



## **Introduction**

Archery is a sport for the whole family. “The BOM Basic Archery Courses” or “Beginner’s Courses” and the “Come-N-Try” programs are open to anyone over the age of ten.

Children as young as 10 years old, boys and girls, and adults well into their 80’s have enjoyed archery instruction at Bowmen Of Melville Inc. Disabled archers compete along side able bodied archers.

We prefer to teach children who are at least 12 years old, but we accept 10 year olds provided that they are accompanied by a parent. Everyone attending is covered by Archery Australia's public liability insurance policy for the duration of the course and up to a maximum of 4 to 6 weeks after the course is completed (max. 12 weeks total).

### ***Archery "Come 'n' Try" Program***

This program operates 2 Sessions every Saturday morning from 9-30 to 10-30 and from 11am to 12 noon. It is for people who just want to have a go and see what archery is all about. The cost is \$10.00 per person per Session which covers equipment hire, basic coaching and insurance. There is no need to book – just turn up and we’ll get you started.

### ***Beginners’ Courses***

For dates please see web page. Courses are generally limited to a maximum of 12 people.

#### **Course Duration**

The Beginners Course runs for 6 Saturday mornings, starting at 9am and finishing at around 11am. The first Session of the Course requires insurance forms to be completed and receipts issued for fees prior to the lesson starting, so please be at the ground promptly at 8-30am to ensure the paperwork is completed on time.

#### **Course Location and Facilities**

We are located in John Connell Reserve, Leeming. Check the Club Information page on our website for how to find us. Plenty of free parking is available.

All parents are encouraged to stay, at least for the first lesson. Cold drinks and snacks are available for purchase. Tea and coffee are also available.

## **Course Fees and Course Bookings.**

The Course Booking Fee is \$10.00 per person plus the Course Fee is \$90.00 per person, \$100 in total, which covers insurance, equipment hire and coaching. The Course Booking Form in .doc file format can be down-loaded direct from the web page.

## **Enrolment Form.**

If you are not able to print out the form, please contact the club secretary on [secretary@bom.org.au](mailto:secretary@bom.org.au) and a booking form can be mailed to your address. (The Course Fees are subject to review by the Club Committee and may be changed at any time).

Refunds of Course Fees will only be given in case of accident or illness that prevents attendance and at the discretion of the Club Committee.

Due to changes in Public Liability Insurance Cover, every person on the Club grounds, whether shooting or non-shooting, must sign a Temporary Membership Form to be covered by the insurance policy. These forms will be available at the first day of the course.

Bookings for courses will need a completed Course Enrolment Form, together with the Enrolment Forms must be received by the Club or by the due date on the enrolment form. The Course fee (\$90) and the Course booking fee (\$10) must be paid prior to commencement of the course.

You can pay the \$100 on Day 1, or by mail at least 7 days prior to the Course starting date, to our postal address at:  
Bowmen of Melville  
PO Box 2, Bullcreek 6149.

If the Enrolment Forms are not received by the due date, then the booking in the Course may be offered to the next person on our booking list.

Reservations for places in the courses will be on a first come, first served basis. Any cancellations will be offered to each person, in order of bookings received, until all places are filled. This may result in some later course bookings becoming available as places being moved into an earlier course. We try to acknowledge all applications either by email or snail-mail as appropriate.

## **Other Requirements**

The one safety rule on clothing is that open-toe foot-ware, thongs or bare feet are not permitted – you must wear shoes fully closing the feet ( like runners). Generally, clothing should not be too bulky around the chest and arms so as not to get caught in the bowstring. Similarly, jewellery such as long earrings, cheek or lip or nose piercing, necklaces and arm bangles may need to be removed for safety reasons. Long hair may need to be tied back. In sunny weather, a suitable soft-brimmed hat and sun screen lotion is recommended.

The drinking of any alcohol prior to or during shooting is strictly forbidden.

Smoking in the Clubhouse, or on the shooting line is also not allowed. Please switch mobile phones off or put into silent mode, so as not to disturb the lesson and other Club Members. If a mobile phone needs to be answered, please do so well away from the shooting line, so as not to disturb the concentration of others.

If any person has a medical condition that requires medication or has any allergies to food, plants or insects, should advise the Coach prior to the course starting, so that medical care can be given in case of an emergency.

### **Coaching information**

All courses are supervised by a qualified Archery Coach. The Archery Coach also has a Working with Children Card under the Child Protection Act and the Club has a Child Protection Policy in accordance with the Archery Australia Club Management Manual. The Club also has a Code of Conduct and Risk Management Policy in place.

At the end of the course, each person will be invited to join the Club as a member or may continue to use the Club's equipment until the start of the next course or for a maximum of 4 weeks, at a hire fee of \$10.00 per Saturday.

For new members wishing to buy their own archery equipment, our Coaches are available for advice. We can recommend a suitable size and strength of bow and size arrows and length to match each person. For those looking to join the Club as shooting members and are not sure of what to do next, our Coaches are there to advise you. Equipment catalogues are available from the Coach.