

Congratulations
Robert Douglas-Green
On winning the Norfolk Island trip.

2011 Kiwi 3D
Pine Ridge

7.00am: Sunday morning slightly overcast which will be perfect after the previous hot sticky days .
Transferring the supplies to the food tent (thanks Hector C.) The heat is starting to build by 8.30am archers are discarding clothing & filling water bottles ready for a scorcher of a day.

Helpers have been setting up drink stations & evicting weta's from our prestigious loos, registrations are still coming in ready for the first of another great Kiwi 3D series.

9.40am: Groups are in place and the competition begins.
Days of work by the course captains & helpers, culminated in a walk around safety check and minor adjustments yesterday afternoon.
What a great job the Pemberton's had done to craft an enjoyable yet testing shoot for all divisions.

The new reinhart animals looked fantastic whether grazing in a group or stalking their next meal, even the velociraptor looks good after 75 million years.

Mike B commented that he shot with a very young archer and the yellow pegs were set up in such a way that he was able to get some very good shots away, which resulted in a very proud archer who scored better than his father. That's what it's all about.

11.45am: The groups are returning from the first round some slumped under trees trying to get a wisp of breeze to cool down. Sausages sizzling on the Bbq, burgers & salads underway ,roast pork simmering in a rich gravy all finished with home baked treats and slices of melon that should have had wheels and a drawbar.

It was a good round, shots that tested the more competent archers even though limited by a 45yrd max, yet others achievable by the novice.

1.30pm: Refueled & rested just a quick check of the score board.
The groups set of for the afternoon round.

Judith is checking score cards and calculating placings ready for the addition of the next round.

The spot prize table always creates a lot of interest, lots of outdoor equipment from Kathmandu, fine wines, knives and accessories and \$50 vouchers from the three archery equipment suppliers.

Chilly bins are filled with plenty of ice for refreshments after the shoot. Some will be hungry but most just a raging thirst.

When the groups arrive back the mood is good, archers gathered in groups discussing their individual success's or failures but still plenty of humour! I have selective hearing but I didn't note any complaints, just a willingness to help out where needed which is always appreciated.

Thanks to everyone that came. The first of the series has been a great success.
I apologise for the lateness of this report. No excuses!
If I did this for a living I would never again have a weight problem.

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Next weekend we are off to Rodney. See you there.

Eric Neilson
Pine Ridge.