



The Bowmen of Melville Team... Kitty Drok and Clair Lee (front) with Peter Choy, Kaye Duncan, Natalie Duncan, Michael Duncan and Ashley Jackson (back).

Bowmen show their clout

THE Bowmen of Melville were well-represented at the 2019 State Clout Championships at the WA Archery Centre in Whiteman Park last month.

Clout archery is a traditional archery event, having its roots in medieval times when archers would lob their arrows skywards to fall inside castle walls or on to advancing armies.

Competitive clout archery is shot at distances up to 180m, depending on the bow

type and age category, at a target laid flat on the ground.

Seven of the Leeming-based archers competed across five divisions, with the Bowmen of Melville winning gold in all five divisions.

Kitty Drok won gold and Clair Lee won silver in Open Female Longbow, shooting over 125m. Drok also set a new state record for the single clout, improving on the previous record by 16 points with a score of 269 out of 360.

Peter Choy won the Open Male Recurve division, shooting over 165m. Ashley Jackson placed fourth, at his first State Championship. Natalie Duncan won the 20 and Under Female Compound division, shooting the same distance.

Her brother Michael Duncan won the Cadet Male Recurve division, shooting over 145m.

Michael was joined at that distance by their mother Kaye Duncan, who won the Master Female Recurve division.