

2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

EVENT WRAP UP REPORT



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wann-gal of the Dharug Nation, the traditional owners of the land on which the 2021 Australian Open was held.

The Wann-gal and their ancestors have lived in the Homebush Bay area for thousands of years. The estuarine ecosystems provided the Aboriginal communities with food, clothing and other resources necessary to their lifestyle as well as a means of travelling throughout the region by water.

We acknowledge the Wann-gal for their ongoing connection to nature, water and land and we pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and emerging.

EVENT DETAILS

Name of Event

2021 Australian Open

Date

Thursday 20 May - Sunday 23 May, 2021

Location

Sydney Olympic Park Archery Centre, Bennelong Parkway,
Sydney Olympic Park NSW, 2127

Attendance

- 150 Athletes
- 150 volunteers & officials
- 500 spectators

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EVENT SUMMARY

The Australian Open is the pinnacle archery event in the country and brings the best archers together from around the nation.

This tournament helps prepare our elite archers for international competitions and therefore follows the same format as World Cups and the Olympic Games.

This year the event was hosted by Sydney Olympic Park Archers (20-23 May) at the Sydney Olympic Park Archery Centre. This range was the location of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games archery competition and where Simon Fairweather won Australia's first and only (so far) Olympic gold medal in archery.

Excitingly in 2021, mixed team matchplay and a barebow division was held for the very first time at an Australian Open. It was great to see more archers being able to participate and be able to showcase Australia's best archers.

This report provides a day by day summary including competition results and highlights.



2021 Australian Open Medallist

THURSDAY - PRACTICE

The official practice day helps athletes prepare for what lies ahead and also when archers register, receive their 'goodie' bags along with finalising their teams. Archers also need to have their equipment inspected to ensure it complies with the World Archery rules and regulations.

It is an important day to ensure the smooth running of the event but also to allow archers to acclimatise to the conditions of Sydney Olympic Park. Archery is a sport of millimetres therefore it's important for archers to recheck their sight settings as wind, rain, humidity and air pressure can all play a part in arrows hitting the middle of the target.

As the first major tournament since COVID-19 restrictions, this was an exciting day for everyone as they got to catch up with friends they hadn't seen in over 18 months.



FRIDAY-RANKING & TEAM MATCHPLAY

The competition began! As per international events, archers shot 72 arrows at their designated distance in order to rank individual archers and teams from first to last place in each bow division.

With 150 archers it was impressive to see a shooting line nearly 200m long! A little morning drizzle did not affect the mood of the athletes and they were ready and rearing to go for scoring.



With some impressive scores shot in the ranking round, it prepared the archers and teams for the head-to-head part of the competition, called matchplay.

After a short lunch break, archers shot the Teams (3 archers of the same gender and bow type) and Mixed Teams (2 archers of the same bow type, 1 of each gender) matches all the way to medal matches.

Matchplay is thrilling to watch and it was brilliant to see archers working cohesively with team members and shooting some great scores.

SATURDAY AM - INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY

With nearly 250 matches shot it made for a busy day for the organising committee but a thrilling day for the archers and spectators.

Matchplay works as a head-to-head competition where the winner of the match progresses and the loser is eliminated. It's a fantastic way to display the mental discipline of archery as it highlights being able to shoot well under pressure. There were definitely some upsets with a few high ranking archers being eliminated early however that just made it an even better event to watch.



SATURDAY PM - BAREBOW MEDAL MATCHES

With the barebow division being trialled as a test event at this year, it was great to see so many archers not just compete but also shoot at such a high calibre. Barebow archers compete on a target at 50m on a 122cm target face and their bows do not have an aiming device or advanced stabilisation.

For many archers this was their first event shooting matchplay and also on a finals field, only adding to the pressure. We are so proud of all the archers and their fantastic results - it really is a testament to all of their hard work and commitment to training.



Womens Barebow Gold Medal Match:
Marianne Rieckmann (Winner) v Debbie Tremelling



Barebow Team Matches

BAREBOW RESULTS

We thank all of our partners and sponsors for providing prize money, prizes and helping award the medals to our barebow archers.

- Dylan Lundt - Retail Manager, SpecSavers
- Stephen Noyce - Board Member, Wests Group Macarthur
- Rick Hastie - CEO, Archery Australia
- Sue Gliddon - President, Archery Australia
- Crevia Loh - Aiverc, Founder and designer

All archers received their medals upon the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games dais - a special treat and a throw back to the heritage of the Sydney Olympic Park Archery Centre.



BAREBOW RESULTS

Male Individual

1st – Ross Gooding
2nd – Michael Fisher
3rd – Mark Bartlett

Male Team

1st – Michael Fisher, Mark Bartlett & John Deer
2nd – Stephen Slack, Imrahil Leeder & Mick Turner
3rd – Peter Nelson-Furnell, Ross Gooding & Gregor Whiley

Female Individual

1st – Marianne Rieckmann
2nd – Debbie Tremelling
3rd – Amanda Ament

Female Team

1st – Elizabeth Hole, Marianne Rieckmann & Debbie Tremelling
2nd – Cristen George, Kathryn Kiefhaber & Emma-Lucille Blayney
3rd – Donna Hurnall, Karen Deer & Trudy Scott

Mixed Team

1st – Mark Bartlett & Elizabeth Hole
2nd – Michael Fisher & Marianne Rieckmann
3rd – Amanda Ament & Kevin Curran



Barebow Male Podium: 1st – Ross Gooding (centre), 2nd – Michael Fisher (left), 3rd – Mark Bartlett (right)

Barebow Female Podium: 1st – Marianne Rieckmann (centre) 2nd – Debbie Tremelling (left), 3rd – Amanda Ament (right).

SUNDAY AM - COMPOUND MEDAL MATCHES

The high quality of athletes attracted spectators in droves to see who would take home the Australian Open Championship. Compound archers compete at 50m on an 80cm target face and their bows are higher poundage with magnified sights. Overall, this means compound archers are more accurate and it often comes down to who makes a mistake first.

It was determination and knowing how to handle the pressure which saw our Compound Australian Open Champions crowned in some very exciting and close matches.



SUNDAY PM - RECURVE MEDAL MATCHES

After lunch Australia's top recurve archers assembled on the field to compete with and against the archers selected to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympic Games. This also gave our Olympic Archers much needed competition before heading to Japan as COVID-19 had put a halt on their proper preparation.

Recurve is the only bow division that competes at the Olympic Games. These archers shoot bows with sights and stabilisation at 70m on a 122cm target face.

It really was an honour for our archers to be able to receive their medals upon the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games dais.



Individual Male Recurve Winner: Peter Boukoulalas



Individual Female Recurve Winner: Sarah Haywood

COMPOUND & RECURVE RESULTS

A big thank you to all of our partners and sponsors who awarded prize money, prizes and handed out the medals to our athletes.

- Tony Houhlias – Senior Manager for Sports Development, Sydney Olympic Park
- Rick Hastie – CEO, Archery Australia
- Brian Hagaman – Vice-President, Archery Australia
- Elizabeth Jennison – President, Archery Society of New South Wales
- Mark Coure – Member of Parliament for Oatley
- Crevia Loh – Aiverc, Founder and designer

Even as an Open event, it was fantastic to see archers in the National Para Program also compete at the 2021 Australian Open. Our para archers shot very well and received a number of medals. We hope this event helped prepare them for international events later this year, including the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.



COMPOUND RESULTS

Male Individual

1st – Matt McDougall
2nd – Pat Coghlan
3rd – Jonathon Milne

Male Team

1st – Pat Coghlan, Scott Brice and Bailey Wildman
2nd – Matt McDougall, Jonathon Milne and Danie Oosthuizen
3rd – Garry Robinson, Sho Shim and Mitchell Campbell

Female Individual

1st – Ameera Christina Lee
2nd – Rhiannon Mills
3rd – Tazmin Forrest

Female Team

1st – Rhiannon Mills, Elizabeth Randle & Tazmin Forrest
2nd – Katrina Robinson, Ameera Christina Lee & Alyssa Mollema
3rd – Amber Cook, Kerry Heath and Maria Wright

Mixed Team

1st – Pat Coghlan & Rhiannon Mills
2nd – Scott Brice & Elizabeth Randle
3rd – Jonathon Milne & Ameera Lee



Mixed Team Compound Podium: 1st – Pat Coghlan & Rhiannon Mills (centre), 2nd – Scott Brice & Elizabeth Randle (left), 3rd – Jonathon Milne & Ameera Lee (right)

RECURVE RESULTS

Male Individual

1st - Peter Boukouvalas
2nd - Alex Smith
3rd - David Barnes

Male Team

1st - David Barnes, Taylor Worth & Ryan Tyack
2nd - Alex Smith, Alec Potts & Astin Darcy
3rd - Markus Kahrau, Jai Crawley, Zac Tonizzo

Female Individual

1st - Sarah Haywood
2nd - Laura Paeglis
3rd - Madeline Boyle

Female Team

1st - Sarah Haywood, Ammrutha Vashetharan & Kim Lavender
2nd - Alice Ingley, Laura Paeglis & Melissa Spinocchia
3rd - Madeline Boyle, Imogen Grzemski & Emma Nolan

Mixed Team

1st - Laura Paeglis & Taylor Worth
2nd - Alice Ingley & David Barnes
3rd - Olivia Hodgson & Astin Darcy



Male Team Recurve Podium: 1st - David Barnes, Taylor Worth & Ryan Tyack (centre), 2nd - Alex Smith, Alec Potts & Astin Darcy (left) & 3rd - Markus Kahrau, Jai Crawley, Zac Tonizzo (right)

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

We were delighted with the level of support from our 2021 Australian Open Partners and Sponsors. It was brilliant to not only host a fantastic event but to also have world class sponsors on board showing their support in us and the athletes.

Their support of this tournament really made it stand out as one of the best archery tournament in Australia, ever. It was a world class event due to their backing and our athletes and volunteers were blown away with their 'goodie' bags, prize money and prizes.

Never before has an Australian archery tournament had partners and sponsors so dedicated to putting on a world class event that really showcased the sport of archery. Words cannot say how much we appreciated their support towards the 2021 Australian Open.



PARTNERS AND SPONSORS EXPOSURE

Sponsorship reach on the SOPA, Archery Australia social media and website along with external media. The event was livestreamed and also made it into a number of media broadcasts include "The Female Athlete" Podcast.

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With the 2021 Australian Open just around the corner, we wanted to say a very BIG thank you to all of our partners and sponsors 🙌🙌
Over the next few days, we'll share the prizes that will be awarded during the event. There's some good ones!
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2021 Australian Open & Barebow Test Event Round Up

May 26, 2021

180 Archers Registered for The 2021 Australian Open & Barebow Test Event

Update: 2021 Open Challenge

Weather Update heading to Tokyo

2021 World Archery Youth Championships Selection Process

National Compound Bowmen Trials Announced

IMDIF NEWS

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There's a wrap on the 2021 Australian Open and Barebow Test Event. It's been a fantastic few days of archery with the country's top shooters taking it out.

About The Event
Sydney Olympic Park Archers hosted the events on their grounds, the very same range where the Sydney 2000 Olympic archery competition took place and where Simon Handcock became an archery legend.

With the also added the facility event, it made for some top quality viewing and exciting matches.

THE AA 2021 Australian Open is coming!

2021 Australian Open Mixed Team Matches

2021 Australian Open Team Matches

2021 Australian Open Mixed Teams Bronze Matches

2021 Australian Open Individual Matches

2021 Australian Open Barebow Individual Gold Matches

2021 Australian Open Barebow Teams Bronze Matches

2021 Australian Open Barebow Medals Presentation

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2021 Australian Open



Come and join in the fun at one of Australia's most prestigious archery events: The Australian Open. Hosted at Sydney Olymp Park Archery Centre on 20-23 May 2021.

The event is open level tournament for Compound, Recurve and Barebow (last event). Spectators are welcome to attend and watch some of Australia's best archers shoot it out (more info below).

Partners and Sponsors

We would like to thank our Partner and sponsors for all their support.

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS PHOTOS



Crevia Loh - Aiverc Contemporary Watches
 Tony Houhlias - Sydney Olympic Park Authority



Mark Course MP - Member for Oatley

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Dylan Lundt from Specsavers handing out medals



Crevia Loh - Aiverc Contemporary Watches
Tony Houhlias - Sydney Olympic Park Authority



Steve Noyce from Wests handing out medals

THANK YOU!

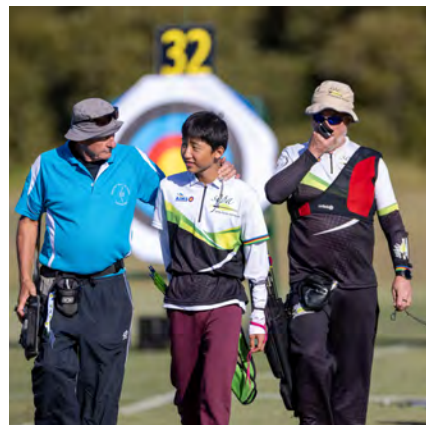
A big thank you to all our hardworking volunteers and officials. Events of this size and standard means a lot of heavy lifting behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and successful tournament for everyone.

All of our helpers did their jobs so diligently and were willing to jump in and lend a hand with anyone struggling - it was fantastic to see. From our ground crew, to signage volunteers to scoresheet checkers and everyone in between - THANK YOU!

For our officials, it was a long 4 days of competition but we, and our athletes, really appreciate the excellent work they did in ensuring a fair and well run competition. Their knowledge and skillset were advantageous to running this world class tournament right here on Australian soil. They should all be proud of themselves and we very much appreciate all of the great work they did.



PHOTOS



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THAT'S A WRAP ON THE 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN!



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