



ON-TARGET NEWS

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Club News

Random Notes and Good Stuff:

- ➔ **You spoke; we listened.** Based upon feedback from shooters of the Wednesday night leagues, we've made our courses more "shooter-friendly", focusing on more realistic shots within reasonable ranges. We've also purchased some new, cool Rinehart targets, including a baboon, 150 P&Y whitetail buck, wolverine, hyena, stegosaurus, chamois, and warhog. If you haven't stopped by for awhile, give it a try again. You'll be pleasantly surprised!
- ➔ **No league July 17th.** Due to the "extra" number of Wednesdays this summer, we'll skip league on July 17th, the Wednesday before Jamboree. Many members are on their way to this great event. Our last shoot, on August 28th, is the Wednesday before deer and elk season. We'll be holding a "Fred Bear" shoot that night with a 50% payback. "Fred Bear" scoring counts 10 points for the 10 or 12 ring, 5 points for the 8 ring, zero for a total miss, and a minus 5 for every "foam" shot outside the 8 ring. Great hunting practice and a fun diversion.
- ➔ **Closeout on club clothing.** We have a number of miscellaneous sizes on sale at bargain prices. Sweatshirts in sizes XXL and L are now only \$15.00. Polo Shirts in XXL and XL are now \$10.00. T-shirts in XXL are \$5.00
- ➔ **Jamboree:** We're going to find an area this year large enough to accommodate all of the club members who want to camp together. Look for signs along the road near the registration area directing you our to our roped-off location. Also, don't forget to sign-up ahead of time for the Saturday night barbecue. Check out Toby's column on the next page for details.

The Trujillo Report

By Toby Trujillo

Scout Update:

June 10th-11th-12th and 17th-18th-19th were the dates for the archery ranges at the cub scout day camps this year. The camps went really well with a total of almost 500 cub scouts and several adults getting to shoot archery, many for the first time ever.

Thanks to the FCAA members for providing the resources to make this happen. Special thanks to Margi Constantino, Brian Ficker, Marcia Larson, Jim Litchfield, Stacey Litchfield, Zack Litchfield, David Neils, Mark Mettler, and Toby Trujillo for taking time off from work or from busy schedules to setup and run the ranges.

Jamboree Update:

The CBA Jamboree will again be held at Camp Hale on July 19th, 20th, and 21st this year.

The FCAA will be hosting Saturday evening's meal, free for FCAA members and immediate family (spouse & minor children), and \$5.00 for guests (\$2.50 for children under 12 years old). The response from last year's format was very positive, so we will have a sign up sheet to help us get an accurate count so that we have enough food for everyone. Please get your name(s) on the sign up sheet at Wednesday night leagues before July 10th (there will not be a league night on July 17th). If you cannot make it to leagues to sign up, email Toby Trujillo at ettrjt@attbi.com or call him at 226-6279 to get your names on the list.

Also, if you can help out by purchasing food or hauling stuff to camp please let Toby know.

CWD Updates:

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has a May 13th, 2002 update on Chronic Wasting Disease. The update is available at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/hunt/huntereducation/chronicupdate.asp>

Also, a very extensive special was done by the Rocky Mountain News about CWD recently. The link for the article is <http://cfapp.rockymountainnews.com/cwd/killer/>.

DOW/CWC Update:

The CBA sponsored an open forum with Colorado Wildlife Commissioner Phil James and several prominent Colorado Division of Wildlife employees on Wednesday May 29th. There were presentations

made about the new Licensing System and the field efforts related to the Chronic Wasting Disease issue. The forum was very informative and a great opportunity to have your questions answered by the people most directly involved with the issues. Thanks to the CBA, especially Steve Hilde, for sponsoring and setting up this event.



A Woman's View of Summer 3-D Leagues

By Angela Erker

Let me start this article by saying that I am having a lot of fun, all the guys have been really nice and welcoming (gals too), and I am finally leaving Wednesday night leagues with the same number of arrows that I start with. Now keep in mind that doesn't mean I'm always hitting foam. It means that the guys I am shooting with are really good at finding my arrows when I miss the target all together.

I wanted to write this article mostly to say that being one of the few women that shoot archery, I have really felt a sense of belonging and camaraderie at leagues. I have also developed quite a sense of pride. I was one of a very small number of women (I think there were two, maybe 3) who braved the snow at the membership shoot, despite my bow having problems and pulling the muscles in my shoulder. I was the only crazy female to shoot the first night of leagues, again in the snow. My "trooper" attitude didn't go unnoticed, and I appreciate all the encouraging words from fellow archers, especially Rod Albers.

Mostly, my sense of pride has come from my own improvement. I was hesitant to shoot outdoor leagues. Last summer I only shot outdoor shoots or leagues two or three times, and quickly became very discouraged due to the search and loss of arrows. Forget the low scores, that was the least of my concerns, I just wanted to hit foam. I have found that true to most female's, I am not very good at spatial perception and judging distances. This year, however, I decided that lose arrows or not, I was going to shoot outdoor leagues. The good news is, I don't miss the targets much anymore, even better news is that my scores have dramatically improved, and the best news is that I have only lost one arrow this year. Thank you to everyone I shoot with for finding my arrows, especially Toby Trujillo, "The Master."

(Editor's note: Toby has become "The Master" of finding arrows in the tall grass through many years of practice through necessity. If you've lost an arrow, just look for a hunched-over fellow grubbing-around behind the targets. He'll help you as soon as he finds his own arrow!)

Wednesday League Results Session 1

Pee Wee:

Ashton Thorne 447

Cub:

Tyler Clawson 487

Youth:

Mathew Mathieson 369

Traditional:

Troy Tafoya 724

Tom Kelley 693

Rob Tio 689

Women:

Angela Erker 453

Marci Larson 401

Margi Constantino 349

Limited:

Willis Slunaker 842

Leroy Ewing 582

Keith Reitz 457

Unlimited:

Gary Greathouse 859

Tom Christian 827

Terry Chamberlain 811

Barebow:

Jon Peters 579

Alan Mathieson 558

Wednesday League Results Session 2

Cub:

Ashton Thorne 440

Youth:

Mathew Mathieson 275

Alyssa Parrott 153

Traditional:

Troy Tafoya 706

Tom Kelley 696

Rod Albers 694

Women:

Alicia Viskoe 745

Angela Erker 561

Marci Larson 327

Limited:

Willis Slunaker 864

Keith Reitz 751

Leroy Ewing 596

Unlimited:

Dave Miller 886

Pat Beckett 844

Terry Chamberlain 838

Barebow:

Jon Peters 599

Alan Mathieson 490

Message from the President

Greetings, fellow archers. These are odd times we live in. To be a hunter used to be considered noble. When I was a kid everyone got out of school a day early for the start of the big game season. Everybody either hunted or understood hunting as part of our heritage. Today we are careful who we tell we are hunters. I have friends that insist on changing clothes after hunting, before we go into public establishments, so we do not look like "Rambo". I guess I have some opinions like Ted Nugent (and it scares me) but he is right: what state of affairs are we in where we have to hide what we do and who we are? I think we need to change the 1990's perception of hiding who we are before we go out in public to insure we do not offend anyone.

There are more anti-hunters now than ever before, so being discrete did nothing but make us anonymous and easier to attack because most anti-hunters do not know anyone who hunts. They only know of the propaganda spread by PETA. More city-raised people are moving into great city, and we reinforce the notion that the nice guy next door is not a hunter by hiding what we are: noble ARCHERY hunters! This is our chance to be courteous and kind, and to show we are just normal Americans, not killing slobs. Actions do speak louder than words. We need to show, not tell, how we are the good guys and gals who simply enjoy nature's beauty; and yes, we do kill animals because they are good to eat and hunting animals for food is one of the most "natural" things for a human to do. This is not wrong; we are not wrong. Be proud of who you are and what you do to the general public.

P.S. I'd like to hop off my soapbox for a moment to remind everyone that the FCAA club is having group camping and a club dinner at the Colorado Bowhunter's Jamboree the weekend of July 19th. If you have never been to a CBA Jamboree, please make every effort to attend. You'll have the time of your life!

Troy

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