

AUSTRALIAN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION Inc

NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH A



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**Bowhunting Division: Incorporating : The Trophy Bowhunter of Australia Club
Game Management; Measurement and Recording**

Field Archery Division: Incorporating: National and International Field Archery

**Affiliation: The International Field Archery Association
The Confederation of Australian Sport
The World Bowhunting Association**



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Northern Territory Branch at a Glance

EVENTS

- NT ABA and 3D Championships –
8th – 12th July 2019, hosted by Freds Pass Field Archers

CLUBS

- Dead Centre Bowhunters Club Inc – Alice Springs rural area
- Freds Pass Field Archers Inc – Darwin rural area

FUNDING SUPPORT

The Branch acknowledges and thanks the Northern Territory Government, through its Department of Sport, Recreation, for funding to assist with branch development, which includes developing and promoting archery in the NT, player attendance at the NT Branch and ABA National Championships, and training and reaccreditation of coaches and instructors.

OFFICE BEARERS 2018 - 2019

Branch Controller	Chris Clark then Ken Henderson (acting)
Field Representative	Andrew Gaff
Score Recorder	Sonja Wegert
Secretary	Chris Manners
Treasurer	Stuart Renwick
Branch Coach	Steven Ings
Bowhunting Instructor	Rohan Walker
Risk Management Officer	Ray Rowe then Bradley Hawkless
DCB ABA representative	Steven Ings
FPFA ABA representative	Ken Henderson

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Branch Controller's Report

Branch A has had a reasonably successful year overall with one downside of the Katherine club folding mainly due to lack of success in finding a suitable piece of land to use as a range and Wayne Salmon the main driving force at the club moving away from the district.

Membership numbers need to be increased in both Fred Pass Field Archers and Dead Center Bowhunters clubs. With some targeted membership drives and advertising we should be able to achieve success in this area over the next 12 months.

Freds Pass has achieved a number of things over the last 12 months mainly due to their new 5 year plan being established in 2018 which focused on infrastructure improvements to assist in keeping new attendees at the club.

A new clubhouse/disabled amenities building has been built for them by the local council and a new practice range area was successfully sought from the Reserve that they are on which will be shootable in the wet season.

The practice range is approx. 90 meters long and 15 meters wide with a large earthen mound as a backstop at one end. This was also fenced with the assistance from ABA in the form of a grant/loan to the club as it was reasonably expensive to construct and was necessary for the range to be used.

Branch A has over the past few years has been granted access to a couple state parks for the control of feral animals. Recently this number of areas has grown which can only assist in encouraging members who haven't hunted before to get their BPC and be involved
These permits for access are very strict and must be carefully managed.

A successful NT state titles was held over 4 Days at Freds Pass in early July with a few keen attendees attending from Dead Center Bow Hunters making the long trip.

Both clubs have been holding popular come and try days with the coaches and instructors performing a marvelous job with new memberships being gained

I look forward to working with our group of dedicated elected and appointed members to achieve more growth and recognition for our sport in the NT.

Remember if you are visiting Alice Springs or Darwin please contact the local club for a visit or shoot.

Ken Henderson
Branch A Controller

Branch Field Representative's Report

No report Submitted

Score Recorder's Report

Branch A Score Recorder

I would like to thank and congratulate the Branch A committee in the great work they all have done to ensure the Archery Sport in the NT is being kept alive despite dwindling numbers in club members. Especially as Katherine Archery Club ceased their activity and Branch A dropped down to 2 ABA affiliated Archery Clubs again. A lot of patience and hard work has gone into building good, stable and trustworthy relationships between the FPPA and DCBH committee members and club members which benefits the growth and enjoyment of the NT Archery Sport greatly despite the vast distance apart.

Intensive work has gone into including Branch A again in the National Shoot Calendar and having their Grading and NT Titles score displayed on the National ABA Website. With great help and gratitude to the current ABA National Score Recorder Alan and Assistant Score Recorder Sally-Anne, who patiently answered my questions and explained the program and requirements of score recording to me. Thanks very much. Thanks also to all the other Branch Score Recorders who shared their knowledge and their 'tricks' with the score recorder program.

We are now in the second year where FPPA and DCBH managed to organise a Branch A shoot calendar with monthly Grading Shoots set on same days for more competitive Archers to be able to get proper Club and Branch gradings for attending State/Territory and/or National competitions. Furthermore, the results of the monthly grading shoots and Territory Titles are now displayed on the National ABA Website for everybody to see. Thanks therefore to Jim, the FPPA Club Score Recorder, for sending me your shoot results in a timely manner so proper score recording is possible. Finally, Branch A exists again ☺.

In July this year, we held the NT Titles at Freds Pass Field Archers in Darwin, which the 3 attendance from Alice Springs Dead Centre Bowhunters used to thaw out their bodies, enjoying the beautiful warm weather in the middle of the cold and long winter in Central Australia. Also shooting through thick vegetation, trees and forest was a welcoming challenge. About 18 – 20 people participated in the 4 day event, which consisted of a 2-day 3D shoot and 2-day ABA vinyl target shoot. Even the NT Government Sport and Recreation Representative came for the ABA medal presentation which was greatly appreciated as Branch A receives NT Government sponsorship without the Archery clubs would not be able to survive. Overall, thanks FPPA, for organising a great competition.

The 2020 NT Titles will be shot again in Darwin at FPPA. This was decided by the Branch A committee due to:

- DCBH are hosting a full week of Archery competition with the Alice Springs Masters Games in October 2020 (ABA, IFAA, FITA, 3D)
- FPPA has currently more members, which reduces amount of travel
- FPPA are getting brand new facilities (Club house, large Practice Range)
- (- Warmer ☺)

Despite me feeling a bit like a duck out water as I'm feeling my way along and learn the duties of a Club and Branch Score Recorder, thanks for the great support and gratitude I was given at this year's NT Titles. I'm looking forward to another successful year with great shooting, new personal bests and hopefully increasing attendance in the Grading and Territory Title shoots.

Sonja Wegert
Branch A Score Recorder
DCBH Sc

Branch A Coaching Reports

Dead Centre Bowhunters Inc Coach Report For ABA – NT Branch AGM 2019

DCBH has had a busy year coaching with 2 open days consisting of a weekend of introduction to archery one of practice & a modified shoot round

There were approx. 70 people in attendance for these events

DCBH has run an introduction to archery/coaching course once a month on average with a follow up practice 2 weeks later

These have been well attended with average groups of 8-10 people

The FAIs have backed up the coaching staff extremely well during this period allowing everyone to get in some much needed practice

We have 2 group bookings in the next month girl guide annual camp with approx. 50 people & St Phillips collage with approx. 20 people

The coaching method employed this season has worked well & with a small amount of refinement will be once again used next year

Thank you to all members for your assistance during this time

Cheers

Stephen Ings

DCBH/Branch Coach

Freds Pass Field Archers Inc Club Coach Report For ABA – NT Branch AGM 2019

Training

An FAI course was run by Tom Cornell, National Director of Coaching on 16 and 17th Nov 2018, with funding provided by the ABA - NT Branch.

New FAI's trained -

Caitlin Bergin, Mark Cullenane, David Selvaratnam, Chris Manners, Jessica Walker, Steven Hill.

FAI reaccruited

Peter Bergin

Coaches Reaccruited

Shirley Preston, Joy Wood, Shane Argent, Brian Sellers, Wayne Salmon

Despite the large numbers above, current active coaches are 2, and active FAIs are 5.

Beginners

In 2019 we mapped out a year of 4 beginner classes that occur on our normal shoot days. While club members are on the practice range, the class does its theory component. When the club members move off to shoot a short field round on the far range, the beginners move on to the practice range for an hour of practice. For the next 2 Club field round shoots, people from the classes are grouped with an FAI/coach and the round becomes a further teaching opportunity. Usually 3 or 4 FAI's/coaches are involved with the classes. We are trying to minimize the number of newcomers who turn up on normal field shoot days.

We have enough recurve bows to accommodate large numbers of beginners.

Beginners Class Date	Number of registrants	Children	Adults
28 April 2019	13	8	5
23 June 2019	17	10	7
4 August 2019	28 (post Darwin Show)	12	16

I am keeping a record of the attendees and will keep a track of how many of them actually go on to become probationary, then full members.

Advertising is mostly done through the club's facebook page and community group pages, and at the Branch Darwin Show Stall.

Ongoing coaching

Coaching continues for members in an informal way, with experienced compound archers providing the coaching for compound shooters and coaches providing coaching in traditional styles.

NT Titles – Coaches and FAI's filled a roster to do bow checks and range control.

Shirley Preston
Fred's Pass Field Archers Inc Club Coach

Club Reports



Freds Pass Field Archers (F.P.F.A.)



FREDS PASS FIELD ARCHERS – REPORT 2019

Freds Pass Field Archers has enjoyed a busy year in 2019 with hosting the NT titles from the 7th to the 9th July, moving to a new clubhouse with power, running water, toilets and an all-weather practice range and offering members a diverse shoot program. The club has purchased a new set of 3D targets this year and has up to 60 members with numbers of between 25 to 30 at each shoot.

The club has offered an active coaching program this year with beginner classes in April, June and August attracting in excess of 20 participants on each occasion. A tracking program has been introduced to monitor retention of participants.

In line with the five year plan the club is actively seeking grants to shade the club surrounds and improve facilities. A thank you must be extended to ABA National for the loan/grant contribution to build the security fence at the new clubhouse.

Ken Henderson

President FPFA

Report from Dead Centre Bowhunters Inc



DEAD CENTRE BOWHUNTERS INCORPORATED

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As a number of long-term core members moved away from Alice Springs and left DCBH, multiple Open Days were conducted to increase membership.

The Open Days were followed up with Training Days for the returning interested people the following week. Another week later, a 10 target fun shoot was set up with different disciplines (ABA, 3D, IFAA, FITA) on the shooting range to demonstrate the different archery competitions. This was fairly successful as multiple people signed up for membership but we are still a long way from the number of active members we need in the club.

DCBH is running on a skeleton crew but with a well-working Branch Committee both FPFA and DCBH are working well together to keep archery alive in the NT.

DCBH is planning to support and attend the NT Titles in Darwin next year and furthermore to prepare for the upcoming Alice Springs Masters Games Archery competition in October 2020, which will consist of 7 days of archery (ABA, IFAA, FITA and 3D). Any archers interested are welcome to come and join us in Central Australia to compete and/or watch a lot of sports in a great surrounding.

Branch A Treasurer's Report

It's been another challenging year in the NT but with our rather unusual Government funding we were able to renew the TV advert with up to date pictures and contact details.

We are currently updating / renewing the website with a view to having an all encompassing site which we can manage easily and keep up to date with all that is happening in the NT between Freds Pass and Dead Centre.

Our combined efforts with open days has been improved with the purchase of a number of shiny new 3D targets for the newcomers to take shots at.

Freds Pass have a new club house and practice range which is now fully fenced and ready for action assisted by a small donation from branch and further assistance from ABA National

At Nationals suggestion we made the change this year from MYOB to XERO for branch accounting and this has proved to be much easier to manage although we still have a niggling audit issue which should be sorted out within the coming weeks.

Regards Stuart

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STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW 2019 – 22

Our vision is: Advancing all forms of archery in the Northern Territory

Our mission is: To grow the sport of archery with an emphasis on sportsmanship, accessibility and enjoyment

Values:

In our relationship and dealings with our stakeholders and each other, we will:

- ★ Promote fair play.
- ★ Respect our relationship.
- ★ Maintain integrity.
- ★ Be mindful of safety.
- ★ Build camaraderie.
- ★ Uphold ethical conduct.
- ★ Provide an enjoyable environment.
- ★ Focus on a family friendly atmosphere.

