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Next board meeting is March 5th at Cabela's Conference Center in Tualatin 7 PM

President's News.....Dave Osler

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I Hope everyone is having a very good year so far! Here at Sylvan we are gearing up for another great year! We just finished up with the State Indoor Target Shoot over in Bend and had many of our members attend. The results will be posted on the OBH website soon. Bill and I also attended the convention and you will see a summary of the items that were discussed and voted on, later in the newsletter.

Your club is as strong as it has been in years and that is because of our members!

We have a very good cross section of archers, from experienced hunters and target shooters, to new archers and kids. Your board is made up of those kinds of people, so that multiple styles of archery are represented by those members.

We all work well and support each other which is why this club works. We also need our members to help out on club projects and could use that help again this year. If you can and are willing to help out whether it is for one event or on a project etc. and want to earn hours towards a discount on your

membership, please feel free to email me at dosler2@yahoo.com and let me know what you would like to do and we will call you. Also pay attention to the call to action in the newsletters. When we have certain events we need help for, we will put the word out.

Also be aware we do now have cameras around our property for safety and to curb vandalism. If you see anyone doing anything suspicious or vandalizing our property please email us with the date and time and as much information as you can on what you saw. We can review the tapes and deal with the issue accordingly.

This is your club too and it hurts all of us when these things take place.

Thank-you for your support and good luck on your Spring hunt or any target tournaments you may be competing in.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Osler, Club President

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

I thought it would be fun to interview one of our board members and Olympic hopeful, Brandon Tenner.

Brandon recently returned from the World Archery Festival in Las Vegas, NV where he took 5th place in the Recurve Flights Class. There were 186 archers in his class and over 2500 archers from close to 47 different countries.

Brandon's goal is to compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janero, Brazil next summer. He will be going to Texas this fall to start the first leg of his journey towards earning a spot on the US Olympic Archery Team. There are 3 stages of competition which whittle down the field of competitors to six, the three person US Team and three alternates. Olympic Archery competes at 70 meters or roughly 77 yards. He got a taste for this type of competition when he competed last summer in the SoCal Showdown where he placed 31st competing against other Olympians and Olympic hopefuls.

Brandon has been an integral part of our Sylvan Board. He has spear headed the JOAD program when Mike Brown left, he coaches the OSU Club Team in Corvallis, he helps coach in the summer with our free lessons at the range and he also gives private lessons and travels the country competing in tournaments as well. He will be taking some JOAD kids to Salt Lake City, Utah, March 6-8th to compete in the USA Archery JOAD Nationals & Indoor Nationals as well.

I asked him about how he can afford the luxury of competing at the level he does and all the travel, he said, "I have been fortunate that my sponsors have provided top notch equipment for me to use, but the majority of my travel expenses come out of pocket. I use the money I get from teaching private lessons to help offset the costs."

I told him that I wanted to go to the Vegas shoot some day, but I was concerned about how they do the classes and did not want to compete against people who had fancier bows and more equipment on their bows for freestyle, because I knew I could not compete against them. He said, "You are flighted based on your scores, so you are actually competing against other archers of your same skill level. It is a great learning experience and if you can just shoot your average that should be the goal. If you do better than that, icing on the cake!" He mentioned that Portland had about a dozen people there and they hung out a lot together. He also pointed out that there is such good support there from everyone, you are always running into people that you know and there is just a great camaraderie at the event. This was his second time shooting, so when he was not shooting, he was able to offer up support and some coaching to other Portland teammates. He also had one of his JOAD members there, Ben Kaufman, who took 7th in the youth male recurve category.

Brandon has done so much for the club with the volunteering of his time and expertise, that I wanted to recognize him for his efforts as well as let him know that we, the board as well as the membership, support him in his quest for the Olympic Gold!

Thanks Brandon for all you do and we are glad to have you as a board member of Sylvan Archers!

News from the OBH Convention.... Dave Osler and Bill Swenson

The 2015 OBH Convention was attended this year by our Club President: Dave Osler and his assistant Director of Hunting Games: Bill Swenson. The Convention was well put together and well attended by many of the archery clubs across Oregon. There was a fabulous dinner followed by an entertaining auction and raffle of great prizes. We also had the option to attend a vast number of forum's and meetings which were all well presented. Dave and I attended an informative OSP (Oregon State Police) forum, and introduction to the new ODFW director Curt Melcher with insight to the future of ODFW, A back country Elk Hunting seminar by a brother and sister team: Krissy Knox and Ryan Hay, a traditional archery hunting techniques by Rich Thompson, and a great Elk calling/ bugling competition. The final day, Sunday, entailed the important pieces to the puzzle: The Field Governor's Meeting and the Game Committee Meeting from which some major topics were tabled and voted upon, which included:

A) Oregon Crossbow consideration for severely disabled hunters.

1: "Consideration to allow severely disabled hunters the opportunity to use a crossbow for hunting, which may include overlapping into archery season archery season." After a lot of discussion and personal opinions, the motion was unanimously shot down with a very large majority of "NO" votes.

B) Wayne Endicott tabled 3 separate ODFW proposals for modifications: (Names and brief descriptions below)

1: ODFW 200 series youth cow hunt to eliminate the early August portion of this hunt. (Slow down the chance of a young hunter, or any hunter from shooting a cow elk that is still nursing calves).

2: ODFW Rocky Mtn. Goat and Bighorn Sheep Draw modification. (Raise draw fees to help prevent overloading the system with family & relatives in order to increase chances of draw).

3: ODFW Point System Modification - Splitting Preference Points (Or Points Banking). (This proposal would allow an individual to spend just the points needed to put in for any particular hunt and not half to spend them all. The remaining points could be banked for future use.)

All the while, a fabulous indoor archery competition/tournament was being held with many of our members and friends attending and competing.

In conclusion, it was another informative convention at the beautiful "Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center". The current plan is to continue on with the same venue into 2017 with negotiations pending for 2018 and beyond.

Just for youth.....

Just a reminder that the JOAD/Adult Achievement program is going on through the end of March.

The program is held at [Archers Afield](#) every Sunday EXCEPT the first of the month from 3-5 pm..

For more information visit their website or contact Brandon for more details.

Congratulations to Ben Kaufman for taking 7th place at the World Archery Festival Vegas Shoot. Ben competed against 50 archers from around the world in the youth male recurve division. Great job representing our youth in the club Ben!

For more information on our youth programs, community lessons or private lessons , getting certified as an instructor or to volunteer to help out, contact:

Brandon Tenner:
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Members For Sale items.....

Hoyt GMX Riser

2014 Model—

\$500

Contact Keith:



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Resume for one of our vacant Trustee positions.....

Anyone wishing to be considered for a Trustee position has to post their resume in our newsletter for the next 3 months. Cliff Hoff has generously, volunteered to apply for one of the open positions. His resume is listed below.

To: Sylvan Archers, Inc

From: Cliff Hoff

Re: Resume for candidacy for Sylvan Archers Trustee Board

My name is Cliff Hoff and I have been a Sylvan member for nearly 30 years. I have been on the Trustee board for 3 terms in the past. I recognize the need to fill vacancies on that board and I am submitting my name again for consideration.

Sylvan's is a great place to recreate and enjoy this great passion of archery. We love spending time with friends and loved ones at the range. My greatest wish is that we preserve Sylvan Archery club for our future generations. I greatly appreciate the supreme efforts many of you have put forth in making Sylvan's what it is today and dream of what it could become in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by

Cliff Hoff