



Benton Bowmen Archery Club Inc.

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August 2019

Meetings

Board meeting: This month's board meeting will be on Tuesday August 20th at the outdoor range clubhouse (7pm). All members welcome to attend, come early and shoot before the meeting. There will be no September meeting.

2019/20 Executive Board

President: <i>Mike Evans</i>	503-949-2808
Past President: <i>Gordon Matzke</i>	753-3729
Vice President: <i>Vacant</i>	
Secretary: <i>Chris Romsos</i>	231-4596
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Board Member1 <i>Shelby Armstrong</i>	756-2817
Board Member2: <i>Kathleen Brindley</i>	757-7640
Board Member3 <i>Craig Tokuda</i>	760-6797

News and Notes

Remember: When you are the last one out, 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.

Dates to Remember

General Archery Tag Sale Deadline
August 23, 2019

General Archery Season Opener!
August 24, 2019

Next Board Meeting
October 15, 2019

Welcome New Members!!

Benton Bowmen would like to welcome several new members to the club! Thanks to all renewing members and to several members who've decided to become Lifetime Members! Names in red are new this month.

New Lifetime Members:

Lynne Phillips	(member since 2004/2005)
Andrew Evans	(member since 1997/1998)
Joe Neelands	(member since 2014/2015)
Doug Clark	(member since 1995/1996)
Cleveland Family	(member since 2017/2018)
Baggett Family	(member since 2018/2019)

New Individual Members 2019/2020:

Arnaldo Alcantar
Michael Krasilowsky
Jesse Klain (Ducks Unlimited Raffle Winner)
Eric Martin
Thomas Hall
Al France
Tom Olson
Brandon Weston

New Family Members 2019/2020:

Jerry, Misty, Nate, & Isabelle Sorte
John, Gema, Landynn & Naiara Larson
Chris Wirth & Shelbie Ballweber
Michael & Rebecca Preston
Lindsey & Christopher Miller

Volunteer Thank-You Shout Out's!!

Craig Tokuda would like to extend a big thanks to all the cookshack helpers at our June and July events. Apologies to anyone we miss here. Our notes are rough!

Eric Martin Family - Cookies and cookshack staffing
Sherrie Deaton - Pie
Bruce Sorte - Cookshack staffing (both shoots)
Chris Romsos - Cookshack Staffing
Chris Evans and Fiancé - Cookshack Staffing
Sean Woods, Gordon Matzke and David Leer - Equipment loan

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday July 16, 2019

The July meeting was preemptively cancelled to avoid the having too few members present to reach a quorum. Many board members were out of town or otherwise booked-up in July. The August meeting will take place in the Outdoor Range Clubhouse on August 20th at 7pm. The September meeting is cancelled (as usual) and the October meeting will likely be held at Papa's Pizza as a club social event as in previous years. Details about October social to follow.

3D Mannequin use and management by the Benton Bowmen

I have been a member of Benton Bowmen for nearly 40 years. At the start, paper targets were the only option for archers. Soon thereafter, we got wind of the notion that 3D targets could be carved out of blocks of Styrofoam, covered with fabric, and painted to resemble a life-sized game animal. Using local ingenuity, and varying degrees of talent, we used heated copper wires to slice through foam to shape critters that often looked nothing like the nature's originals.

With no clubhouse, or storage shed, members stored these creations in home attics, garages, or backyard sheds and dutifully dragged them out to our property for public shoots. On one occasion, a Gazette-Times reporter flagged me down as a drove through town with a big spring mounted University of Oregon duck rocking back and forth in the back of my truck. The next day, a picture was prominently featured in the newspaper and I was identified as "the driver of the truck".

It wasn't long before commercial interests started producing 3D animals and many clubs today only use commercial targets. The legacy of member created targets can still be seen at the Benton Bowmen. Because several members including Stan Miles, Rand Sether, and Al Schwindt demonstrated special artistic talent our club has targets including mountain sheep and goats, tiger, polar bear, fighting elk, caribou, black bear, grizzly bear and many others that will be found at no other clubs. All of these were created by our members and are a unique asset.

Our club has regularly invested in commercially produced 3D products as well. We have a roster of 75+ targets. It is quite a menagerie and is generally managed so that the best targets are used only for our fund-raising public shoots in the summer. After our last shoot in July, we then establish two 3D trails using our older targets that will stay out all year until they are taken down in preparation for our summer public shoots. In order to prolong target use, many targets are repaired multiple time before finally being retired. Some parts of retired targets may end up as filler for repairs, or for the creation on an entirely new member produced unique target. (Do you know which of our bear targets has an old wolf inside of it?)



Spray Foam to the rescue!

I invite members to learn the art and practice of target repair. It saves the club money, gives us year around 3D shooting opportunities, and provides one with home projects that keep you away from a TV watching.

Gordon Matzke – Life Member, Past President, Past Outdoor Range Captain, Acting-Chief of Spray Foam Applications - Field Division



Using plastic wrap to shape the spray foam and rejuvenate a well-used Whitetail buck target.

Hunting on the Benton Bowmen Outdoor Range.

One of the privileges enjoyed by our members is guaranteed access to a place to hunt. It isn't uncommon for someone to harvest a deer on our property. Although turkey, bear, cougar, bobcat, coyote, and elk visit our property every year, it is the resident deer population that provides the best opportunity for hunter success. Our tradition is to allow archery hunting for big game with several simple rules.

1. Follow all Oregon hunting regulations and limit hunting to bow and arrow only. This year only bucks with at least forked antlers may be taken in the Alsea unit. (Next year, ODFW is changing the rule to "visible antler" so spike bucks will be legal.)
2. If tree stands are used, they must be removed at the end of the season. This minimizes our

liability exposure if someone finds a tree stand and decides to climb it during one of our public shoots. (Note: We have confiscated three ladder stands in the past several years because no one claimed ownership after numerous notices in the newsletter.

3. Only shoot broadheads at game animals, or on our broadhead practice range near our storage shed. Never use them on 3D targets, practice range, or the NFAA round of targets.
4. Only paid up members are allowed to hunt on our property.

Most of us have our favorite hunting places. Some will find the Benton Bowmen Range to be a convenient option. Two of the local bucks this year can be seen on the following video links:

<https://tinyurl.com/BentonBowmen-Video1>

<https://tinyurl.com/BentonBowmen-Video2>

Outdoor Range Report: Archers at the outdoor range will find that both year-round 3D trails have been re-established and are shootable again. We all owe a great & big thank you to Gordon Matzke and Mike Walden for their collective efforts in making these trails available so quickly after the public 3D shoots!

As we approach the fall hunting seasons, I would like to remind everyone that broadhead use is restricted to the recently lengthened broadhead range near the storage shed. Broadheads should NEVER be used on any of the practice ranges, including our NFAA course or year-round 3D targets.

Thanks, happy shooting, and good luck to all of the hunters in the club who will be hitting the woods in a few short weeks!

David Leer – Outdoor Range Captain
