

## JAMA Newsletter August 2009

We are midway through winter and at times it almost seems impossible to find a good day to shoot outdoors, lucky those who have an indoor range!

### INDOOR NATIONALS

Last month the Indoor Nationals were held and a number of Junior Archers competed. The rounds of 25m then 18m meant quite a number of records were set for the first time or old ones broken. I hope those of you who did break records have claimed them by now as there is a time limit to do so. Also shot was the double 18m round for the WIAC which is an online competition run by Archery Australia. New Zealand archers did very well, Juniors no exception. A nice touch is the team's event where individual scores are added up, we also did well there.

### GETTING READY FOR SUMMER

While the JAMA Postal shoots continue to be shorter distances, you should be checking your equipment ready for the outdoor season. Many of you will be growing and where you would not like to squeeze your feet into too small rugby, soccer or hockey boots, your archery gear can also become too small. Ask your JAMA coordinator to recommend a coach or another experienced archer for you to see and get them to check your equipment and watch you shooting it. Drawlengths often become too short and with that arrows too. Without the necessary changes the pleasure in your archery and progress can easily disappear.

### ARCHERY GAMES

While I know the JAMA postal shoot is all that many of you shoot, and that just once a week, how many of you would enjoy a little one on one competition? Matchplay in a round robin format can be easily organised and can be a whole lot of fun. On one of your next JAMA postal shoots, leave the targets up and stay at the same distance, pair off and shoot 3 arrows, 3 times. Add up the scores and give 2 points to the winner, 0 to the loser and 1 each for a draw. Change the pairings and do it again. Once you have all shot against each other and the points and see who the overall winner is. If you have lots of archers split into two groups Recurve and Compound, if not perhaps negotiate a handicap start of 3 points for the Recurve archers. There will be a round robin spreadsheet to work out the pairings and a scoresheet with this newsletter for you to use. They will also be available as downloads from the website. I am very interested in other ARCHERY GAMES that you have tried and found fun, if you send them to me, we can put them together in a book or on the website for those days you are looking for something else to do.

### A VERY SERIOUS OPPORTUNITY

Yes, that is right a very serious opportunity exists for archers that have the desire and commitment to get to the Junior Olympic Games in Singapore in August 2010 and it has just come from NZOC. Of course there are criteria and yes we do need to know like yesterday that you are interested. Actually closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August so obviously we need to know by early next week.

- 1) You need to have been born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993.
- 2) You can be Male or Female.
- 3) You need to shoot Recurve or change to Recurve overnight
- 4) You need to shoot a minimum qualifying score by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 of 1220 for a FITA or 610 for a 70m round if you are a Cadet or 1200/600 if you are a Junior.
- 5) You must be available for a training camp before Christmas
- 6) You must be available to attend the Commonwealth Qualifying Tournament in Hamilton on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 where you must shoot a 70m round followed by Matchplay.
- 7) If selected you must commit to a training program that takes precedence to most other things in your life.

***If you are interested in the first instance send your name, date of birth and contact details to [quiver@orcon.net.nz](mailto:quiver@orcon.net.nz).***

### TRANS-TASMAN 2010 – YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!

With time steadily approaching, we urge juniors to consider registering for Trans Tasman Team selection. A poster and information flyers will be sent to Clubs shortly - JAMA Co-ordinators please ensure these are clearly displayed as they contain important information for interested juniors at your Club – Recurve and Compound. Qualification information is available on the JAMA website.

***If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Andrew (JAMA Convenor) at [quiver@orcon.net.nz](mailto:quiver@orcon.net.nz). As soon as possible!***