



Benton Bowmen Archery Club Inc.

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May 2018

Meetings

Board meeting: At the range May 15th at 7:00PM

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 & Allen Norby*

Welcome: New board member Craig Tokuda and Indoor Range Captain Joe Neelands!

Report: Annual Meeting & Game Dinner

The Annual Meeting & Election of 18/19 officers event was held Sunday, April 8 at the home of Benton Bowmen President Gordon Matzke. Board members who were successful in their 2016 hunting season shared dishes from their harvest including goose sausage, deer sausage, and elk & deer in various forms. The turnout was up a few people this year and I think it's safe to say nobody went home hungry.

After dinner Executive Board elections were held. Gordon Matzke will server another year as president, Mike Evans was elected to be our new vice president. Mike brings a strong interest and experience for outdoor 3D shoots which will be the primary focus of the VP. The Treasurer/Secretary position has been divided into two individual positions with Loreli Fister remaining our club treasurer and Chris Romsos taking over the secretary duties which include the Newsletter, Marketing, Meeting Minutes, and soon Membership responsibilities. David Leer will serve another year as Outdoor Range Captain. Kathleen Brindley and Blair Pomeroy also continue their service to the board for another year.

News and Notes

Note: The *prorated fee schedule*, for club membership, is for “**new members**” only. Renewing members pay the full annual fee.

Club members should **always close and lock the gate** when they are the last ones leaving the range. It is a good idea to twirl the lock numbers after opening the gate so no one can ascertain the combination by simply looking at the open lock.

New 18/19 Gate Code: XXXX

Dates to Remember

May 1 – Range gate combination changes

June 2 - 3D Shoot Preparation Work Party

June 9-10 – 3D Safari Shoot

July 7 -3D - Shoot Preparation Work Party

July 14-15 – Summer Hunter’s Challenge 3D Shoot

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

Executive Board Meeting

4/17/2018

The April 2018 Benton Bowmen Executive Board meeting was held on April 17 at the outdoor range. Board members in attendance were: *Gordon Matzke, Mike Evans, Loreli Fister, Joe Neelands, David Leer, Chris Romsos, Blair Pomeroy, Kathleen Brindley, Craig Tokuda, and Past President Howard Meyer.*

Previous Minutes and Old Business: Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and passed with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report (April 15, 2018):

The following (summarized here) financial report was given by Loreli Fister and approved by the board.

Beginning Balance	\$4754.08
New Memberships	
Individual (10 @ \$67)	+\$670.00
Family (7 @ \$73)	+\$511.00
Youth (7 @ \$12)	+\$84.00
Visitor's Fee (1@ \$5)	+\$5.00
Indoor Shooting Receipts	+\$121.25
Sales	
Pins	+8.00
Checks	
BBS3DA	-\$50.00
Gordon Matzke (paint)	-\$8.81
David Leer (rodenticide)	-\$26.91
Loreli Fister (Rabbit Shoot Food)	-\$17.09
Allen Norby (Newsletter)	-\$101.46
Ending Balance	\$5949.06

Indoor Range Report: Indoor shooting has concluded for the season. Joe Neelands is taking over indoor range duties for Steve Faust this year and is looking into options for moving the shooting time to something a bit earlier in the evening than previous. Stay tuned for more info as we get it.

We want to give Steve Faust a big **Thank You** for all the hard work he's put in over the past several years. Steve has put a considerable amount of effort into prepping targets, wrangling the shooting line, and putting everything away at the end of the night. Thanks Steve.

Outdoor Range Report: A reminder that the range combo will be changing May 1, 2018!!! If you are not current on your dues by then you'll have a difficult time getting into the range on your next visit.

April has been a busy month at the range, we completed some minor repairs to the big bridge, installed a couple of new culverts and expanded parking opportunities (Thanks to Mike Evans for leading the charge on this effort), and had our first work party of the year to shake some of the winter cobwebs off of things. There was something for everyone to do and everyone had a fun day meeting some of their fellow members, working on the range, eating sloppy joes (Thanks Gordon!) and even participating in an after work party shooting game. All of those who came out get 1 free day of shooting at our summer 3D shoot and an invitation to the volunteer appreciation bbq, camp out and fun shoot the night before the July 3D shoot begins! If you can't make Saturday work parties but want

to help out let me know and I can find a different time/activity for you.

As of now the range is in great shape and ready for nicer weather to come. Mowing season is upon us and as usual if you feel like getting a little exercise while mowing a trail or two or the practice range let me know and I can get you up to speed on how our faithful DR mower works, even 30 minutes here and there can really help keep the range shootable during the growing season.

As usual if you see anything that needs more immediate attention let me know and I'll work to get things resolved as soon as possible.

Happy Shooting!

4H: We have 31 Benton 4-H Archers this season ranging in age from 9 to 18 years. Eight of the members are new to the program this year. We have finished 5 of the 6 monthly state mail-in tournaments. All of the archers have improved over the season, and are doing very well in these tournaments. A few archers are exploring tournaments outside of 4-H and have moved on from Barebow Recurve to Olympic Recurve or Bowhunter Freestyle classes. A few of the members even went to compete at The Vegas Shoot earlier this winter.

At least one member is getting a hunter education certificate to start hunting this year. Several others already have their certificates, so we also have members developing interest in hunting in addition to tournament archery.

Upcoming events include the annual end of regular season pot luck and awards at Benton Bowmen the first Wednesday of June, the Benton County 4-H Archery tournament at the Benton County Fair August 2nd, and the Annual Invitational State 4-H Shooting Sports competition at the Albany Rifle Club in June.

Our program involves two one-hour Wednesday night practices (about 15 per practice) with a joint training session in between. The joint training session explores various aspects of archery and often includes practical equipment management like string making, arrow fletching, and more. We also hold a Sunday afternoon practice once a month at the Benton Bowmen range.

Benton 4-H Needs Your Help: The coaching staff presently consists of Kathleen Brindley – lead coach, Stan Miles – previous lead coach, Craig Tokuda, and Blair Pomeroy. We are more effective at coaching when we have at least 3 coaches who can be at every session. That is no longer the case as Stan is starting to step down and long-distance work commutes and health issues have impacted our staff this year. So we are looking for members of Benton Bowmen who would like to become 4-H Shooting Sports leaders or help out in some other way with the program. With a larger staff, we can spread

out the work and allow for absences more easily for the whole staff.

Old Business:

Bridge Evaluation: David crawled around underneath the bridge and the substructure and decking are ok. It does need a new rail. David should be able to make it last for years with <<\$1500. The approach does need a bit more rock.

Safari and 3D Shoot: Shoot cards are now available. The Safari shoot will be June 9-10 and the Hunter's Challenge will be July 14-15. Work parties to prepare for these will be June 2 and July 7th starting at 8AM. Mike would like people to bring 4 wheelers or side-by-sides to help out.

New at the shoot this year - Our very own Benton Bowmen Scholastic 3D Archery club have asked to cater both our June Safari Shoot and our July Hunters Challenge 3D shoot. Proceeds from food and drink sales will go the Benton Bowmen S3DA club.

Really Old Business: Your former VP appologises for neglecting to publish the names of the Benton Bowmen members who received awards for their Big Game harvests last year. The following is a list of awards presented at the 2017 Banquet and Awards Ceremony:

	Points
David Leer	Total = 203
Pronghorn - Buck	106
Roosevelt Elk - Bull	97
Lonnie Dvorak	Total = 50
Rocky Mtn. Elk – Bull	50
Stanley Miles	Total = 182
Blacktail Deer – Buck	82
Turkey (3)	100
Mike Evans	Total = 50
Rocky Mtn. Elk – Cow	50
Whitetail Deer – Buck	(out of state) 0
Chris Evans	Total = 100
Blacktail Deer – Buck	50
Pronghorn – Buck	50
Roger Sturgis	Total = 50
Rocky Mtn. Elk – Cow	50
DIANNA THE HUNTRESS	
Kathleen Brindley	Total = 100
Turkey	50
Blacktail Deer – Doe	50

BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR

Michael Walden	Total = 290
Blacktail Deer – Bucks (2)	140
Roosevelt Elk – Cow	50
Turkey (4)	100

BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP

Howard Meyer	Total = 230
Blacktail Deer – Buck	84
Turkey (4)	100
Small Game	46

VERNE STRUBLE AWARD

Andrew Burton	Total = 50
Mt. Lion – Female	50

New Business:

Culvert Extension: Mike Evans (and five sturdy volunteers: Roger Sturgis, Andy Burton, Rodney Warfield, and 2 others names unknown) spread several loads of gravel at the outdoor range on Saturday April 14th to improve our parking facilities in advance of this year's outdoor shoots. Mike also installed a new culvert and repaired an existing culvert that was plugged.

New Expenses:

The following expenses were presented and approved for payment by the board.

Steve Faust (Indoor shoot expenses)	\$30.00
Mike Evans (gravel)	\$1049.15
David Leer (outdoor range supplies)	\$41.62
Andy Burton (trailer rental)	\$19.18

3D Shoot Preparations:

Mike Evans is in contact with the Benton Bowmen S3DA and arranging with them for catering. Chris Romsos and David Leer have started to distribute flyers at local businesses. We are excited to be hosting two 3D shoots this summer and will kick off the action June 9th & 10th with a 2-arrow, marked yardage, "Safari" style shoot with prizes.

Remember to Spread the word about our 2018 shoots!!

Special Thanks: The club received a special thank you from the ODFW Archery Education Coordinator, Miranda Leek, for attending the 2018 NASP Tournament in Albany this past March.

Next meeting will at the range May 15th at 7:00PM.

Chris Romsos
Secretary
