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(Heather, Charlene, Miriam, Hardy, Charles, Rachel)



Traffords Take Six to World and Bring Back Five Medals

The Trafford family of Louisiana (pictured above) took six people to the World in Australia. The recurve shooters brought back five medals: Charlene, Rachel, and Heather ~ gold, Miriam ~ silver, and Charles ~bronze. They are the proof that archery is indeed a family sport. Congratulations on your family success.

David Hughes Almost Bounces Shot

While our archers were shooting the animal round on Wednesday of their week in Australia, David Hughes almost got a zero. David was at full draw on a long animal shot when he caught something moving at of the corner of his eye. David had to grab his bowstring to keep from releasing the arrow. What he saw was a female kangaroo with her joey (baby kangaroo) bounding toward the target. They went between David and his target. Had he not seen them, he probably would have had a zero for shooting a moving kangaroo on the animal round.

Good save, Dave!

New Mexico Director Chosen by Drawing Name from a Cap

The vote was a tie. The acting New Mexico president refused to break the tie, so the two names were put into a cap and Bob Borges's name was drawn. He's the new Director and president for New Mexico.



(Mike Lambert, Arno Kaczmarek, David Hughes, Jerry Barr, Colin Campbell, Monty Heishman)

Our Trip Down Under

By Garnet "Monty" Heishman

In June, the World Archery Tournament was held in Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia. Being a place that I had always wanted to visit, I talked several of my barebow buddies into going to the World Down Under Tournament.

The trip from Texas was approximately twenty hours; then in Brisbane, we had a rented van and drove another four hours to the archery venue in Hervey Bay. Before leaving for Australia, Charles Trafford advised me to put a big sign on the dashboard which said, "Look right and turn left, Stupid". It was quite an experience learning to drive on the left side of the road with the steering wheel on the right side of the vehicle!!! Thanks, Charles, it worked and saved us from harm.

Driving across part of the country, we first noticed how different the trees and other vegetation looked. There are many fields of sugar cane which is one of the major crops. The roadsides were free from trash and all the small towns we went through looked like the

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streets had just been swept. The people were willing to help and answer any questions about their country and were always willing to give directions to the next destination. Of course, they spoke English, and these "blokes" used words that were different and funny sounding to us. There were never problems communicating with the Aussies. They are a fun loving people and enjoy life to its fullest. We Americans could take lessons from them on living life to its fullest.

Due to jet lag, we did not shoot our best scores the first couple days. We encountered frequent rain showers and sunshine; however, it never rained enough to really get wet.

The target butts were set on the ground and the bottom of the targets were usually on the ground or only an inch or two off the ground. This gave the targets a whole different look from what we are use to in the US. There were roads that went through each of the five ranges and all the targets were walk backs. All the ranges were flat and easy walking except for a few muddy ones the first three days. In fact, one lady from England shot all five days in a motorized wheelchair and won a gold medal. She was shooting a long bow, and there were many competitors in her class.

Those shooting in the Veteran Barebow Class were Rhonda Wall, David Hughes, Jerry Barr, Louis Travis, and myself from the USA; Colin Campbell of Scotland; Arno Kaczmarek of Germany; and Mike Lambert and Graham Fraser of Australia.

I had shot with Colin and Graham in two other World Archery Tournaments, one in Scotland and the other in Watkins Glen. It was great to revisit with them and to make the new friendships.

Rhonda Wall broke all the world records for Female Veteran Barebow. David Hughes broke records for Male Veteran Barebow classes. Arno Kaczmarek of Germany took second and Monty Heishman of the US took third. With the exception of David Hughes, the competition was pretty closely matched for five days.

We had the banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon and then we headed for home. We left Australia knowing that we had made a lot of new friends and had gotten to visit and renew friendships from previous tournaments.

Team USA won the gold medal; there were two non-sight shooters on that time. They were David Hughes and Larry Yien.

We had two longbow shooters who placed high in the standings: Renae Skubish with a fourth place finish and Larry Yien with a fifth place finish. Larry had his equipment stolen from his car at his home in California less than a week before he flew to Australia. Fifth is a great finish considering the new equipment and the stress of having had his car broken into. Just shows that you can't keep a good man down.

Barebow Picnic to be held Wednesday, July 26!!

Due to the unique scheduling of the nationals this year, Jerry and I have decided to have the picnic on Wednesday instead of the traditional Thursday. Whether a person shoots a three day or the five day, Wednesday is part of everything.

The sign-up sheet will be posted on Saturday just outside of the main building. Please sign-up by Wednesday morning so that Phyllis and I will know how much food to order.

Dues are due. \$5.00/year or \$75/life membership! See you in Yankton, or you can mail them to me. Make the check to Claudia St. Clair; put BBF on the memo line. I have removed the names of anyone who was not at least a 2005 expiration. I feel badly doing this, but when I start mailing to those people who do not have an e-mail address, it can get expensive.

Joan Gorman had stopped taking treatments and is getting up and walking with a walker. She feels better now that she's not taking Chemo or radiation treatments. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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