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New Board Elected; Year 2000 Events Proposed

A new board was elected (reshuffled?) at the general meeting held on Monday, April 10, at ArrowDynamics. Despite offering free pizza, Dart shooting, and an old-fashioned slide shoot, member attendance was thin. Nevertheless, we managed to elect a hard-working board of volunteers who are willing to give time and effort to provide great shooting and club activities for the other 170+ members of the FCAA.

A number of events were proposed for the upcoming season, which will be detailed on the following pages. We are also going to implement a few changes which will hopefully streamline league shooting and improve things, overall, for club members. If any member has suggestions, comments, or complaints, please contact any board member and we'll address your suggestions at the next board meeting.

CBA Banquet

The Colorado Bowhunters Association Banquet, held earlier this month at the Fort Collins Marriott, was well represented by the FCAA. On Saturday, we hosted a pancake breakfast and 3-D shoot. Though the weather was crummy, the event was still a success.

FCAA members with vendor booths at the Marriott included Stacy Clendenning's antler and nature art, and Tom Kelley's Custom Bows. Several successful hunters from the club had trophies from last season on display and in the awards. Laszlo Nobl entered a fine mountain goat, Scott Moore displayed his elk, and Lou Phillippe entered a whitetail and an elk. Tom Kelley also displayed his life-sized mounted black bear that took first place two years ago.

Dennis Clendenning won a special honor as the CBA Area Rep of the Year. Congratulations to Dennis, a long time active FCAA member.

Wednesday Leagues

We'll once again hold our popular Wednesday night 3-D leagues this season. **Shooting will begin at 6:30 pm on May 3.** Instead of two rounds, we'll shoot two arrows at each target for the first few weeks until daylight improves. We have some cool new Longhorn targets, including an alligator that will be placed in the pond. Cost is still \$5.00 for adults, with cash paybacks in each division after every 4 week session. Youths 17 and under can shoot free, with trophies to be awarded for the top overall scores and best attendance. (Youth shooters who wish to shoot in the

payback classes may do so by paying the \$5.00 entry fee).

As always, Jake can always use help in setting up and tearing down targets. If you enjoy shooting these leagues, your help for just one session would be really appreciated.

Club Sponsorships

The club is in the process of sponsoring the cleanup of I-25 between Prospect Road and the rest area. The State will post permanent signs on each side of the highway recognizing the FCAA for its role.

We are also planning to sponsor a benefit 3-D shoot in early August. Proceeds will be directed to a worthy cause or charity. We plan to widely promote this shoot. If you would like to nominate a needy organization as a recipient, please bring your suggestion to a board member or meeting.

Special Thanks To ArrowDynamics

We would like to extend a special appreciation to Jim Widmeier and ArrowDynamics for helping the club get a great price on the latest batch of 3-D targets. He also allowed us to run amok in his shop during recent general membership meeting, including use of the Dart System. Jim was one of the original founders of the club, and continues to support the FCAA in many ways that most club members don't realize. Remember this the next time you think about ordering your equipment from some out-of-town discount outfit.

3-D Shoot Schedule

ArrowDynamics has three remaining shoots this season. They are held at the Fort Collins outdoor range, beginning at 10:00 am. Dates are May 13, June 10, and July 8. A Shooter Of The Year will be awarded in each category for total combined score.

Carp Shoot

The club is again planning to sponsor a carp shoot on May 21. Our preferred lake, Jackson Reservoir, is currently unavailable due to a conflict over the lease between the State and the ditch company. We hope this will be resolved quickly, but are exploring alternative sites as a contingency. We'll send out notices of the finalized location to club members prior to the shoot.

Member Survey

Laszlo Nobi, who serves as the Club Liaison with other clubs, sportsman groups, legislators, and the DOW, is developing a survey to send to club members. The survey will ask for opinions on hunting, shooting, and outdoor policies that affect most members of the FCAA, as well as Colorado hunters, fishermen, and outdoor persons as a whole. The intent is to better understand the collective concerns of club members and to communicate those concerns to folks who can do something about it. If you care about hunting, give us your thoughts.

Insider Trading

This ain't Ebay, but we've had several requests for a space where members can swap and sell used equipment that they no longer need. So, we'll try it for a few issues. If you have something for trade, contact the Editor and we'll get it in the next newsletter.

Martin Sabre Recurve, 55#, exc. cond. \$200

Groves Magnum I Recurve, 55#, nearly new, very nice bow. \$400 (cost \$500 new)

Matlock Predator Longbow. reflex/deflex 60#, excellent condition. \$350

Contact David Neils at **970-206-9352**, or davidn@frii.com

2216 XX75 Classic arrows (wood grain). 7 full length shafts, 9 new dipped and 4-fletched (feathers), cut to 29". \$3.00 ea. or \$45 for all.

Beman Hunter 50/70 carbons, one dozen, brand new, full length, 3-fletched with feathers, nocks, only have 10 outserts. One dozen. \$45.

Bear Panda child compound bow. Camo, brand new (kid wanted a recurve instead). \$25

Contact Lou Phillippe at **970-493-4931** or loup@frii.com

Board Perks

The board recently voted to extend a free annual membership to the Range Director and League Director in appreciation for all their constant, hard work. They take on thankless jobs, and most members take their results for granted. Due to their efforts, we consistently have one of the best ranges and leagues in the state.

The Editor Shoots Back

The FCAA recently held an annual general meeting and election of officers at ArrowDynamics. Besides a couple of innocent customers that wandered in by accident, the attendees were basically the key people from the past few years. So, out of necessity, nearly everyone in the meeting volunteered for a board position.

This is good and bad. We are assured of having club leaders who truly care; who have proven in the past that they are reliable and conscientious. The bad news is that we have the mostly the same people, year after year, who do most of the work for the other 160 members. Since we're not hearing any complaints, we assume that members are very satisfied with the range, the leagues, the activities, and the direction of the club. If not, we'd expect to hear about it.

Our board members are set until next year. What we need now are people who will help out just once over the summer. Maybe help with setup or tear-down of targets one Wednesday night. Maybe give a few hours on a Saturday to help repair the targets you enjoy shooting. Perhaps help with the benefit shoot, broadhead shoot, or membership shoot. If every member would donate just one or two hours during this season, we could ease the workload of the board members and regular volunteers, while making our range and club even better than it is today.

If you enjoy the range and shoot during the leagues, why not give a little time to the club. Talk to a board member or come to a meeting. Become an **ACTIVE** member!

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