

CONSTITUTION OF BENTON BOWMEN, INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Benton Bowmen, Inc.

ARTICLE II OBJECT

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To promote and encourage archery as a sport and recreation in the vicinity of Corvallis.
2. To provide archery facilities and properties for the mutual benefit of club members.
3. To sponsor competitive events and games.
4. To cooperate with Oregon Bowhunters and other organizations to encourage the use of the bow in hunting all legal game, birds, animals and fish; and to protect, improve and increase the rights of bow and arrow hunters.
5. To encourage the social side of archery and the spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship among all archers.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall be of seven classes: Life, Senior, Family, Associate, Junior, Cub and Honorary.

1. Life and Senior membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his eighteenth birthday, upon filing an application for membership and payment of regular fees and dues.
2. Family membership shall be granted to any current Senior with Spouse and/or Children, under 18 years, upon filing an application for membership and payment of regular fees and dues.
3. Associate membership shall be granted to any current Senior member who may change permanent residence to an area 50 or more miles from Corvallis and is desirous of maintaining contact, upon filing an application and payment of prescribed fees and dues.
4. Junior membership shall be granted to anyone attaining twelve years of age and under eighteen years, upon filing an application for membership and payment of regular fees and dues.
5. Cub membership shall be granted to anyone not having attained their twelfth birthday, upon filing an application for membership and payment of regular fees and dues, and is sponsored by an adult member.
6. Honorary membership with exemption from regular fees and dues may be granted for exceptional merit and service, upon recommendation of the Membership and Publicity Committee, and approved by a majority vote of the club.
7. A grace period of 30 days will be extended to each member for payment of dues. After this period, all voting rights and range privileges shall be forfeited.
8. Membership in this organization shall be made available to any individual who subscribes to the objectives and basic policies of the Benton Bowmen, Inc without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin under such rules and regulations not in conflict with the provisions of this constitution.
9. Membership may be revoked for any action, which may be found contrary to the objectives as outlined by this constitution and By-Laws. Revocation of membership may be invoked by action of the board of directors, subject to approval of the membership. Persons in question shall be notified of such impending action and shall have the right to appear before the Board in their defense.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice- President, Secretary/Treasurer, Indoor Range Captain, Outdoor Range Captain, the past President and three Directors-at-large.

1. The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policies and property of the organization, subject only to the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and such action as may be taken from time to time by the membership.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once monthly at a time and place fixed by the President.
3. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment, by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of the office vacated.
4. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, five members will constitute a quorum. The President will abstain from voting except in case of tie ballot.
5. Any Director who shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board shall stand automatically removed unless excused by formal resolution of the Board.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The officers of the Benton Bowmen shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Indoor Range Captain and Outdoor Range Captain.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and shall in general perform the duties incident to his/her office.
2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President if he/she is unable to act and will be charged with the management of all tournaments.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep all records of the organization, collect dues and advise members when renewal is required, serve notice of all meetings, conduct all correspondence, receive all monies of the Benton Bowmen, keep accurate records of the receipts and disbursements, make a written financial report at the annual meeting and in general have the power to perform the duties incident to his/her office.
4. The Outdoor Range Captain shall be in charge of outdoor targets and range management.
5. The Indoor Range Captain shall be in charge of indoor targets and the indoor shooting program.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION & TERMS OF OFFICERS

1. The annual election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the last meeting of the fiscal year. One director is elected at each annual election for a period of three years.
2. The term of office for each elected officer shall be one year. No individual may be elected President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer for more than four consecutive terms.
3. In the event that the President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer has served four consecutive terms and there are no new candidates for the position, the position may be extended by one more term by a vote of the remainder of the board.
4. There shall be an annual meeting of the Benton Bowmen, Inc. at the time specified in the By-Laws, at which time the elected officers and directors shall be installed.

ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of the Benton Bowmen, Inc. shall begin on April 1, and end on March 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE VIII FEES AND DUES

1. Annual fees and dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws.
2. Indoor target fees and tournament fees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

1. The President shall appoint standing committees of three or more persons, as follows: Tournament, Games and Hunter Awards, Nominating, Membership and Publicity.
2. As needed, the President may appoint other committees, e.g. Constitution, Outdoor Range, Conservation.

ARTICLE X TOURNAMENTS

1. 3-D and club shoots shall be held as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI TERMINAL CLAUSE

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution, or termination of this organization, all remaining assets shall be distributed to Oregon Bow Hunters or to any organization exempt from taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII ALTERATIONS & AMENDMENTS

1. An amendment to the constitution can be made after all members have been notified by mail (including electronic mail), typically, but not limited to, the monthly newsletter, and comments will be solicited. All comments received by the mailing of the subsequent newsletter will be included in that mailing, and comments will again be solicited. Subsequent comments will be considered and incorporated into the revisions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The resulting revision will be circulated to all members for a vote by mail (responses by email or post) and will require a two thirds majority of respondents to pass.
2. A yearly review of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be conducted during the board of directors meeting prior to the annual meeting. proposed alterations are to be presented to the constitution committee. All outgoing and incoming officers shall be in attendance at this meeting.

*** BY-LAWS OF BENTON BOWMEN ***

ARTICLE I MEETINGS

1. A regular business meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly. A quorum shall consist of five board members.
2. The annual meeting shall be the last regular business meeting of the fiscal year.
3. Two officers and five members shall constitute a quorum at other meetings.
4. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors on a 48-hour minimum notice.

ARTICLE II REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. At the end of each fiscal year all officers shall prepare a written report of their activities and submit same to the incoming President, at his/her installation.

ARTICLE III COMMITTEES & APPOINTIVE OFFICES

1. Constitution Committee:
 - A. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the President.
2. Outdoor Range:
 - A. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the Outdoor Range Captain.
3. Membership & Publicity Committee:

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- A. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the Secretary/Treasurer.
 - B. Membership of the committee shall include newsletter editor and the webmaster.
 - C. The duties of this committee shall be to publish and distribute the monthly newsletter, maintain the membership roster and maintain electronic communication with members.
 - D. The duties of this committee shall also be to maintain and expand the membership and to secure favorable publicity in local newspapers, radio, and television for all Club activities and functions and to advertise and publicize tournaments.
4. Tournament committee:
 - A. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the Vice-President.
 - B. The Tournament committee will take care of tournament preparations. (i.e., tournament prizes, concessions, awards, registrations, score keeping, novelty shoots, parking and door prizes or drawings.)
 5. Game and Hunter Awards Committee:
 - A. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the Vice-President.
 - B. The duties of this committee shall be the processing of big-game applications and maintenance of records for the Hunter of the Year Program.
 - C. The duties of the chairperson shall also include being responsible for and conducting the ceremonies at the big game awards banquet.
 6. Nominating Committee:
 - A. The chairperson of this committee shall be the Past President.
 7. Field Governor, Oregon Bow Hunters:
 - A. The OBH Field Governor shall be appointed by the President.
 - B. The Field Governor shall be a member, in good standing, of Oregon Bow Hunters
 - C. The Field Governor shall represent the Benton Bowmen at the annual meeting of Oregon Bow Hunters.
 8. Conservation and Education Committee:
 - A. The Chairperson of this Committee shall be the OBH Field Governor.
 - B. The duties of this committee shall be to keep the membership informed on legislation pertinent to bowhunting and issues pertaining to bowhunting.
 9. Any member of Benton Bowmen, Inc. may serve on more than one committee.

ARTICLE IV FEE & DUES

1. The dues of the Benton Bowmen, Inc. shall include all outdoor range fees and shall be payable to the Club Secretary/Treasurer.
 - A. Dues for Life Membership shall be \$450.00 for Senior member and \$500.00 for Senior member and family. (Family to include spouse and children less than 18 years of age)
 - B. Dues for annual membership shall be:
Senior Membership-\$67; Family Membership-\$73;
Associate Membership-\$12; Junior Membership-\$12;
Cub Membership is free.
 - C. Dues for new members will be prorated to March 31, from the first of the month in which they join, except that such prorated dues shall not be less than one-half the yearly membership dues. New membership effective after December 31, and prior to April 1, shall be charged at the appropriate rate, with membership extended through March 31, of the succeeding

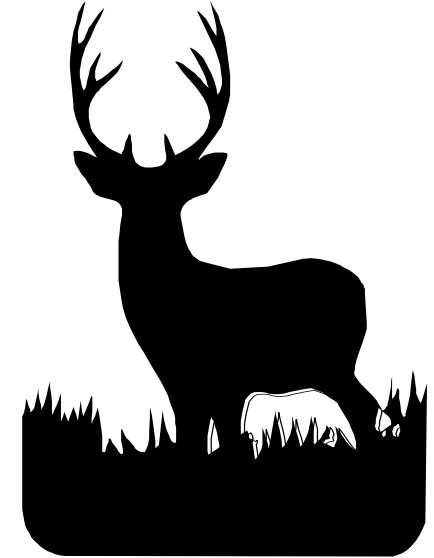
- calendar year. Membership renewal shall not be prorated but shall be paid for the entire fiscal year.
- D. The five elected officers shall be exempt from paying dues.
 - E. The Past President and 3 Directors At Large shall pay dues at the rate of ½ the current annual dues.

ARTICLE V GAME AWARDS

1. Big game awards will be made free of charge to club members who lawfully harvest their game and apply to the Chairperson, Game and Hunter Awards committee for an application form which must be completely filled out, signed, and returned to the Chairperson, Game and Awards Committee not later than the 10th day of January for the preceding calendar year. Membership must be in effect at the time harvest is made. Unsportsmanlike conduct while harvesting game can cancel any award. Conviction of game law violations can mean loss of membership.
2. Definition of Big Game; Any of the native North American big game animals, specifically Deer, Elk, Bear, Moose, Caribou, Antelope, Jaguar, Sheep, Cougar, Lynx, Wolf, Coyote, Wild Hog, Javelina, Ocelot, Turkey and Bobcat, and similar foreign species. If in doubt or dispute, Game Award acceptability of animals will be at the discretion of Game and Hunter Awards Committee.
3. Animals considered for Game Awards must be taken in obedience of all local game laws and in the spirit of bowhunter fairchase rules; any dispute or challenge is to be decided by the Game and Hunter Awards Committee.
4. The big game awards shall be:
 - 1st award - plaque with gold plate and bar.
 - 2nd award thru 9th - gold bars to be added to plaque.
 - 10th award - a new plaque and bar in silver, with "Expert Bowhunter" inscribed thereon.
 - 11th thru 19th awards -- silver bars to be added to plaque.
 - 20th award - a new plaque and bar in silver, with "Master Bowhunter" inscribed thereon.
 - 21st award and on -- silver bars to be added to plaque.
5. Determination of Annual Bowhunter of Year Awards will be based solely on game harvested in Oregon.
6. The plaques and bars will be awarded at the annual awards dinner: Hunter of the Year, Runner-Up Hunter of the Year, Women's Hunter of the Year, Vern Struble Award, and the appropriate bars for the plaques.

ARTICLE VI ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

1. Rules and procedures for amending the by-laws will be the same as for amendment of the constitution, i.e. Article XII of the Constitution.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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