



ON-TARGET NEWS

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Facility Improvements Underway!

The long-awaited improvements to the FCAA buildings are nearing completion. Through a cooperative venture between the City of Fort Collins and the Fort Collins Archery Association, The house has been upgraded with new interior and exterior paint, siding, re clad windows, new storm doors and storm windows, and by the end of January will have new carpet installed. The old narrow garage door has been replaced with a new, wider door that will make access easier, and will provide more room for the target trailer.

Other improvements include a new rear stoop and hand rail, built by Tom Christian and John Price, a remodeled bathroom courtesy of Rod Albers, carpet selection and coordination by Tom and Shirley Christian, and the interior painting by Kyle Rehme. Many thanks to the other club members who also helped with the labor, including Tom Hagerman.

Game Feast Planned

The annual FCAA pot luck game feast is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st at 5:00 p.m. at the house at the outdoor range.

If you have a favorite wild game dish to share, that's great. However, if you'd prefer to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, those are always welcomed. This event is always a fun family time, with more than enough great food and interesting recipes to leave everyone stuffed and satisfied.

Arrow Dynamics Winter Leagues

For those looking for some indoor shooting this winter, Arrow Dynamics offers a variety of opportunities. The winter 3-D leagues are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30 and 7:30, and a target league is offered on Thursday nights at 7:00.

Saturday mornings feature kids leagues, with 9 years and under starting at 8:00 a.m., 10-12 year olds at 9:00, and 13-16 year olds at 10:00.

The popular outdoor 3-D shoots will begin on the second Saturday in February, and will continue on the second Saturday of each month through June. These shoots are held at the Fort Collins outdoor range off the Prospect-I-25 frontage road. For more details on any of the Arrow Dynamics-sponsored shoots, contact the shop at 970-484-4900.

New JOAD / Olympic Range

Toby Trujillo coordinated the creation of a new practice range at the outdoor range. It features FITA and Olympic distances of 30, 50, 70, 90 meters. Our local 4-H and JOAD archers and other Olympic hopefuls will welcome this new addition to the practice target butts.

Upcoming Events

Arctic Shoot	January 31
Arrow Dynamics 3-D	February 14
Big Game Feast	February 21
Membership Shoot	April 24
Wednesday 3-D Leagues	May 5
FCAA Jamboree	June 17-18
CBA Jamboree	July 15-17



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Arctic Shoot

www.ftcollinsarchery.com

Saturday, January 31, 2004

At the FCAA Outdoor Archery Range

\$12 entry fee, 50% payback, chili lunch included in entry fee

Registration from 8:30 to 9:45 AM, shotgun start at 10:00 AM

Children 17 and under may shoot (and eat) for free or pay the entry fee to be eligible for payback

Twenty McKenzie and Rinehart 3D targets

Two arrows back-to-back per target

See the FCAA web site for more information

The Editor Shoots Back

As we enter into this new year, we should step back and consider some recent and upcoming events that could effect changes in bowhunting as we know it. While the FCAA is dedicated to promoting archery in all forms, we recognize that most of our members are also interested in bowhunting. We archers who

bowhunt need to be cognizant of initiatives that affect that aspect of our sport, and become proactively involved in the process.

We've seen the Pope and Young Club, the official bowhunting record keeping body, officially acknowledge and categorize three different types of bowhunting equipment in their future record books: traditional, compound with less than 65% let-off, and compound with 66 - 99%. While this seems fairly insignificant on the whole, it has the potential to divide and polarize bowhunters on certain crucial issues, such as season structures and future technology considerations.

On that note, the Division of Wildlife is in the process of setting the new five year season structure. The Colorado Bowhunters Association is working on a draft of recommendations based upon member input. While some members want archery hunting separated from muzzleloader, and some want to move muzzleloaders into the last week of archery, there are other vocal and powerful groups, both outside and inside the DOW, who want to minimize all early seasons for a variety of reasons. Many archers believe that if we try to push muzzleloaders out of archery season, we will open the door for a shortened archery season. Also, given the recent controversy in Colorado over let-off restrictions and the P&Y Club's new stance, there is concern that this might lead to discussion about different seasons for different types of bows, which would create a deep rift among bowhunters if the technology debate heats-up.

Besides all this, we are facing the likelihood of a ballot referendum to ban mountain lion hunting.

So, if you care more about archery than just shooting arrows at targets, please become involved. Join the CBA and give them your input. Join and support other pro-hunting organizations. Attend the DOW public meetings and speak up. Write letters and e-mails. Vote. You can make a difference!

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