



ON-TARGET NEWS

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Membership Shoot Planned For April 19

The annual FCAA Membership 3-D Shoot will be held at the outdoor range on Saturday, April 19. We're changing the format this year to include a scored shoot in the morning, followed by lunch and a general membership meeting. We'll then open the range for open 3-D shooting in the afternoon until around 3:00.

The morning shoot will feature 20 targets, with archers shooting 2 arrows per target. For those interested in cash payback, we'll offer payback classes for an additional \$5.00 per entrant, with 100% payback in each class. Otherwise the shoot and lunch are free with the \$20 annual membership fee. We would ask that all attendees please have the enclosed membership application completed in advance to expedite registration on Saturday morning. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.

During the lunch membership meeting, we'll have drawings for some great door prizes, including a Pacific Butts target. We'll also discuss upcoming events and hold the election of Board members. As always members are encouraged to volunteer for Board positions for the coming year.

Summer Wednesday 3-D League Schedule

Our popular Wednesday 3-D leagues will continue in 2003, beginning on Wednesday, May 7th. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., with a shotgun start at 6:30. The format will remain the same as in past years: 15 targets, with two arrows per target. We'll continue to feature the 50% payback format and the usual shooter divisions.

New for 2003: Due to the increased number of shooters, and the expressed interest by a number of members in maintaining a reasonable pace on the course, we will no longer permit binoculars, range finders, umbrellas, and other nonessential shooting aids during club-sponsored shoots. We trust that you will all respect this request and make an effort to things moving so everyone can finish shooting the course before darkness falls.

Work Day a Success!

Thanks to all of the members who participated in the range maintenance day on Saturday, March 1. Despite the chilly weather, we had the largest turnout of volunteers in memory! Among the projects completed were placement of the great new shooting station markets (Thanks to Tom Christian!), replacement of soft target butts, repair of the bridge and elevated shooting platforms, and gravel placement on walkways between shooting stations and the butts.

The next project to be completed will be installation of a new fixed-distance range of 30, 50, 70, and 90 meters.

We appreciate the volunteers who participated, and look forward to continued participation to help maintain our range as the best free public range in the state.



Arrow Dynamics Schedule

The Arrow Dynamics 3-D shoot schedule has begun, and will continue through June at the Fort Collins outdoor range. This year, only five shoots will be held, and Shooter of the Year will be awarded in each class at the conclusion of the sessions, with each shooter's four best scores counted toward the total.

As always, archers will shoot 20 targets in the morning and 20 in the afternoon, with lunch provided by the staff. Shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. Remaining shoots are April 12th, May 10th, and June 14th. For more information on the Arrow Dynamics shoots or about the fine services provided by this top-quality archery pro shop, call Arrow Dynamics at 970-484-4900, or e-mail Jim Widmier at jwidmier@aol.com.



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Cub Scout Archery Range

The FCAA Board voted to donate \$300 toward construction of a permanent archery range at the Ben Delatour Scout camp near Red Feather Lakes. Several individual Board members also made cash donations toward this project, as well as contributing time and labor. We were able to purchase new bows for archery instruction.

The range has been named the **Michael Trujillo Memorial Range** in honor of our friend and former club member who passed away recently. Michael was involved with Cub Scout archery instruction for many years, and helped introduce a number of young archers to our sport.

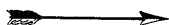
FCAA Summer Campout and Weekend Shoot

The club is planning to host a weekend family fun shoot and campout on June 13th-15th. The location will be at Jack's Gulch group camping area, near Pingree Park.

This will be unscored fun shooting at 3-D targets in a beautiful mountain location. There are spaces for 28 vehicles, with a maximum length of 30 feet. Check in begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 13th, and we'll wrap things up at 1:00 on Sunday.

Also in the area are ample opportunities for hiking, fishing, and scouting. There is no charge for club members to attend this event, and members and their families are welcomed to come for the day, or camp for the entire weekend.

Bring your own food and camping equipment, and enjoy a nice weekend outing. Jack's Gulch is located west of Fort Collins. To get there, take Highway 14 west from I-25 for 42 miles to the Pingree Park turnoff (County Road 63 E). Head south for 6 miles, and look for flying arrows!



CBA Awards Banquet

The 2003 Colorado Bowhunter Association awards banquet weekend will be held this year at the Steamboat Sheraton, in Steamboat Springs, CO, the weekend of April 11-13. This event features numerous seminars, speakers, a large display of mounted trophies taken by Colorado archers, and culminates in the Big Game Awards banquet on Saturday evening.

Featured speaker for the banquet is TJ Conrads, founder, editor, and publisher of Traditional Bowhunter Magazine. You don't have to be a member of the CBA to attend, and this is a wonderful event. For details, visit the CBA website or call Byron Dean at 970-736-8280.

Arctic Shoot a Success!

The 2003 FCAA Arctic Shoot, held Saturday January 25th, was a fine day of shooting. Though a chilly breeze early made things interesting, overall the weather was excellent. More than 80 shooters participated, and the feedback was all positive, especially for Rod Alber's famous "Eat Now, Pay Later" chili!

Arctic Shoot Results

Youth:

Nate Hollenbeck	380
Zach Wilke	330
Kayla Patterson	297

Traditional:

Wayne Depperschmidt	343
Chris Rodas	335
Rod Albers	312

Women:

Samm Hollenbeck	388
Jeanne Swabe	324
Alicia Viskoe	314

Limited:

Willis Slunaker	356
Mark Wilke	320
David Bruce	314

Unlimited:

Jeremiah McConnell	410
(t) Lee Ford	398
(t) Carlos Sanchez	398
J.R Sanchez	394

The Editor Shoots Back

It's that time of year again. Trees are budding, birds have returned to build nests, and FCAA summer 3-D leagues are ready to start. This year, we are asking all of you who participate in the Wednesday leagues for a favor. If each of you could find a way to help set up and take down targets for just one session, the contribution would be huge.

Those few club members who take on the work each week of setting up and taking down are **unpaid volunteers**. While most of you are warming up and relaxing before each shoot, those few volunteers are out on the range setting up the course. Often they don't have time to warm up adequately prior to the shoot. Afterwards, while most are up eating snacks and telling stories, those same few are taking down the course in the dark.

Just fifteen or twenty minutes of help from half a dozen more volunteers each week would cut the setup and takedown time in half, and would go a long way toward minimizing the "burnout factor" from the regular volunteers.

At the membership shoot later this month, we'll be electing new Board members. We do not yet have anyone willing to take on the responsibility for coordinating Wednesday night leagues this year. If no one volunteers, the remaining Board members will have to share the responsibility. That's where you, the members, come in. If we are to continue with Wednesday leagues, someone needs to set up and take down targets. The targets don't set themselves up.

So, when you arrive on Wednesday night, why not leave your bow in the truck for a few minutes and walk down on the range to help? Afterwards, how about spending a few minutes helping break down the course before running up to gobble Cheetos? It's only with your help that we'll be able to continue to provide the excellent 3-D shooting that so many enjoy every Wednesday.

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