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Jamboree Barbecue Set for Saturday, July 21

The annual FCAA barbecue at the Colorado Bowhunters Association Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m., at the FCAA group camping area. The time may be adjusted to avoid conflict with CBA activities such as the auction, calling contests, and awards ceremony.

To be certain of bringing enough food, we are asking club members who plan to attend to sign-up for the barbecue ahead of time, either at the Wednesday night shoots or by contacting Stacey Litchfield at the phone number or e-mail address listed above. There is no charge to FCAA members or their families for the barbecue.

The CBA Jamboree is located at Camp Hale near Leadville on July 20-22. This is one of the premier family archery events in the country, featuring numerous 3-D ranges in a beautiful mountain setting, kids ranges, nighttime coon shoots, calling contests, and numerous vendors of archery gear. Come camp with the FCAA and enjoy the Jamboree.

Traditional Rendezvous Report By Stacey Litchfield

My brother and I left on Wednesday, May 30th, for the First Annual Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Judy Clyncke asked that if we were driving, could we take 2 targets for them. I said sure after. We loaded targets, bows, arrows, clothes and food for the 18-hour trip. We left my parents house at 4:30 bound for Omaha in a Thunderstorm. It was drizzling at the time, but it drizzled or rained all the way through Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. It stopped raining around the time we crossed into Michigan.

We found Marv Clyncke, unloaded the targets we brought. One was a moving deer target that was powered by a motor. The target was placed on a cart and the cart connected to a cable that was wrapped around 2 bicycle tires. It gave a shooter about 15 yards too shoot at the target, then it would go around the bicycle tire and you could shoot the other side. On Saturday, there was a Novelty shoot for a dozen arrows from [Kustom King](#). \$5 to start at 20 yards, you had to hit it in the 8 ring or greater. If you missed, you could get back in for \$1. You could get back in 2 times for a dollar each. Then the rules were bent a little and you could pay \$1 to get back in, but had to move back. I must've put in 8 or 9 dollars and I only hit the deer once. Scott George won the dozen arrows.

The courses were all in a hardwood forest. I'm not sure how many shooters they had. There were quite a few, but not a bunch like the Colorado Bowhunters Jamboree. I'm sure they did pretty good for the first year. One thing I noticed after shooting 2 courses, we saw only 2 other people counting both courses, and they were either way ahead of us, or way behind. It was raining a little, but what's a little water? The sun did show for a while, also.

We were ultimate fanboys the whole weekend. Me so more than Zack. There were so many people that I've never seen before, but read about them in books and magazines. I'd go up to the famous people and ask, "Can I get my picture taken with you?" Nearly everyone stepped back like they were astonished, and then ask, "Do you have a camera that won't break?" After the picture was taken they'd read my nametag and I'd tell them that we drove all the way from Colorado to be here.

I'm sure you are all asking - "Was it worth it?" I'd say yes, definitely. I think the Compton Traditional Bowhunters is a great club, and some of the nicest people. We got to meet a ton of people, some famous, some almost famous, and some not so famous. There are not many places where you can share a campfire with Glenn St. Charles, G. Fred Asbell, T.J. Conrads, and many others. I'm planning on going again next year, and see all my friends.

(You can read Stacey's complete story and view some great photos on the FCAA website)

Cub Scout Archery Report By Toby Trujillo

2001 Scout Archery

This is either the 10th or 11th year we have hosted archery ranges for the BSA Thompson-Poudre District Scout camps. This year we ran ranges for Cub Scout day camps on June 11th, 12th, and 13th at the fairgrounds in Loveland and June 18th, 19th, and 20th at Louis Swift ponds near Fort Collins. I lost count along the way but we had approximately 300 scouts at each camp (15 groups per camp averaging about 20 cub scouts per group) for a total of about 600 Cub Scouts.

Special thanks to the following individuals for making the program work again this year (my apologies if I forgot anyone):

- ➔ Jim Widmier at Arrow Dynamics for providing materials and equipment at or below cost, including a bow, target, and arrow making materials.
- ➔ Rod Albers for making dozens of arrows.
- ➔ Jim Litchfield, Phillip Trujillo, and Toby Trujillo for taking 6 days of vacation and/or personal time to set up and run the ranges.
- ➔ The FCAA membership for providing the equipment (bows, arrows, canopies, etc.) and money for additional equipment and materials to make this all happen.

Sometimes it's hard to tell if all the time and effort required to put on these ranges is really worth it. I think that question was answered for me this year, when near the end of the second day camp session the conversation that Jim Litchfield had with one of the scouts occurred, as related by Jim in the excerpt below:

" We have 15 groups that average 20 that come through the range in the three days. Toby tries to get them two times with 5 arrows each time. The second time through most of the boys do very well and I try to let them do as much of it on their own, making sure most of the mechanics are correct. Still there is much hollering to keep arrows pointed down range, walk don't run, raise your elbow, pull it back further and do not dry fire the bow again!!! After one session I was standing near the gate. One scout wanted to hug me. Usually all we get are thanks. After that hug the scout next to him wanted a hug also. Then that one said "I wish you were my dad." I replied "Why is that?" "Because my dad is in jail." I'm close to speechless, but I manage "I'm sorry to hear that." After the hollering we had done at them, he then said "You're nicer than him." The only thing I could think of was "My son doesn't think I'm nice." His group had to leave then. I know there must have been something better I could have said but I was dumbfounded."

The Editor Shoots Back

You've likely noticed that this newsletter contains reports from two of our members, Stacey Litchfield and Toby Trujillo. We'd like to continue to include reports and stories from members, when appropriate and when space is available. We're certain that all of you have stories to tell, whether hunting or scouting stories, experiences at 3-D shoots, or news and/or information about archery that may be of interest to other club members.

If you have any material that you'd like to have included in upcoming newsletters, e-mail the editor at loup@verinet.com. Don't worry about grammar and syntax. If it's really painful, we'll help you out, but usually only if it's a real crime against the English language. If possible, we'll print it as-is to be certain that we capture the essence of the story and the storyteller.

We'll look forward to reports from other club members in future newsletters.

See you at the Jamboree!!!!



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