

## Team Event at the National Titles

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At the National Muster TAA has encouraged TAA clubs to enter as a team. In 2017 and 2018 this event was won by South Coast Archers capably led by Glenn McMahon. The winning club was presented with a beautiful perpetual shield hand crafted and donated by Tully Bowhunters. In 2019 this event morphed into a rivalry that was both hilarious and unplanned as Kurwongbah Lake entered their huge team of handpicked archers, led by El Presidente Peter Van Der Molen. Then, out of the forest appeared another team made up of TAA folk, who either lived too far from a TAA club to be an official part of the action, or, who were the only member of their TAA club to be present at the muster. This team were kitted out in their Brotherhood of Bowman shirts and followed team leader Keith Mattson. Glenn McMahon saw this as an opportunity to boost his numbers. He very quickly declared several long time archers honorary South Coast Members. Two other smaller club teams joined in. Five teams in all, this event was proving popular!

Apart from Kurwongbah Lake winning the 2019 shield, the other big win was allowing the children present to be part of a team. Most of their chatter was related to how their team was doing. It has also let TAA know that ALL TAA members would like to be part of the fun, not just those whose archery club just happened to be affiliated with TAA.

The guidelines for entering this event are as follows. Each team entering must:

- consist of at least ten members.
- have a team name. This can be their club name or another name that reflects their passion in Traditional Archery.
- have an identifying garment or decoration. This may include a club or team shirt with logo, a cheap same coloured shirt with hand drawn/written club name, the same style hat/headdress, the same themed costume, a chosen coloured ribbon worn around arm or somewhere else e.g. quiver/beard, or, other garment that is appropriate.
- apply safety when choosing their team identifying feature. For example hats with horn
  decorations may catch bow strings, onesies may be worn but might cause the archer
  to overheat.
- have their team name and members' names in to the score recorder by the Friday
  evening before the start of the shoot, see entry form below. If less than ten members
  the team can add from a list made up of TAA members who do not have a club but
  would like to be part of a team. Members will nominate to be on this list either with
  their original nomination form or by the Friday evening.
- keep a friendly and good humoured eye on other teams by mingling amongst groups on the range.

Each year there will be a special auction with the takings split fifty/fifty between the hosting club and TAA. The top scoring archer from the previous year will have their archery talent

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auctioned at the muster on Saturday morning before the start of the shoot. This archer will then be entered as part of the team who have won the auction. The archer will be supplied with the identifying garment/decoration. If the previous top scoring archer is not present another chosen experienced archer will take their place. It will be considered an honour to be chosen for auction. This can be expanded to include the top male and female archer.

How is this scored you might ask? Well that is secret executive women's business. You will just have to trust the magical mathematical formula devised by the women on the executive committee.

The coveted trophy is presented on the Sunday as part of the official presentation.

