



Sylvan Archers Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day!

President's News and a retraction and revision to the proposal of the Bylaw change.....

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Have you folks noticed that bright light in the sky lately? I've heard rumors that it is something called the Sun. Don't know where that came from but it sure is welcome. This should help you get out to the range and get rid of those winter blues.

Your board is feeling very generous again this year.

There are two free shoots scheduled. We tried this last year where we asked you to bring a friend, have some fun, and hopefully get your friends to sign up as members. This is open to the public also.

We got some new members last year; and our "target donation" can get stuffed with a few bucks.

This year we are having a combo of unmarked and marked distance 3-ds; and some field targets. The opinion that many of you have not shot any of the courses except the canyon 3-d course. We hope to change that. Bring your friends, bring your kids and wives. Let them see what keeps you out of the house so much during the good weather.

Remember, it's FREE!

On another note; we have some person or persons that are thumbing their noses at you and the safety rules at our range. They have been taking arrows from the "arrow bucket" and shooting them into a tree, and now, our light pole. I take this personally, and you should too. It could be you that is on the course where an arrow comes whistling by!

We don't know how many arrows they shot that missed and went down on the adjacent course.

Here's the deal; these people are not aware that we have a sophisticated security system in place at the range. They think we are just joking when we write our safety rules. They are wrong.

Here's what will happen; they will lose their membership, if they prove to be non-members, they will be prosecuted for trespassing, and convicted!

We are not fooling around with any person that cannot comply with our safety rules. So if you notice that "so and so" is no longer around; you can put two and two together.....we got 'em!

Now on to something more fun! We are getting ready to run our booth at the Sportsman Show again this year. If you want to help, then see the show free; call Al Hanschar and sign up! You can reach him at 503-657-7224. He's a good man to work for, and you are helping our club....oh and I might remind you, this can go towards reducing your dues for next year.

Please check our website for additional data.

ALLEN F. STOVER

[Revision to a previously submitted Proposed Change to the Sylvan Archers Constitutional By-laws:](#)

The proposed change to the Sylvan Archers Constitutional By-laws is as follows:

Whereas the duties of the Range Director are not outlined in the constitution and because it would clarify those duties to outline in a broad manner those duties, the following change is proposed;

(the revised change is presented in italics, blue underlined)

Section 4.02 Vice President:

- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF SUPPLYING ALL TARGETS FOR TOURNAMENTS AND OUTDOOR RANGE.**
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL INDOOR ACTIVITIES AND SHOOTING BOOTH**

C. THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE THE OUTDOOR RANGE DIRECTOR. The Range Director, with the Assistant Range Director will be responsible for the outdoor ranges, buildings, equipment and generally the entire physical premises of Sylvan Archers Inc.

This proposed change will be voted on at the next meeting where we have 15 members at a meeting. This notice is in accordance with our present constitution which requires a 30-day notice be published before a vote is brought on a constitution change. This is also posted online on our website.

Archery Fun Fact:

The English long bow had a draw length of 150lbs! Modern long bows have a draw of about 60lbs. An English Bowman was expected to be accurate over 150 meters and the tip of an English arrow could penetrate armor!

Source: Wikipedia and the English longbow



It's All About Targets!

OBH State Indoor Championships

Don't forget to register!

Mark your calendars for February 22-24th 2013 in Bend, OR! Check out: www.oregonbowhunters.com for more information. Remember no adult shoot on Friday night. So shoot early Saturday morning and hit the slopes with me for the rest of the day! Sounds like a fun weekend!

Sylvan Range

Check out our 2013 shoot card at our website!

How Traditional are you?..... With Laurie Robinson

Traditional tournament shooting and the slow bow movement

Everyone loves the flat fast trajectory. Pffft! Thwap! The arrows are such a blur that bystanders give themselves whiplash. Compound shooters shell out the bucks for 350 feet per second bows and FITA shooters are drooling over the lightest skinniest carbon arrows they can find with flashy Mylar fletching.

But when I train for indoors tournaments in the traditional bow class, my arrows don't zing. They lumber. They wallow. They even fishtail a bit.

The concept of lobbing arrows is so foreign to other archers that they try to talk us out of it. Why would you choose to use a low draw-weight bow and long, slow, heavy arrows?

Because it is a different game when you choose the traditional bow class and the challenge of shooting without a sight. (And why would you choose traditional? Because the bows have long, beautifully simple lines, unmarred by stabilizers and sights and wheels. Because it is a purer form of the sport, closer to the roots and fascinating history of archery. And because it's harder.)

Meaning, at 20 yards, indoors, you can just lob the arrow into the center. In traditional, you don't need a fast bow with a flat trajectory and you don't need fast arrows. In fact, they are a disadvantage at that distance when you don't have a sight.

It has to do with gap shooting, which is the aiming method that the most precise traditional tournament shooters use. With a fast bow and light arrows, at 20 yards, at full draw I aim by dropping the point of my arrow till it's pointing at a spot on the floor, because a fast arrow will still be rising when it hits the target. With a slow bow and slow arrows, after lots of experimenting to get the right point weight to do this, I can aim the point of my arrow at the x in the center of the target. So I can stare at the exact point where I want the arrow to hit instead of focusing on a spot on the floor or low on the hay bale. It's called being "point on" and it is a huge advantage.

When you are point on and in the zone and truly focused, the x jumps out at you and your arrow arcs in to meet it. Here is what I use for shooting the indoors tournaments: a stripped-down Olympic-style bow, 68 inches long, with aluminum riser and 26-pound carbon limbs; 34-inch-long Easton Eclipse aluminum arrows with 225 grain points and 3-inch feathers. My riser has a plunger on it, which is allowed in the traditional bow class (the plunger puts a little pressure on the arrow to help it fly straighter if the arrow isn't spined perfectly for the bow). I also use a Bateman three-finger-under tab -- you can get a cleaner release with a tab than with a glove, and three-under works better for gap shooters at 20 yards than split finger will send your arrows astray. But because the bow is sensitive to those mistakes, it will teach you to become a more skilled finger shooter in away that will also pay off when you switch to heavier limbs.

Just for Youth..... And other important items with Mike Brown

Oregon State Youth Archery Tournament

Friday, February 22, 2013

Warm-up 6:30pm - 6:50pm Shoot Starts 7:00pm

Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, Oregon

For more information go to www.oregonbowhunters.com

As Field Governor, Mike will be representing us at the OBH state board meeting. If you are an OBH member, you will see the proposals listed in the last issue of the Oregon Bowhunter's magazine. If you have any concerns regarding any of the proposals please get in touch with Mike before Feb. 22, so he can address these at the meeting. Please do take the time to read the proposals. Mike's email is: sgm.archer@gmail.com

As a reminder:

Mike will be at Archers Afield on Thursday evenings from 4:00 until 8:00 From Jan 10 thru March. <http://www.archersafield.com>. He offers free advice and critique to intermediate and advance archers during the open shoot at Mount Scott as well at 7:00PM. You will be able to schedule a lesson at this time. Mt. Scott community center also has lessons: <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?PropertyID=1120&action=ViewPark>

3-D updates..... with Dave Osler

As Hunt Director for Sylvan Archers, Dave will also be representing the membership at the OBH annual convention. If you are an OBH member, please take time to review the proposals that pertain to the hunt directors and get any concerns to Dave by Feb. 22.

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Check out the Sylvan website for our first 3D and Field shoot of the season! April 6 & 7th at the range! It is an Open house and all are welcome! Bring your friends and family!

Come see what's new, visit Dave in the snack shack and swap hunting tall tales!

A couple of our fellow clubs are having 3D shoots coming up.

March 2 & 3rd in Klamath Falls

Kingsley bowman are having their

Supershoot. Check it out at :

www.kingsleybowmen.com

March 9 & 10th Green Valley Archers in Dexter, OR

Glen Parson's Memorial 3D Shoot. Check it out at:

www.green-valleyarchers.weebly.com

hone your hunting skills don't forget to visit Broken Arrow Archery and check out their Dart Target System which brings you the most realistic bow hunting and target experience you can imagine!

You'll experience a wide variety of hunting scenarios in clear, digital format. The cinematography is motion picture quality and will put you face-to-face with the wild! With Broken Arrow Archery's Dart Target System, you can embark on a stunningly real life excursion using your own bow and arrows affixed with exclusive tips. You'll never get bored with hunts ranging from Whitetails to Elk to Cougar and Bear.

Check them out at:

www.brokenarrowarchery.com

Hunting Tall Tales.....Club Awards!

Congratulations to Mike Brown as the 2013 Sylvan Archer of the year . Mike has been heavily involved with the youth in the club and in the community. He volunteers his own time to help out the club, in many different capacities, so make sure to congratulate him when you see him.



Congratulations to Karl Okita as Sylvan member of the year! Karl volunteers his own time to make sure the range and grounds are in tip top shape. He can be seen out there regularly. He helps out the club on the board as well and brings many great ideas to the table when it comes to improving the club for all. Make sure to congratulate him when you see him.

Anything Archery.....

How do you overcome Target Panic..... One technique... by Jay Kidwell, PhD.

Multiple Target Acquisition Technique

Step 1: Choose a target with some kind of bulls-eye. This may be a formal archery target or a clump of grass. Tell yourself that you are going to acquire the bulls-eye two or more times and not release. You draw - come onto the bulls-eye - acquire the bulls-eye - move slightly away from the bulls-eye - move toward and acquire the bulls-eye - lower and relax your draw. Vary the number of times you acquire the bulls-eye before you lower and relax your draw. This will effectively create new associations with the moving toward the target stage that usually results in release. Repeat this step three or four times and then go to step two.

Step 2: In this step you will follow the same process only instead of lowering and relaxing your draw you will release and follow through. Tell yourself how many times you will acquire the bulls-eye before you begin and release on the appropriate count. Go back to Step one periodically and/or the shooting blind technique to vary the new associations.

Don't forget to visit our booth at the Sportsman's show!

Sylvan Archers will be at the Sportsman's show again this year running the shooting booth. The dates are Feb. 6-10th, set up is the 4th at 2:30 PM. If you are interested in volunteering your time at this event: Contact AL Hanschar: 503-657-7224 or email at: ahanschar@cs.com for more details.