



Benton Bowmen Archery Club Inc.

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November 2018

Meetings

Board meeting: Third Tuesday of the month, November 20st, 7:00PM at Howard Meyer's residence.

2017/18 Executive Board

President: *Gordon Matzke* 753-3729
Past President: *Howard Meyer* 752-2098
Vice President: *Mike Evans* 503-949-2808
Secretary: *Chris Romsos* 231-4596
Treasurer: *Loreli Fister* 754-2855
Outdoor Range: *David Leer* 981-0512
Indoor Range: *Joe Neelands* 619-8942
Board Member1 *Kathleen Brindley* 757-7640
Board Member2: *Craig Tokuda* 760-6797
Board Member3 *Blair Pomeroy* 758-3348
Newsletter Editor: *Chris Romsos*

News and Notes

Remember: Always close and lock the gate when leaving the range! Please be courteous to our neighbors and keep your speed down on the club access road. Other than that HAVE FUN!

Dates to Remember

Tentative 2019 Indoor Shooting Schedule:

Wednesday evenings @ 7:30 pm Jan 9 – March 27, 2019 at the Benton County Fairgrounds

February 16, 2019 – Annual Rabbit Hunt at EE Wilson with Mary's Peak Hound Club

Got an archery related event for the Club Calendar? Give Chris Romsos a shout and he'll make sure it get in the newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

Friday October 12, 2018

The July 2018 Benton Bowmen Executive Board meeting was held on October 12th at Papa's Pizza following the "After the Hunt" gathering. Board members attending were: Gordon Matzke, Mike Evans, David Leer, Kathleen Brindley, Joe Neelands, and Past President Howard Meyer. Other club members present were: Chris Evans and Casey Nord.

New trailcam video from the outdoor range:



Watch the video at: <https://youtu.be/rd21YgtrGko>

Previous Minutes and Old Business: Minutes of the August meeting (there was no board meeting in September due to the hunting season) were approved as presented in the September/October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was also absent from the October meeting so no financial report was given. Accounts approved for payment were: Papa's Pizza: \$176.60; David Leer for outdoor range expenses: \$462.49; Stan Miles for targets: \$60.01.

Indoor Range Report: Joe Neelands did not report any new details concerning the indoor shooting plans for 2019. However, subsequent to the meeting Joe has worked with the Benton County Fairgrounds staff to tentatively reserve dates and times for another year of indoor archery pending approval at

Tentatively – Indoor shooting will start in January 9th, 2019 and run through March 27th, 2019. The dates and times will coincide with 4H on Wednesday evenings, much the same as it has previously with shooting starting at 7:30 pm.

Again, the indoor shooting plans and schedule is subject to approval at the next board meeting. Shooting costs have been going up but we don't necessarily want to lose this long running tradition. So, it wouldn't hurt to reach out to a board member to express your support for the continuation of this activity.

Outdoor Range Report: Well it looks like the long dry summer and early fall are coming to an end. As things get wetter just remember that trails will be muddy, steps and bridges potentially slick, especially these first few weeks when the summer's worth of buildup and fallen leaves are breaking down. As the storms begin to roll through we'll undoubtedly have some tree/trail damage. If you see any of this please email or text and let me know so I can arrange to get things taken care of asap.

A couple of reminders as we get closer to the late hunting season. Broadheads are only allowed on the designated broadhead range, please do not shoot them on the practice range or at any of the 3D targets.

Hunting is allowed on the range for members, if you plan on placing treestands etc please tag them with your name and phone number, also please remove them after you successfully fill your tag, or after the late deer season is over. There is currently a ladder stand on the range whose owner is a mystery to me, if this is yours please contact me. I will be removing this stand in January if no one contacts me prior to that. Happy Shooting!

David Leer - Outdoor Range Captain

4-H Report: Kathleen Brindley reported that the 4-H program is getting underway with the first shooting scheduled for October through May. The popularity of the program continues with 20+ prospective members on the waiting list. S3DA is holding Sunday practices at the outdoor range.

New Business: Mike Evans indicated he had been approached about our summer Hunters' Challenge 3-D shoot being included as one leg of a Triple Crown competition. Since any alterations to our shoot would be minimal while attracting additional shooters, the board approved a motion for Mike to proceed with discussions and to inform the board of any action at the next meeting.

The club has held two previous "Out of the wet" indoor 3-D shoots at the Benton County fairgrounds arena; the rental rate for each was generously discounted to help us establish the event. If we wish to hold another indoor shoot, we will be charged the full rental fee for the arena, making the event non-profitable. Mike will report on potential sponsorship opportunities at the next board meeting.

S3DA and some members have requested a 100 yard target. It is proposed to set up such a target in the meadow near the present 80 yard target. In the short term, S3DA can set up and remove a temporary target on the site.

There has been some confusion over the definition of 'family' with regard to family membership. Gordon proposed the following definition: "Benton Bowmen Family Membership is defined to include a member and spouse/partner, as well as their children under the age of 18 years. In no case does it include more than two adults of the age 18 or older." The definition - as written - was approved by the board.

Letter from the President: I was introduced to the Benton Bowmen about forty years ago. At that time, there was no clubhouse, storage shed, practice range, covered shooting line, or 3D targets. The parcel of land we owned was seven acres smaller and we had well attended monthly meetings. As membership interests, technology, and society have changed, the club has evolved. What hasn't changed is the need for a process for guiding the club in decision-making as it moves toward the future. In that context, I intend to appoint an ad hoc Outdoor Range Committee to consider some issues specific to improving our outdoor facilities. Members with a special interest in the Outdoor Range can volunteer to serve on the committee by contacting me within the next two weeks.

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