

ON-TARGET NEWS

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Memorial Shoot Held, Living Memorial Planned

As most of you know, the FCAA recently lost two members, Dennis Clendenning and Brian Balfany, in tragic accidents. On June 24th, the club and Arrow Dynamics co-sponsored a memorial shoot for the purpose of raising funds for a lasting tribute. The shoot was a success, and including a generous contribution from the Balfany family, we raised a total of over \$2000. After discussion, the Board voted to purchase two precast benches and five "living tribute" trees as a memorial to Dennis, Brian, and three other members who recently passed-away, Roy Rohla, Sheryl Hahn Parker, and Bill Reuge. A dedication ceremony is planned for October 7 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Game Feast.

Jamboree Report

Thanks to Joe Tafoya's "Tent City" our Saturday night barbecue was a success, despite the constant rain. Many stories were told, and the smoked pig was excellent, as usual. Many thanks to those who helped, including the Clendennings, who smoked the pig, Erin Nobl, who served as chief caterer, Roxane Frey, Joyce Litchfield, and Roberta Trujillo. The Sunday morning pancake breakfast was a new treat, welcomed by all who made it back from the ranges. We planned food for more members than attended, so the excess food was given to the Food Bank. Next year, we plan to have a sign-up for those planning to attend.

Jake Clendenning again represented the club in the calling contests, taking high places in turkey, elk, and predator divisions.

Club Hunting Equipment

The club has a pop-up ground blind and a ladder-type treestand available to members for a nominal maintenance charge of \$2.00 per day. Anyone interested in reserving these items for an upcoming hunt should contact Tom Kelley at 221-1518.

FCAA Website

Members Tom Christian and Stacey Litchfield have volunteered to build and update an FCAA website. We have reserved the domain name ftcollinsarchery.com, and plan to have the site up and running by sometime in

October. We plan to post member news, club news, the newsletter, hunting success photos, and member ads. Please contact Tom Christian or Stacey Litchfield if you have any material or photos to contribute.

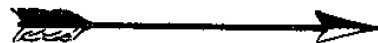
Game Feast Planned

The annual fall Game Feast will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. Those who have enjoyed hunting success are urged to bring an interesting game dish. Or, if you choose, bring a side dish or dessert. This annual event is one of those "don't miss" evenings where stories of the September hunting season are shared, and wonderful recipes are traded and savored.

At 6:00, we will meet at the target butts for a dedication of the memorial benches and living tribute trees. Put this evening on your calendar

4-H National Competition

The local 4-H club, regular shooters at the outdoor range, recently competed in the Nationals. Though it was their first time qualifying, they finished 6th in FITA (up to 70 meters), 7th in Field Archery, and 7th in 3-D. They learned a lot, represented our state well, and hope for a repeat trip next year. Congratulations to **Kristen Ratzlaff, Jeremy Lockman, and Clint McAdams** for a fine showing!



Wednesday Leagues

The results of our second session of Wednesday 3-D leagues:

Pee Wee:

Tyler Clauson 542

Youth:

Phil Trujillo 353

Young Adult:

Evan Peters 383

Traditional:

Troy Tafoya 678

Larry Biernat 599

Limited:

Ken Enquest 886

Laszlo Nobi 799

Dave Jackson 726

Unlimited:

Isaac Hollenbeck 790**

Pat Beckett 783

Nate Hollenbeck 774**

** Scored using unlimited bows from specially-placed Cub and Pee Wee stakes

Ladies:

Erin Nobi 533

Wednesday Leagues

The results of our third session of Wednesday 3-D leagues:

Pee Wee:

Tyler Clauson 525

Young Adult:

Evan Peters 365

Traditional:

Troy Tafoya 666

Rob Tio 628

Tom Kelley 582

Limited:

Dennis Boyer 706

Laszlo Nobi 703

Alan Mathiason 570

Unlimited:

Todd Ray 882

Dave Miller 859

Pat Beckett 794

Barebow:

John Peters 467

Ladies:

Erin Nobi 574



The Editor Shoots Back

Random Thoughts During A Very Strange Hunting Season:

- Our club currently counts over 150 members. Besides having summer leagues, our mission is to promote archery and maintain the outdoor range that the City of Fort Collins generously provides. It just occurred to me that if about five or six key members get fed-up and resign, the FCAA would basically cease to exist and our range would probably go away. Scary thought.
- The DOW decided, in a knee-jerk reaction, to require bows on ATV's to be fully cased. The only thing wrong with that rule is that there doesn't seem to be a commercially-made bow case anywhere that will hold a recurve or longbow with a bow quiver and arrows. If you are traveling in a truck, jeep, car, motorcycle, or snowmobile, the bow is only required to be unstrung. On horseback, mountain bike, dogsled, or when riding a camel, one can presumably do whatever. When I questioned the logic, the DOW's official response to me was to commission a seamstress to sew a case, or modify a compound case to fit. Hmmmm. I suppose a guy could saw a few inches off the end of each longbow limb and it would fit just fine. I also asked how this curious new rule would stop abuse of ATV's by slobs who drive around closed gates and generally run amok, but no one could give me an answer. I thought the intent was to address abuse of ATV's. Do you suppose a guy running wild on an ATV in a closed area gives a whit about a bow case? Clearly, the DOW missed the point this time.
- I wonder how the bears would fare, in this summer of food shortage, if a few hundred hungry bruins had been trimmed during a spring bear season, before the drought began. The bear-huggers don't want to talk about that. They simply suggest the DOW "place food deep in the wilderness to feed the bears". Great idea. They offer smug advice to biologists while their Amendment is killing our bears.
- I know you'll be bummed to hear that the elk hotspot that Tom Kelley and I have successfully hunted for 25 years inexplicably has hardly any elk this year. Good feed, water, no pressure, but no critters (except lots of big mulies that we can't hunt!). It's as if aliens picked them all up and dropped them in front of the rest of you who are having wonderful success this season. I guess we're due. Good hunting, and we'll see you at the Game Feast (maybe with potato salad if things don't improve!)

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