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Appreciation!

Besides thanking others, it is occasionally good for the club to be thanked as well. The following was received from Lisa Evans, Colorado Division of Wildlife -



Dear Fort Collins Archery Association,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your club's participation in our Youth Outdoor Skills Day on June 26th. As always, you were a pleasure to work with. It's so helpful that you come with everything you need, since we are setting up so much and getting kids registered.

Your station ran very smoothly, and as usual, the kids loved it. Based on the evaluations we got back from parents and kids, yours was the favorite station at the event! There were many positive comments!

It says a lot that so many of your members are willing to give a full day of their time to help kids learn new ways to enjoy the outdoors. Please extend my sincerest thanks to the following members who participated with us at YOSD 2004:

Lou Phillippe	Evan Peters	John Peters
Marci Riddle	Stacey Litchfield	Michele Magers
Toby Trujillo	Jim Litchfield	Troy Tafoya

Respectfully yours,
Lisa Evans

Northeast Region Education Coordinator
Colorado Division of Wildlife

Wednesday Night 3D Leagues Going Strong!

The Fort Collins Archery Association holds weekly 3D shoots every Wednesday evening from May through August at the archery range. Targets are life-size, three-dimensional foam replicas of game animals from around the world. Each target normally has two cones that mark shooting positions by class. Traditional, barebow compound and children shoot from the closer position (except PeeWee shooters, who may shoot from any distance); all other shooters shoot from the farther position.

These shoots have been highly successful. In session #3 which ended July 21, we had 76 people shoot (at least that many turned in a score card). The last shoot of session #4 will be Aug. 18. If you haven't been able to attend any of these this year, plan on it next year. It is fun and a great way to meet your fellow club members. It is also a good way to get prepared for the fall hunting seasons.

- Registration is from 5:30 – 6:15 PM
- Shoots start promptly at 6:30 PM
- FCAA membership is required
- 15 targets, two back-to-back arrows per target
- No rangefinders, binoculars or umbrellas
- Cash payback for each 4-week session
- Top 3 of 4 scores count for payback (drop one score or miss one shoot)
- Cost: \$5/shoot

Who are we?



Hello, my name is Stacey Litchfield and I am your current FCAA vice president. I was born in Fort Collins, and have lived here my whole life except for a short stint at Hastings College, Nebraska, where I graduated with a degree in Computer Science. In

Colorado, I've stayed around in the Fort Collins/Loveland area.

One of my earliest memories of shooting a bow was when I was about 4 or 5 years old, I found great pleasure in shooting all my arrows up on top of the roof where my dad would get mad at me, and only go up and retrieve them ever couple of weeks (little did he know I was just aiming for the stars). I feel like I basically grew up in the Fort Collins Archery Association since my family has been members since the late 70's or early 80's.

Although I shoot a longbow now, I started out with a Bear compound, and shot a small 5x5 elk with a Jennings Lightning, which was the last bow my dad would ever buy. In 1991, I switched to a recurve because that's what the people I was shooting with at the Jamboree were shooting; and it looked like a lot of fun. The past 3 years I've switched to a longbow.

Much to the chagrin of my parents (especially my mom), I'm not married, nor do I have kids. My other hobbies are fly-fishing, duck hunting, and pheasant hunting when my dad drags me out. I worked 7 years as a Software Tester before being unemployed. For the past 2+ years I've been working at the Loveland Wal-Mart Super Center in the dairy department, where I became the Dairy Department Manager in February of this year.

I encourage all members to help out with the Archery Club as much as possible. The Fort Collins Archery

Association is a volunteer organization. Whether it be helping out at range work days repairing the range, helping set up and take down targets for Wednesday night league, or coming to the board meetings for observation and providing input to the club. The club is not for the board members, but for all the members.

CBA Jamboree

By Louis Phillippe

Despite downpours on the Front Range, 2004 Colorado Bowhunters Association Jamboree participants experienced sunny days and pleasant afternoon thundershowers. The Jamboree was held July 16-18 at Camp Hale, just north of Leadville.

There were five standard ranges this year, including one "extreme" range, two others that were semi-extreme in terrain, and two milder ranges near Vendor Alley. Besides the static 3-D shooting, there was the popular "Wing Fling", a radio-controlled moving target, distance shoot, Endurance Shoot, Kids Pop Shoot, and the nightly Coon Shoot. Saturday afternoon featured the calling contests, and a swap meet. One of the highlights was a Q&A session with the NW Regional Director of the Division of Wildlife and a Wildlife Commissioner.

A special thanks goes out to member John Peters and his son Gary, who not only arrived a week early to rope off our camping area, but also helped set up targets on the FCAA-sponsored course.

As in previous years, we held the once-popular Club barbecue on Saturday night. It was disappointing that a number of members chose not to enjoy the excellent barbecued pork and beef. Due to the poor turnout and the fact that nearly half of the members who pre-registered for the barbecue did not attend, the Board voted to hold it at the FCAA mini-Jamboree at Jack's Gulch next year. Thanks to Stacy and Jim Litchfield who organized the plates, silverware, side dishes, and to Lou Phillippe for coordinating the barbecued meat.

As always, the Jamboree was a great family event. Thanks to all of the CBA volunteers for their hard work in making this a success.

CDOW Report

It seems like only yesterday that we were having our Membership Shoot! Now the hunting season is almost on us. A lot has happened within the DOW and more is to come. Some highlights follow...

Hunting and fishing license fee increase – The proposed fee increase is for resident hunting and fishing licenses and non-resident fishing and small game licenses. The amount of the proposed fee increase hasn't been set. A committee of sportsmen is currently discussing how much of an increase would be needed. The CBA continues to represent bow hunters in this process.

Habitat Stamp – The CDOW is looking at instituting a Habitat Stamp for a cost of \$10. The proposed habitat conservation stamp would be required for each person who hunts, fishes, or uses State Wildlife Areas in Colorado. Each person would only need one stamp, regardless of the number of licenses a person purchases.

75 cent surcharge to fund the Public Education Advisory Council - This proposal would add to the current 25 cent search and rescue surcharge to make the total surcharge \$1.00. The job of the Council is to provide positive information about hunting and fishing to the non-hunting and non-fishing residents of Colorado. While the Council has been established by legislation and appointed by the DOW, it lacks a funding mechanism to accomplish its goals.

Five-Year Big Game Season Structure - The Commission has approved the policy phase of the 2005-2009 Big Game Season Structure and began the implementation phase at the July 2004 Wildlife Commission meeting. They are looking at "status quo" for archery seasons. For more details and how to submit comments, go to the CDOW web site.

Get Involved!

Our range is one of the best around. But it takes a lot of work to keep it that way. We would hate for the headline of a newsletter to be "FCAA Range closing!" The FCAA is responsible for upkeep on our range. This is not something we pay to have done, it requires VOLUNTEERS! If you use the range please try and come to at least one of the work days to help out. Some of our work days were attended by 6-8 people, but all too many had only 2 or 3 people show up. And those were mostly the same people! We won't kill you, but regular work is necessary for to keep the range in good shape. We recently had some vandals break off pegs from the bow racks and do other damage. Things like this and regular wear and tear require work. If we were to let the range deteriorate enough, the City of Fort Collins might decide they have better use for the land. Don't let that happen! Get involved.



Our next work day is August 14. Meet at 8:00 at the range. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

FCAA Wednesday 3-D League	Now in progress!
Work Day at the Range	Aug. 14
Archery Antelope Season	Aug. 15
Archery Deer & Elk Seasons	Aug. 28



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The Fort Collins Archery Association

- We are a group of people united by an interest in archery.
- Our membership includes both active bowhunters and target archers who have never hunted.
- We maintain *for the public* the Fort Collins outdoor archery range on land owned by the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department.
- We work with local organizations and businesses to provide support for youth archery programs, sponsor benefit shoots and host competitions.

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