

HILLS ARCHERS NEWS ARCHIVE 2019/2020

4/06/2020

Club's approach to COVID-19, part 2 (updated 1 December)

1 December

Community sport restrictions have been eased and we are back in operation! However, distancing requirements remain and contact tracing sign-in (via QR Code or the paper form) is mandatory.

22 November

Restrictions to the latest lockdown have eased and community sport is expected to be able to return from 1 December. Therefore, our shoots on Wednesday, 2 December and Sunday 6 December will proceed. The postponed sessions of coaching courses (from 22 Nov) will be held on Sunday, 6 December as well.

The Club's Christmas Shoot has been re-convened for **Sunday, 20 December**. Further details on that to follow via email.

17 November

One step forward and two steps back. The Club is CLOSED until further notice due the "Parafield cluster". It is hoped it will only be for a couple of weeks, but the situation continues to develop.

Until alternative advice is received from SA Health, we urge everyone to observe the requirements. Information can be found at <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>.

The two coaching courses which were due to be completed on Sunday, 22 November, are postponed and we will be touch with participants to make alternative arrangements. Our involvement with the VETS in Sport Day on 22 November is also on hold - the day has been cancelled and no advice has been received about when that might (or if it will) occur.

Stay Safe - Stop the Spread in SA

4 October

Food and drink may now be consumed whilst standing. All other requirements since August remain.

19 August

The latest Direction now requires sporting Clubs like us to have at least one volunteer COVID Marshal on duty whenever we are at the Club. The Committee has taken on this task. The COVID Marshal's role is to check that the appropriate hygiene requirements are implemented as best as possible. Please respect any requests made of you - we are volunteers!

4 August

With the issuing of the latest Direction, all food and drink must now be consumed while seated at tables. All other physical distancing requirements remain the same.

And just a reminder:

We recommend people should *not attend* the Club if they:

- have been directed by SA Police to self-quarantine or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test
- have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath
 - have been in contact with:
 - a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - anyone with a high temperature, fever, chills, symptoms of acute respiratory infection, or loss of taste and smell, in the previous 72 hours.

1 July (includes update 29 July)

The Clubrooms are fully available - with a limit only by virtue of 1 person per 2 sq metres and having regard to the 1.5 metre distancing requirement. The verandah can accommodate 17 people and the Club room, 31 people.

Please ensure the distancing and hygiene requirements are observed.

Our coaching programme resumed 5 July.

3 June

We accept registrations via ***The Archer's Diary*** and visiting archers are once again welcome. (You no longer must use the online booking system.)

([CLICK HERE](#) for Part 1)

3/06/2020

Beginners Courses to Resume

Because of the current physical distancing requirements and from July, our courses will be conducted in the afternoon, so as not to clash with the weekly morning Club shoots and to ensure that access to the Club's facilities is not unduly limited.

Refer to the [Coaching/Beginners page](#) for the details of the next course.

18/03/2020

Club's approach to COVID-19 (update 1 June)

1 June

Archery is in the fortunate position of being a non-contact and/or teams sport, meaning recovery actions can be implemented sooner than some of the more high-profile sporting codes.

From Monday, 1 June, further restrictions were eased (brought forward from 5 June) via the SA Government's "Roadmap to Recovery" - Step 2 (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/recovery-step-2>).

Notably, groups of 20 are now possible (previously 10) and the Clubhouse can be opened and made generally available.... but some restrictions still apply. The Club room can accommodate a maximum of 12 people, as the 4 sq m per person and 1.5 m physical distancing still applies.

Seating will be spaced appropriately. However, with the other equipment (belonging to the polocrosse club) in the Club room, the maximum number of people may yet have to be reviewed downwards.

To maximise the indoor area, archery equipment setup should be conducted at your vehicle or on the verandah. Note, the new restrictions permit only 11 people on the verandah at any one time.

Non-contact sport competition can now proceed, so long as competition is limited to 20. Again, the physical distancing and density requirements still apply. (Still 2 persons per butt, etc.) So, for the time being, the booking system will remain (see below), although, given the numbers that have been attending, we can once again welcome visitors.

If you wish to submit a score for a round, that can now be facilitated – *The Archer's Diary* will be "reactivated" and that aspect will be "back to normal". (If you need assistance, feel free to ask.)

To re-open the Clubhouse, the Club was required to create a COVID-Safe Plan, which is required to be made available. It is on the bench, adjacent the sign-in sheet. The toilets within the Recreation Grounds Clubrooms will also now be available.

26 May

We will open the Club to visiting archers, although bookings for members will take precedence.

Please continue to use the booking system, at least until 5 June, when a further easing is expected.

If you are

- unwell
- have been in contact (within the previous 14 days) with any person who is infected with COVID-19 or
 - have returned from Interstate or overseas within the previous 14 days

please do not attend.

BOOK A PRACTICE SESSION

19 May

The current situation is that we can now have groups of 10 archers (two archers per butt, unless members of the same family), but those groups of 10 must be separate and no mingling is to occur. The booking system has been modified to accommodate 20 booking "slots" (refer to the News item on the Members' Documents page). This arrangement will continue until 5 June, when a further easing of restrictions is anticipated. We will attempt to ensure that everyone gets a fair go, given that we have eight target butts.

The toilets within the adjacent Clubrooms are now able to be accessed.

A date for a return to beginner coaching courses is still unknown.

30 April

The Committee met via zoom and is currently working on a method of a staged return to activity. In the first instance, it will be for **members only**, having regard to the current State Emergency Management requirements for physical distancing and gatherings. Further information will follow.

24 March

From the President:

HILLS ARCHERS is committed to supporting and enriching our local communities.

So, to uphold that commitment and do what we can as a Club to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within South Australia, the Club Committee has decided to postpone all activity immediately and close the Club facilities until further notice.

We will review the situation periodically (but probably not before 30 April).

We do hope all our members and their families and friends are affected as little as possible by this current emergency and look forward to being able to resume activities and enjoy each other's company again as soon as possible.

19 March

ARCHERY SA has announced it is cancelling all its events, until further notice.

Sport Australia has issued an advice regarding community sport at [minister-for-sport-issues-covid-19-guidelines-for-community-sport](#)

As a result, visitors (i.e.non-members) to the Club are now discouraged.

18 March

Now, there is no suggestion that weekly Club shoots cannot continue. We have relatively small numbers attending each week and physical distancing should be possible. However, we will take advice from authorities, as and when.

Obviously, sensible hygiene practices are possible and encouraged.

Of course, if you have been overseas or been in contact with an infected person, then you are

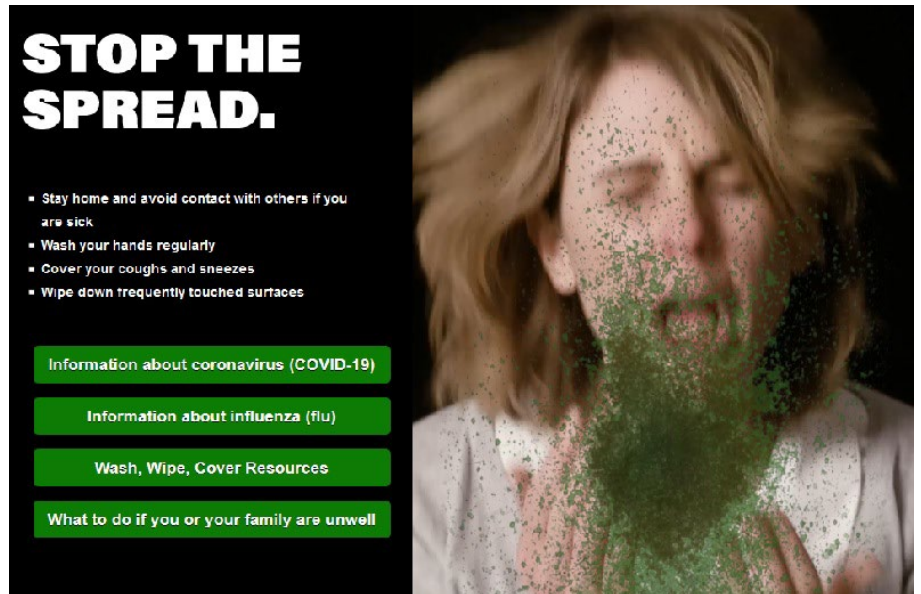
required to not attend the Club for at least 14 days.

If you have a cold, cough, or sniffle, please do not attend, until you are symptom free.

The SA Health site (www.sahealth.sa.gov.au) contains information that is being updated...

Keep up to date with the latest official advice from the Australian Government Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>



20/01/2020

TDU on Wednesday - travel to the Club change

If you normally travel to the Club through Woodside, be aware that Onkaparinga Valley Road will be closed in Woodside for a stage of the 2020 SANTOS Tour Down Under from 6.00 am to 3.30 pm.

Tiers Road will be open (the race starts at 11.00 am). Turn left onto Tiers Road, turn into Western Branch Road, and follow it to Lobethal Road, then turn right and follow your nose!

For further information about the road closures, [CLICK HERE](#).

1/01/2020

Happy New Year!

With the end of the TEENS, the TWENTIES beckon! With Best Wishes for a great year!

21/12/2019

Club's Shoot in Doubt Due to Fires

As you know, this is a troubling time for the community and while the weather has improved, the conditions on the roads are still very fluid.

Unless the fires are fully contained and controlled, it is doubtful that access to the Lobethal region will be completely unrestricted tomorrow (Sunday).

You should therefore assume that the Club shoot will NOT be held.... unless advice via the CFS website and [AlertSA website \(or app\)](#) indicates that it is "business as usual". If the advice regarding general access to Lobethal and surrounds does not change by 7.00 am Sunday, the Club's shoot will not be held.

We understand the Club and surrounds were not physically impacted by the fires (although it came close), but conditions remain variable.

Stay safe.

26/11/2019

Festive Season Fundraiser



'Tis the season for supporting and we have a great gifting opportunity which helps our fundraising efforts. The Gift of Entertainment is a new Digital Membership valid for 12 months from the day of activation.

You can buy that special someone a Single City or Multi City Membership, so they can save year-round on everything they love to do. Simply buy it, print it, gift it!

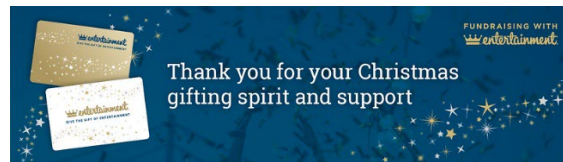
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• Single City Membership	• Unlock all 21 Memberships	• Unlock all 21 Memberships
• 1 year Digital Membership	• 1 year Digital Membership	• 2 years Digital Membership
• 20% goes to your fundraiser	• All Australia, NZ, Bali	• All Australia, NZ, Bali
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31/10/2019

2019 Australian Masters Games showcases the HILLS

The day was picture-perfect for the first Unmarked Field event conducted in SA since 2002.

Utilising the Lobethal Recreation Grounds and adjacent Bundara Reserve (courtesy of the Adelaide Hills Council) 60 archers from around Australia (and one New Zealander) negotiated the field course.

Supported by [Hills Radio 88.9 fm](#), with its **BOBB the Bus**, the station broadcast its morning session live from HILLS ARCHERS.

- [Listen to the broadcast.](#)

Everyone commented on how beautiful the venue was and that the layout of the course was challenging yet "do-able" for a Masters Games.

Brendan Jones of Hamilton in Victoria seemingly had no trouble, posting the highest score of the day - a very impressive 400 from a possible 432. Several State and National records and several personal bests were also achieved.

The day concluded with an excellent bbq and the medal presentations.

Thanks to everyone who made the event possible and to all the volunteers, Judges, and archers "**well done**" on a great job all around.



Archery event a Hills first



David Rowson, currently the third ranked veteran archer in Australia, will be participating in the Australian Masters Games unmarked field archery event in Lobethal on October 10.

By Josh Teakle

The Hills Archery Club in Lobethal will host its first national event when the Australian Masters Games unmarked field archery event takes place in the Bundarra Reserve next month.

On October 10 more than 60 archers from around Australia, all aged 30 and over, will be trekking around the reserve with their bow and arrows to complete a course of 24 targets.

Hills Archers member Bruce Lang will be helping to set up the course and said it was a fantastic opportunity to show off the club to some of the best archers in the country.

"It's a national event so it is great to host it at the club," he said.

"We will have some fantastic archers from around Australia heading around our course, lots of them are ranked in the top 10 of the Australian veteran class.

"The unmarked field event is a real interesting one, is a bit like golf.

"You have the course and the archers can shoot three arrows per target so it is a real test of skill and concentration."

David Rowson, who is currently ranked third in Australia's veteran class (60-69) and participated in the 2003 world championship, has travelled from NSW's Blue Mountains to participate in the Lobethal event and said the biennial Australian Masters Games was always a fierce, but fun competition.

"I love the camaraderie," he said.

"There will be some excellent archers competing.

"Unmarked field archery has a great amount

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Mr Rowson, left, with Bruce Lang of the Hills Archery Club.

of difficulty because you have to work out by sight alone how far away the target is.

"The targets vary in distance between 15m and 25m but there is a big difference between 22m and 22.5m when shooting, so if you don't line it up right you might lose your arrow.

Hosted in Adelaide this year, Masters Games will run from October 5-12, with more than 8000 athletes competing across 51 sports ranging from archery, basketball, fencing, hockey and sailing.

Unique challenges for archers shooting on unmarked field



Concentration is key for Bellevue Heights archer Tom Kowalski as he tries to guide his arrow through a fork in a tree during the Australian Masters Games unmarked field event in Lobethal.

By Josh Teakle

It was a day of shooting through gaps in trees, up hills and searching for wayward arrows in long grass for more than 60 archers participating in the Australian Masters Games unmarked field event in Lobethal on October 10.

The Lobethal-based Hills Archers Club hosted the event in Bundarra Reserve and participants - aged 30-80 - travelled from interstate and NZ to compete.

With archers having to use their experience and the naked eye to guess the distance of the 24 targets scattered around the reserve, SA participant and Masters Games sports convener Paul Blatch said it was both a fun and challenging afternoon.

"The unmarked event is fun, relaxing and frustrating all at the same time," he said.

"It is a more difficult discipline so people tend to relax a bit and enjoy the day because they aren't too worried about the result - they just try their best.

"The Lobethal course was beautiful, it was the first time it has hosted an event like this so people found it a nice afternoon trekking around the reserve."



Morphett Vale archer Paul Blatch, left, WA local Thomas Maple, Mark Newham of the ACT and Tom Kowalski of Bellevue Heights.

Of the 51 sports, the archers enjoyed a jam-packed schedule, competing in multiple disciplines, from unmarked field, marked field, indoor, clout and target, in Lobethal, Goolwa, McLaren Vale and Adelaide across the week-long event (October 5-12).

"The Masters Games is a brilliant event," Mr Blatch said. "It has been going for 17 years now and it's been hosted in Adelaide eight times because it is the perfect city for people to get around.

"People in the archery

competitions especially get to travel around the city, up to the Hills, down to the beach and meet different people from around the country.

"There are some pretty tired people by the end of the week."

With archers competing in age groups, gender and bow types there were 20 winners on the day, with Mr Blatch of the Morphett Vale based Southern Vales Archery Club winning the Master (50-59 age bracket) Male Crossbow class.