread the clout shoots out to every 2 months. *What are your feelings?*

We are assured by lease person in council the local board have given us the nod for the renewal of our lease for 10 years from May next year.

We are also investigating improving our drainage so winter underfoot is more tolerable and we are able to use the mobile targets for an extended period. A general plan has been formulated and in parallel we are getting prices for the work and landlord approval for this.

We have a series of ideas for a new clubroom to follow on from our new lease. If we are lucky, we can get approval and prices for the work so once new lease in place we can build new and remove old.

One of the options for new clubroom depending on additional funding is a clubroom with an indoor shooting range of 18-25m. If additional funding is not forthcoming or less than required, we may be able to still do something akin to that by building clubroom with large deck for sheltered shooting then enclose a large enough area to allow targets at appropriate distances within a fully covered or partially covered area. Drawing for this are almost the next item on my to do list. Watch this space or one on notice board.

In the meantime, during darkening days there is the opportunity to use an indoor range at Massey and shortly one at a newish archery supplier at Upper Harbour. Will confirm details on this and advise by Shore Archery Facebook and web page.

Keep an eye on Facebook and the Webpage to see updates for club and other shoots around Auckland.

I would like to get more of our members involved with recurring and one-off jobs, so the load is spread amongst all members not just the few so with that in mind here are a list of those. Please indicate to me which ones you would be able to participate in, maybe we can put a roster up in the clubrooms and you can put your name on it.

REGULAR TASKS TAKING AN HOUR OR SO SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR.

- 1 Mowing the distance and lane lines. Takes upwards of an hour. A team of 4-6 rotating every 2 weeks so only maybe 2-3 times per year each.
- 2 Marking the distance and lane lines. Similar to above for time, frequency and numbers in team.
- 3 Checking the target condition and see if recirculation is required. Before the bundles are shot out. A team of 4. If required only takes about 30 minutes. Important to do this as we have not as yet sourced an alternative source of material for fixed targets and only have just over 1 years worth of present material and that is base on careful preservation and maintenance of present targets.
- 4 Check inside shooting wall and recirculate and fix pinex bundles back so not a hazard. This

is very important as we do not want OSH onto us for negligence. 2-3 people maybe 2 hours.

5 Regularly check mobile targets and recirculate the 9 sections so areas not shot on to much. 2-3 people in this team. Might take around an hour or so, dismantle and shuffle targets sections and re frame per target but will not know until we do one. Hopefully a once a year thing.

ONE OFF TASK TO DO WITH IMPROVEMENTS AROUND CLUB.

6 If we can get free paint from Resene we may have a work party to paint clubroom and shed walls, roof and doors. Depends on when we see progressing new clubroom. As many as possible.

7 Obtain and plant appropriate trees/shrubs along gap in boundary with golf course. Maybe a couple of hours for 4 people. Plants that grow up to 5/6m and give strong growth from base to canopy.

8 Investigate obtaining alternative material for fixed targets. Initial suggestion is EVA foam strip about 5mm thick from China, India, Turkey or ???. Any other thoughts bring them forward. Needs lots of investigation not only with the countries but on the density, width and length of any sheets or rolls to find correct product for our purpose and economic cutting. Maybe a couple of people on this with different asian language skills.

9 Parents, I need to train you to run the junior shoots. Check faces are correct on targets for shoots, score sheets ready, score sheets completed correctly and passed to one person to submit to Archery NZ for correlation. I will still be on hand to guide them on technique, but I need you to take it in turns to run the shoots to free me up. As many as possible to rotate running this would be appreciated very much.

10 Committee has already lined up a plan to complete the path to and around the present clubroom and extend it down to the targets and we will announce the proposed date for the work shortly. Can as many as possible turn up to assist when this happens. Hopefully we will have the kerb in and stones deposited along the proposed path so we only need to distribute them and not have lots of long wheelbarrow work.

11 Rework the wall and outer door to toilet so we can get another set of storage shelves on right.

Please if you have any questions ask a committee member – most of them are approachable and don't bite 😊

Dennis – Club President

Random archery facts –

It is believed that bows and arrows have been used for at least 25,000 years based upon the discovery of arrowheads in Africa. Archery is considered to be one of the oldest sports in the world. The word archery is derived from the word arcus, a Latin term that means bow and arrows.

Archery has been an Olympic sport almost from the beginning. Its debut in the summer Olympics occurred in 1900. In 1924 it was discontinued and it was reintroduced in 1972.

The very first compound bow was made 500 years ago.

