



# Benton Bowmen Archery Club Inc.

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February 2019

## Meetings

**Board meeting:** Third Tuesday of the month,  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM at Chris Romsos's residence.

## 2017/18 Executive Board

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

## 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

### **2019 Indoor Shooting Schedule:**

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

**February 15, 2019** (Friday) – Benton Bowmen  
Banquet (see full details in this issue)

**February 16, 2019** – Annual Rabbit Hunt at EE  
Wilson with Mary's Peak Hound Club. Please  
RSVP to Loreli Fister at 541-754-2855 so that she  
can coordinate with the Hound Club!

**Letter for your Secretary/Newsletter Editor:** You may have noticed that your newsletter no longer arrives as on-time and predictably as previous. I'm not sure how Allen Norby managed to get this newsletter out to everyone so smoothly for so many years, but I tip my cap to him. I consider my tenure in this role as a work in progress. As such, the newsletter might come a day late, or it might come a week late. In addition to these 'normal' arrival delays, I seem to have also developed a habit of neglecting to snail mail the newsletter to a few members, on a perhaps a few occasions... It's not personal – it's just life (and lists, and stamps, and copy machines, and where did I put those stamps again?).

If you find yourself without a newsletter rest assured that David Leer posts all newsletters on the club website (above). I leave you with my new newsletter editor mantra:

*Life is a marathon, not a sprint; pace yourself accordingly.*  
- Amby Burfoot

**Letter from the President:** Our Executive Board has the responsibility of managing the club affairs. After much discussion and examining alternatives, they made two major decisions at their last meeting:

- 1. They decided a member dues increase is essential to keep the club operating in a fiscally responsible manner.**
- 2. They also decided to change the format of the Benton Bowmen Banquet from a sit down meal at a restaurant to a modified potluck so that members with children**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE CHANGING APRIL 1, 2019**

Membership dues for Benton Bowmen have remained unchanged for more than 10 years and will stay the same until April 1, 2019. On that date, membership renewals and life memberships will be

increased to cover our increased cost structure and anticipated range improvements.

**As of April 1, 2019, the new fees will be as follows:**

- \$20 – Annual single youth under age 18. (Currently \$12)
- \$100 – Annual single adult membership. (Currently \$67)
- \$120 – Annual family membership (Currently \$73)
- \$1,000 – Single life membership (Currently \$450)
- \$1,200 – Family life membership (Currently \$500)

Members should renew memberships now if they want to pay the current rates for next year.

Our club has been extremely frugal and benefits from having a big piece of property for a shooting range with no outstanding debts. Costs have increased with insurance, taxes, range maintenance, 3D targets, and Benton County Fairground rental for indoor shooting. Our sources of revenue include memberships, donations, fees for our public 3D shoots, and fees for indoor shooting. Although membership in our club has remained strong, fewer members participate in our fundraising shoots in the summer so our revenue stream has constrained our ability to upgrade our target butts to a standard that satisfies all users and to complete all needed maintenance tasks.

**BENTON BOWMEN BANQUET  
FEBRUARY 15, 2019, 6:15 P.M**

The tradition of a Benton Bowmen Banquet continues in a new format for 2019. The event will be held in the Walnut Community Room of the fire station at 4950 NW Fair Oaks Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330 (just down the road from Martin Luther King, Jr. Park). The format will be a modified potluck.

Our concern for keeping costs low for members, including increasing numbers of youth member and families, has guided this decision. Benton Bowmen Scholastic Archery will supply the room, plates/utensils, bread. Vice-President Mike Evans will provide the beef cooked with his special recipe.

**Attendees with last names starting:**

- A-G are asked to bring a salad
- H-P a side dish
- Q-Z a dessert & nonalcoholic beverages of choice.

RSVP for planning purposes to: Phone 541-754-2855 (leave voicemail) or email [lorelifister@hp.com](mailto:lorelifister@hp.com)  
I look forward to another good year of Benton Bowmen events. - **Gordon Matzke**

**Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday January 8, 2018

The January 2019 Benton Bowmen Executive Board meeting was held on Tuesday January 8th at Gordon Matzke's residence. Board members attending were: Gordon Matzke, Mike Evans, Loreli Fister, Blair Pomeroy, Kathleen Brindley, Craig Tokuda and Past President Howard Meyer. Craig Tokuda thoughtfully took notes so I could compile this newsletter for your reference and information.

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**Previous Minutes and Old Business:** Given that the Benton County Fairgrounds Arena had no available weekend dates in March, the board decided not to hold an "Out of the Wet" shoot this year. While some weekend dates in April were available, holding a shoot past March runs into conflicts with other established shoots that would reduce participation. The decision to set a date for an "Out of the Wet" shoot was tabled until later in the year to a time when firm reservations can be made with the fairgrounds.

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**New Business:** With the new membership year approaching, there will be several board positions looking to be filled. Potential positions opening up include VP and at least one At-Large board member. Members interested in serving on the board will be asked to put their name in for a board position at the annual meeting.

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**Treasurer's Report:** In the interest of saving some space we are holding back last months report. I'll include both the Jan. & Feb. Treasurer's Reports in next month's newsletter.

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**Indoor Range Report:** Indoor shooting started Wednesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> (the night after the board meeting). Shooting fees were raised this year to \$5 per night per participant.

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**Outdoor Range Report:** The days are getting longer as we enter the shortest month of the winter. Visitors to the outdoor range will notice a couple of new targets on the practice range. We are testing 2 brands of target butts. At the end of the test one of the brands will be selected and the plan is to replace

all existing target butts on the practice range. If you have feedback about these new targets please let me or another board member know.

As always if you see storm damage or any other situation at the range that needs attention please let me know and I'll get things taken care of asap.

Happy Shooting,  
*David Leer* - Outdoor Range Captain

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**4-H & BBS3DA Reports:** Kathleen Brindley reported that 4H members Shelzza Deaton and Addison Cleveland were working hard on putting together the upcoming 4H tournament. The tournament is only open to 4H members shooting a longbow, recurve or barebow (including barebow compound).

The state S3DA indoor shoot will be held at Bowtech Archery Shop in Eugene on January 20. Registration starts at Noon with competition starting at 1PM. Loreli reported that Steve Faust donated a fully set-up target compound bow suitable for a student archer to S3DA. The donation included a case.

**Thank you Steve!**