



Archery

Another year has passed with increased success and activity for the Sydney Uni Archery Club (SUAC) in 2007. The club was able to maintain a good number of memberships and a new core of dedicated archers have developed from last year. In terms of activity, there have been some highlights and disappointments. Highlights include strong results at the Australian Open National Championships with two top 10 results, solid performances at State Championships and Club Leagues and the awarding of the club's second Blue in three years. Disappointment was caused by the

storms that struck the Central Coast earlier in the year, resulting in the cancellation of the Eastern University Archery Championship to be hosted by Newcastle University at Erina.

The club is slowly following SUAC's long-term goal to convert the old wooden bows to newer competition grade equipment. The addition of electronic timing equipment this year has also raised the club's ability to train and prepare for competition shooting. Three new members are shooting their debut competitions this year, and hopefully this trend will increase in the

years to come. The club has also seen an increase in community interest with many local residents inquiring about the club's activities.

2008 will hopefully see more competition entries, and a continuation by the club to develop the solid foundations already built by the hard work and dedication of previous members.

Don Chiou
President

Athletics

2007 has been a stellar year for the Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC). The year started with the club's equal best placing at the National Club Championships in February in Hobart, finishing 2nd overall and dominating the track events contested. Several athletes also represented SUAC in the Telstra A-Series meets, with Justin Merlino winning the 110m hurdles in March, recording the second fastest time by an Australian.

SUAC wheelchair athlete Angela Ballard continued her impressive form this year, recording qualifying times for the 2008 Beijing Paralympics in four events: 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. A number of SUAC athletes competed on the international stage, with Justin

Merlino and Lachlan Renshaw selected in the 2007 Bangkok World University Games team. Justin finished 8th in the 110m hurdles, improving his PB along the way. Lachlan finished 5th in his 800m heat. Cross country athlete, Lara Tamsett, represented SUAC and Australia at the World Mountain Running Championships in Switzerland and ran a fantastic race to take out the Junior Women's individual title. Assisted by her Australian team mates in the event, Lara also helped the Australian Junior Women take out the team event.

Following a number of second place titles in recent years, SUAC finally overcame rivals UQ this year to take out the team title at Australian

University Games (AUG) on the Gold Coast. There were a number of notable individual performances at AUG, with Justin Merlino (110m hurdles), Werner Botha (800m), Annabelle Smith (400m), Tara Holt (100m hurdles) and Jessica Heazlewood (5000m walk) all winning gold in their respective events. These strong individual performances were complemented by some remarkable relay runs. The medley team narrowly missed the AUG record.

These are just a few of the notable achievements by SUAC athletes this year. All club members should be congratulated for contributing to what has been a remarkable 2007 and the club is looking forward to building on these great performances in 2008.

