



Sylvan Archers Newsletter: Happy New Year!

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Next board meeting is Feb. 12th at Cabela's Conference Center in Tualatin 7 PM

Editors News.....Kim Bishop

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Well January is almost over and we know what that means? It is time for the **Portland Sportsman's Show!** Our club has had a booth there as a fundraiser at this event for many years and it takes a lot to coordinate the event.

We are looking for help from our members to work in the booth as well as help with set up and tear down. We can really use women as well, as the little girls seem to respond well to women who are helping them learn to shoot.

Al Hanschar is in charge of this event and he needs help on these days:

-Sunday Feb. 1st 1PM to load the trucks at the range.

- Monday Feb. 2nd 2PM set up booth at the Expo Center.

- Helpers in the booth needed for 4 hour shifts from

Wednesday through Sunday of that week as well. He particularly could use help Wednesday afternoon, Friday and Saturday afternoons from open to close. So if you would like to help out and earn some hours towards getting a discount on your membership, contact: **AL Hanschar: ahan-schar@cs.com: 503-209-6713.** It is a lot of fun as I have done it and will be doing it again this year. It feels good to give back! And the kids love it!

The club also hosted a USAA Bare Bow sanctioned tournament last weekend at Archer's Afield and it went very well. We are trying to keep the club active during the indoor season as well. More information on that on the next page.

With the weather being so nice, we know many people have been out at the range. We are still working on

storm clean up so be careful if you see downed trees etc. We also have been working on the gate issue as well so please be patient and let Membership know if you are having any issue with the gate.

We currently have 419 paid memberships! That is amazing! We have been busy planning our summer and our shoot brochure is on the website and we are looking forward to the summer season.

See you on the range!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Bishop, MS

Publicity Director

It's all about Targets!.....



The Oregon Barebow Challenge -- an indoor tournament that USA Archery sanctioned as a club shoot hosted by Sylvan Archers and held at Archers Afield on Jan. 24 -- drew 35 barebow shooters, a turnout that earned kudos on an Archery Talk forum. We had 21 men, seven women and eight kids. Don Mendez showed up with his fedora and longbow, and so did the "Backyard Bowyer" with a home-made horse bow (google him), but it was mostly metal risers in the modern barebow recurve tradition.

In addition to our local healthy barebow and trad community, several very strong shooters came down from the Seattle area and elsewhere in Washington, plus Bend and Eugene. Tim Mundon of Washington, who learned to shoot barebow in Britain, took top place with 524 points. George Hsieh, who is a local phenom pretty new to tournament shooting, took second with 514 pts and a gorgeous Skye barebow. (These are high scores in fita barebow. This target is scored the same as a Vegas round but the format is twice as many ends.) Our top trad shooter, Stephen Angius, had to work instead of shooting that day (waaah) but will compete in Vegas. For the women, Skylar Atkinson in the Cadet category had what was overall the top female score of 477. In the adult women's category, Shanna Schlitz of Sauvie Island, who is also an amazing new tournament shooter, took first place with 473 points. Wendy McKee got second place with 466 points. Many thanks to club member Allister Bunch for running the line with good humor.

From the feedback and the national attention, this is an event that could grow next year. If we're lucky Brandon won't have a conflicting wedding and we can see how the top Olympic-style recurve shooter in Oregon does when he takes it all off. ;-) (SEE PICTURE ON THE NEXT PAGE)

In related news, there is a national movement afoot to standardize barebow/trad equipment rules between the NFAA and USA Archery, which would be great. To register your opinion of how and whether this should be done, take this short online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZFSM2LZ>

--Laurie

January Barebow Tournament.....

January 2015 Barebow Tournament, sponsored by Sylvan Archers



Just for youth.....

Sylvan Archers had 3 members compete in the Competitive Edge Classic in Bend, OR , this January.

The results are listed below:

Sylvan Instructor:

Brandon Tenner - 1st - Recurve Championship

Youth member:

Ben Kaufman - 3rd - Recurve Championship and he also took 1st in Flight 6!

Way to go Brandon and Ben!

For more information on our youth programs and community lessons contact or to volunteer to help out, contact:

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What is happening at the range.....

We need our members help with some decision making with regards to the types of bales we have at the range and on the courses.

We would like comments, concerns or suggestions. We can not do all twine bales on the courses, as they are too heavy to be moving around on the property, but we would like to know a preference for the compressed straw or twine or a combination of both kinds, out on the range and on the courses, like we have now. Cedar bales are no longer available and the layered foam and other commercial targets are cost prohibitive at 10x the cost.

We would like to hear from you on your thoughts, so if you could email Jack Rutz directly with your comments: mulliganjack@msn.com we would appreciate it. We would like to make a decision by the next board meeting on February 12th. If you have any other ideas or a connection for any discounts for ordering the bales, we would be glad to investigate it.