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Next board meeting is May 2nd at 7 PM see website for more details

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President's News.....

I sure hope you all had better luck scouting for a place to collect a turkey that I did. My son made a trip to the southern part of the state to look over land he had hunted before. That has changed, now we start all over again.

Doesn't that sound familiar? After you get a good set-up and bag a few animals.....things change. But you know, that forces us to get out and see opportunities that we overlooked before.

I expect that to be the case when we venture out for a nice tom in a couple of weeks. I just love wild turkey!

No, I mean the one on two feet not the other one in the bottle.

Your dauntless board members are bringing you an open house and shoot this weekend, April 6-7.

Bring your family and friends and have a ball.

These people work pretty hard to set up something nice for you to enjoy. Be sure and give them a pat on the back for all their efforts; or better yet: volunteer to help them set up the next one. They'd really appreciate that!

Enjoy the spring turkey season, enjoy the sylvan range, come shake the cobwebs off your bow.

ALLEN F. STOVER



It's All About Targets!

Archery Fun Fact:

Harry Drake (Bowyer for Browning Bows in the 60's) shot a foot-bow arrow to 2,028 yards!

USA record for hand held bow is 1,336 yards!

<http://www.usaarcheryrecords.org/Fly...drecords07.htm>



We need to recognize two of our members who competed in the **National Indoor Tournament** this past March and placed in the top 3!

Congratulations to **Mike Brown** who placed 2nd in the Senior Male Barebow, shooting a 563 and 39 X.

Laurie Robinson placed third in the Adult Female Traditional. She shot 474 and 12 X. Laurie would have been first in the senior division but wanted to shoot against the very competitive adult division. In addition, her score put her in the exact halfway point of the senior men. Laurie has only been shooting for just over a year and has taken a number of titles and set a couple of records. Congratulations to both these archers. How exciting for our Club!

How Traditional are you?.....

Notes from Nationals.....

Mike Brown, John Czekala (of Central Point) and I were the Oregonians who made the trip back to Louisville in mid-March for the NFAA Indoor Nationals. And no, you don't need to qualify for that - it's all comers. Mike shoots in



the barebow category, and John and I shoot traditional, so we're all on the fringe (which isn't such a bad place to be). Of about 1,300 shooters at the tournament, about 40 men and women shot in the traditional adult or senior categories, and five shot in the new NFAA longbow category.

I had a great time (there's a cool museum in Louisville with medieval weaponry and armor, plus NCAA basketball fever for the Snarling Cardinal was building), but it wasn't without its moments of angst. I broke out in hives after the first day of shooting and in tears after the second day. The pressure was intense. I was su-

per excited to shoot next to the top two women in the country, both from Virginia, whose scores I'd been following online for the past year. They were super supportive. (I finished a distant 3rd to them, out of 5 in my category, but it was a hard-fought 3rd. Mike finished second in his category, and John finished 11th in his, which earned him an ice cream cone from the guy who finished 12th.)

Equipment wise, there were a few wooden bows, but almost everyone in the traditional class shot Olympic style bows, with aluminum risers, stripped down to meet the traditional category rules. There were lots of Hoyts, some Trad Techs, and a few Win & Wins and SF bows. (The Win & Win global marketing rep from Korea was so happy to see me carrying around a W&W bow that she gave me a free hat.)

It was pretty fun to mingle with all those archers. I met a woman longbow shooter who is a paleo-anthropologist being paid by a university to study the lethality of ancient projectile points. Her

email address has "atlatl" in it, and the academics are also sending her to Africa to shoot with a tribe that still hunts with bow and arrow.

I also met Alan Eagleton of California, who told me he shot FITA barebow on the U.S. Team at the World Archery Field Championships in Val d'Isere, France, last summer. When I googled him later, I found out he'd neglected to mention that his team of three men (which included Olympian Jake Kaminski) took the gold medal, and that Alan won the silver for individual barebow. Alan won the adult male traditional category at Louisville with a score of 267 one day and 278 the other (out of a perfect 300).

But Alan didn't have the highest trad score at the tournament -- that was a James Powell shooting in the senior category, with a 285 the first day and a 279 the second. Who says you can't hold a trad bow steady when you're old?

-- Laurie Robinson

Just for Youth..... with Mike Brown

Sylvan archers will offer archery lesson this summer. The basic class is Monday. Intermediate and advance are on Thursday evenings. Lesson are from 6:30 to 8:00. The cost is \$5:00 for non members and free for members.

Also, get your archery instructor certification. Basic Instruction is and 9 hour class on 13 April in Corvallis and 11 May in Canby. Intermediate instruction is a 9 hour class on 12 May in Canby.

See the Sylvan archers web link fliers for details. <http://www.sylvanarchers.org/instruction.htm>.

Mike will be on hand this weekend for our open house, to coach folks through the course and instruct them on how to shoot all three targets of a field course. Mike will also coach traditional shooter on how to practice the gap method of shooting.

Also make sure to check out the Mt. Scott Community Center for archery lessons for Youth. They have quite the program there. Word on the street is that we also had a large contingency of youth place very well for Oregon in the Indoor Sectionals held last month. We outshot Washington by a landslide! Congratulations to our youth archers!



3-D updates..... With Dave Osler

For those of you who want to try 3D but may be afraid to lose your expensive arrows on an unmarked course, this weekend at our open house we will have 20 marked 3D targets in addition to the 20 unmarked. So make sure to come out and bring the family! I love 3D but hate to lose arrows, so Dave has suggested we do more marked 3D shoots along with our unmarked shoots!

Turkey season and spring bear season is here, so ask Dave to put out a couple of turkey targets and a nice grizzly in the broadhead pit so you can practice!

Just in case you shoot your limit,

feel free to donate one to the club and we can cook it up to feed the masses at the work parties!

Some of our fellow clubs have 3D and safari shoots coming up:

Beekman Ridge Archery

4/13 and 5/18 Shoots coming up

www.beekmanridgearchery.com

Grande Ronde Bowman

Mt. Emily Safari Shoot

April 27-28th

Clayton 541-663-6440

Or

Jerry 541-963-9115



Hunting Tall Tails.....

A huge congratulations to our own Bob Smitherman, a Sylvan member! Bob has won the Oregon Bow Hunter's Bow Hunter of the Year state award. For 2012 he has taken a Turkey, a Bear, an Antelope, a 5X5 Bull Elk and a 2X2 Black-tail buck. We should all be proud of him and his hunting abilities. Congratulations Bob!

Anything Archery and other club news

Target Pasting Work Party: Sunday April 14th: 10 AM at the range

If you want to earn some volunteer hours meet us at the range and bring your paint rollers and a pan and we will be pasting targets to use on our range and for the state field shoot coming up in June!

Recent Crime at the range:

We have had one of our garbage cans stolen with the left over wood that was next to the fire pit. I know it doesn't sound like much, but every time something is stolen we need to replace it. This is your club, so please be aware of any suspicious behavior you may see at the range when you are there and make sure that only you and your guests go through the gate when you enter. If we all will be more aware of our surroundings and of anything that seems suspicious, hopefully we can avoid any future losses. Let one of the board members know if you have any concerns.

Don't Forget we are having our Open House and Spring Fling shoot this weekend! Saturday and Sunday April 6 & 7th.

The flyer is up on the website with more information! Bring the family and friends for this free open house! Get \$10 off the initiation fee when new members join this weekend at the event! Come one, Come all! Don't let the weather get you down! Come in between showers! We will have food for purchase in the Clubhouse kitchen! We can swap tall tails of hunts gone by....

Hope to see you all there, let's get as many people there as we can and show off our amazing range! I actually had a guest tell me he thought it looked like a golf course when we drove in, because it was so well kept! Curb appeal! Thanks to Karl and his band of merry men for always keeping the place looking so pristine!