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Dear Member,

The new Committee would like to thank the membership for attending the AGM in person and via zoom. We have some new committee members and their details can be found [here](#). The minutes, updated Constitution and committee reports will be posted to our website as soon as possible.

SOPA range closures

Occasionally the range is closed for maintenance and events. The Sydney Olympic Park Authority generously maintain our range to a very high standard and to do so they must close the range for maintenance occasionally and mow the lawn multiple times a week. We are very lucky to have one of the best clubs in Australia, but it does take time to upkeep. The committee will endeavour to pass along any range closures to our members in a timely manner however, as it is weather dependent they can be short notice.

As part of the Archery NSW community, we need to support various state and national events and programs. With such a high calibre of archers, many of these events and programs are filled by mostly SOPA members and it is good to support our community where possible. The committee does understand the frustration of having to close the range for these events however we will work on notifying members of range closures as far in advance as possible.

For events the range will be closed but for programs will endeavour to only partially close the range (depending on participation numbers).

For Saturday's club shoot (6am to 12pm) there is occasionally space available on the left side of the range for a couple of archers to practice but this is not guaranteed.

Safety Issues

We have had some serious safety issues at the club in recent weeks. Just a gentle reminder that you must at all times display your Archery Australia card when at the range. Any member of SOPA or the Sydney Olympic Park Rangers may ask to see your card. May I ask that you please engage with the request. Also, if you have any safety or personal risk issues at the range, please call the Rangers immediately on 02 9714 7700 (number is also listed on the display board on the clubhouse door and next the first aid room).

Please familiarise yourself with the Club Rules [here](#)

Club events for 2022

We are excited to introduce the **SOPA Matchplay Series** with a prize pool of \$1000 for each Division (Recurve, Compound and Barebow) subject to entry numbers and the competition will be open to archers across Australia. Full details and registration at [here](#).

After a very successful **Keeping the Flame Alive** event in 2021, we will be hosting it again in 2022. It will be a multiday event, similar to the 2021 Australian Open, hosted on 20-22 May. Further details to come.

Club shoots

The Club Championship has been well supported and we will be keeping both the Canberra's and Distance in 2022. However, to help archers prepare for our Matchplay Series and International events we will now have matchplay added to the end of every Distance shoot.

We will also be developing a handicap shoot to help everyone at all levels of archery get involved. SOPA is a club for all experience levels and we want everyone to feel welcome at our club shoots.

We are looking for volunteers in the following position: Event Judges and DOS so please email me if you are interested.

The new committee has a great deal to action over the next few weeks as I have been inundated with requests which is fantastic! We will keep you updated.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you and your family a wonderful New Year.

Hopefully, we will see you at the New Year's Day club shoot!

Kind regards

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