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Membership Secretary: Report 2022

My time as Membership Secretary has shown me that nothing in this game is stationary, the membership numbers are always changing. The Association generally sits a little under 2,000 members, with an average of 200+ for the Cubs and around 200 for the Juniors. This total is a number that fluctuates monthly, as people forget to renew their memberships and as new shooters join.

I'd have to say the biggest increase in numbers appears to be from Queensland; North Albert and Hinterland have had a steady flow of new-comers all year. Every time I send these cards out, I think about how much they are going to add to the competition circuit and the Association itself, I am a little sad though that it doesn't appear that the newcomers are always encouraged to venture beyond their own club grounds and thus their experiences are in some ways limited. Perhaps it is the growth in confidence that ultimately draws these archers into broader competition however I do believe Club encouragement plays a role.

It is wonderful to see the continued growth of our Club in South Australia, quite a few members have been with the Association for over ten years which is impressive.

This last year I have loved seeing many older 3D members returning to the Association, some from as far back as 2008. They often return with a wealth of experience that can only help the Association grow.

There are many things that interest me in the role of Membership Secretary and I have to say one thing that amuses me is to be found in 'email addresses'. I always look forward to these addresses being short (less chance of me making a mistake) but it is often the case that the addresses become mini short stories that give little clues about the people to whom they belong. Food for thought while I'm filling in forms (yes, I am easily entertained).

The major frustration I have in this role comes from.... BACS...this is the bank transfer system that is used in lieu of PayPal. My special love is when people dutifully deposit their money and then fail to put any indication as to who it is from. Sometimes I can figure it out if say it's from Queensland and there is only one Queenslanders who has put in their application, otherwise the money has to sit until someone (probably a very unhappy someone) contacts me about not having

received their membership card.

The biggest advantage I have had in the role of Membership Secretary, has been the constant invaluable assistance of Nate Butterfield. The contribution Nate has made to the efficiency of my role cannot be overstated, he has always ensured that all my technology functions, as efficiently as possible, with me at the wheel. My biggest hope is that Nate will one day return to the 3D AAA Committee because the advances he has made for the Association are immense and he will be missed. Whilst I love doing the membership cards for the Association, there is something very nice about meeting, if only on paper, all the members of our sport, one day it would be wonderful to find someone who would take over the role and improve on what I have done, I am limited by my technical skills and my determination to not lose information into cyber-space.... always a fear of mine.

I wish all our members a wonderful Christmas with best wishes for a successful and satisfying New Year. I have loved working with all the 3D Committee Members and I hope they all have a little break over the next month or so. To those leaving the Committee, Jason, Simon, Nate and our beautiful Liz, I am so going to miss you!!!!

Regards,

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