

## Archery New Zealand

### Life Membership Nomination Form

<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Bill Skews
<b>Citation:</b>	<i>In recognition of Bill Skews' amazing dedication and achievements to Archery in New Zealand over the decades, the Christchurch Archery Club are wholeheartedly endorsing this Life Membership Nomination. Bill is a Life Member of CAC and Patron. His continued participation in the Club and as an active member of the CAC Committee, Bill is a valuable contributor and in our minds an ideal candidate to be recognised with the highest accolade the Association can offer. Bill has many more years to offer in a sport he loves.</i>

1994, Bill joined the Christchurch Archery Club as a beginner and shot the various disciplines in those early years before settling with a Compound Bow.

1995 Archery NZ Coach, coaching beginners of all ages. Coached Crossbow at national, District and Club level.

1997 President of ArcheryNZ, after two years became Promotions Manager for Archery NZ.

1999, Arranged funding and managed Olympic Solidarity Coaching Seminar for Auckland and Christchurch, guest overseas coach Park Kyong-Rae

1999, Team Manager for NZ Oceania Team to Fiji.

2000, Olympic Team Section Manager to NZ Team to Sydney.

2001, Organised International Technical Coach Don Rabska to attend Seminar at the 2001 Archery NZ National Championships.

2002, Liaised on behalf of Archery NZ the archery event of the Fire Fighters Games in recognition of 9/11.

On behalf of Archery NZ Bill was also the organiser for two successful Stoke

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Mandeville Games.

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Bill was Chair and organiser of 4 successful Archery NZ National Outdoor Championships 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004

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Team Manager/Coach to ArcheryNZ Crossbow Team's on 2 occasions.

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Club President for 10 years and now Club Patron

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Today you will find Bill at Club Major Tournaments assisting and helping where he can in the sport he loves. His main role at these events being Director of Shooting.

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It is with great pleasure and pride we nominate Bill Skews as Life Member of Archery NZ.

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**Contact email:**

**Contact phone number:**

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**24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

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**CHRISTCHURCH ARCHERY CLUB INC**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**RECORDS**

Not discussed

**Programme and Events**

**Club Lunch in honour of Dave Henshaw Order of Merit**

Saturday 6 July has been agreed to host a lunch at the Club to honour Dave for receiving his award on the King's Birthday Honours

**Equipment**

RH Wants to order more target pins and Damage for our buttresses. GR asked if RH can look into the target faces as well and order them too. Committee agreed.

GR will ask Dave Henshaw to check the CAC medal count in preparation for all the upcoming tournaments.

**Facebook**

796 members up 15 from last month

**Finance**

See attached at end of minutes.

Finance reports Accepted

Moved	Seconded	Carried unanimously.
AR	DRS	YES

**CORRESPONDENCE**

See below General Business

**ACTIONS ON/CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

GR discussed he had received notice that a Life Membership vacancy had arisen at Archery NZ and they were looking for submissions. RH asked our Patron Bill Skews if he was an ArcheryNZ Life Member to which Bill replied no. GR put it to the Committee that the Club should put Bill forward in recognition of his outstanding dedication over the years to the Club and archery locally, nationally and internationally. The Committee whole heartedly agreed to support in favour of submitting on behalf of Bill.

**MEETING CLOSED:**

**8.30 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: 8 July 2024 – to be held at Phoenix PDP, 196 Wordsworth Street.**

Signed as a true and correct record: *Graeme Robb*

Date: 27 June 2024



## Archery New Zealand

### Life Membership Nomination Form

<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Mike Smerdon
<b>Citation:</b>	<i>Please provide a short overview explaining the reason for your nomination and full details of the outstanding service that has been provided to archery in New Zealand on a national basis over at least 10 years.</i>

Mike has made a huge contribution to archery over the last 40+ years - as a national and international archer, as an administrator, as an importer and retailer, and as a coach.

Mike started archery as a weekend bowhunter in the 1970s. A member of Massey Archery Club since 1972, he joined Mountain Green in 1977 so he could shoot target archery. In that year he came third at the National Indoor Champs in Tauranga.

Mike has represented New Zealand internationally numerous times: in 1985 at the first World Games in London, and 1987 at the World Target Champs in Adelaide with team-mate (and student) Shane Switzer. He is a world champion, winning gold at the IFAA World Field Champs in 2006 in Brisbane, showing his persistence and determination after winning bronze in 2002 in Scotland. He took Gold in Field at the Trans-Tasman Masters Games in Auckland, and Silver in the Trans-Tasman Cup in Adelaide in 1992.

Nationally, he was Field champion in 1984, and runner up in '85 and '89; he was runner up in Target at the Nationals in New Plymouth in 1987, and he's won gold at the indoor nationals.

By the early 90s he transitioned to compound - probably because there was nothing left for him to win in Target and Field in recurve!

### Coaching

Mike excels in coaching youth archers - he is calm, kind, understanding and knows how to talk to teenagers in a way that will help them be their best. He started coaching in 1984, and in 2008 renewed his interest in coaching juniors. Over the years he has had good success coaching both juniors and seniors to national and international level.

He is generous with his time and knowledge - he attends all the tournaments to support our archers, and he is always the first to help if someone has an equipment failure, or brain failure. He has run numerous specialist bow tuning sessions, and is always happy to help archers with their form or their gear - whether he is their coach or not. In Stephen Florence's words, *"If you count just offering advice or tips to help people out Mike has probably been coaching since he first picked up a bow."*

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Over many years he has actively supported and been involved in the development of youth archery including inter-school team archery, school holiday club team tournaments, and other coaching initiatives - most recently the youth high performance recurve group.

He also ran countless corporate events for some 20 years, teaching adults to shoot. In Brendan Gaffney's words *"Mike was always up to the job - absolutely reliable and able, never a harsh word or losing his cool, empathetic, engaging...Mike could get a beginner to do fabulous archery!"*

## Administration

Mike has been deeply involved in administration of our sport at national, district and local levels. In the 1980s he was on the organising committees for the Outdoor Nationals and Indoor Nationals. He successfully brought to NZ three-times world target champion and Olympic silver medallist Rick McKinney from the USA. I'm also told he successfully got Rick to divulge the secrets of archery success!

In 1983 Mike helped organise and set up the indoor archery centre in Henderson which had a 50m shooting line and 40m range! Set up as a club, Mike was president and his wife Heather ran the very successful cafeteria. This centre hosted many events over 20 years at club, district and national levels.

In 1985 Mike was elected manager of the NZ team at the World Games in London and attended the FITA (World Archery) Congress representing New Zealand. He was manager of the first NZ trans-Tasman team at the 45th Australian National Championships in Adelaide in 1992. He is a past president of ADAA, a foundation member of Massey Archery Club, and is on Massey's Board of Trustees.

Mike's commitment to Mountain Green spans decades. In the 1980s he was president of MGAC, supplied the club with archery gear when he ran Archery Imports, and changed numerous locks on the club door when he was a locksmith. He was also involved in making MGAC butts in the traditional way - round, light-weight and made from hessian and straw - before the arrival of the compound bow put paid to that method!

In 2012, together with Lynn Brott and president Earl Duthie, Mike started the search for an indoor venue. Earl found the basement of the Waitakere Badminton Centre, and Mike built what is now our indoor range, with help from Earl and Clive Hudson. Many members join our club specifically for the indoor range, which enables us to host many indoor events for our club and district.

He has also been heavily involved in Massey Archery Club for decades. His property insights and financial acumen enabled the club to sell their land at Massey and purchase a large facility in Kumeu which is now being developed, while also delivering an ongoing income for the club through a commercial property investment.

Mike has spent the last three years on the Archery NZ High Performance Sub Committee. His goal was to get teams to the Trans-Tasman and Oceania tournaments in Australia and the World Youth Champs in Ireland - and New Zealand archers did us proud at all three.

Mike's dedication to archery at every level - as an archer, a coach, and administrator - over many decades, and his commitment to developing our youth archers is something to be celebrated and commended.

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Nominee's Name:	Pamela (Pam) GORDON
Citation:	Please provide a short overview explaining the reason for your nomination and full details of the outstanding service that has been provided to archery in New Zealand on a national basis over at least 10 years.

Having been involved with archery since the 1950's Pam has held a number of roles at a national, regional and local level. These include Vice President of NZAA, President of SIDA and Vice President of the Dunedin Archery Club. Pam has assisted as team manager at the Seoul Olympic Games, World Championships in Adelaide, supported Neroli Fairhall at the Australian Nationals in Melbourne and has assisted at many national, regional and local tournaments.

Pam is qualified as a National Judge and DOS. Pam has, and continues, to mentor and train coaches, judges and archers.

Pam contributes still at a national level on selection committees, is a member of the DAC governing committee and is Patron of DAC.

Pam is passionate about the sport of archery and, in her 86<sup>th</sup> year, continues to give many hours of time and energy sharing knowledge and her experience across many levels of this sport.

\* I am unable to provide a copy of minutes regarding this nomination. Pam is a member of our committee so instead of raising this at a meeting where she was present, I spoke with committee members individually and in groups and all supported this nomination \*

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