



Benton Bowmen Archery Club Inc.

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May 2019

Meetings

Board meeting: This month's board meeting will be on at 7pm, Tuesday April 16th at the outdoor range clubhouse. All members welcome to attend, come early and shoot before the 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> – YOUR NAME HERE!	
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>Shelby Armstrong</i>	756-2817
Board Member2: <i>Kathleen Brindley</i>	757-7640
Board Member3 <i>Craig Tokuda</i>	760-6797

Benton Bowmen would like to thank outgoing board members Howard Meyer & Blair Pomeroy for their service and support of the club. We hope to see them both out on the range and in the field!

News and Notes

Remember: When you are the last one out, lways **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.

New Gate Code = XXXX – Will change on May 1st!

Dates to Remember

May 18, Oregon S3DA State 3D Tournament @ Wapiti Bowmen (Saturday)

May 25, Benton County 4H Recurve and Bare Bow Tournament (Saturday) at the Benton

Bowmen Range (volunteers would be greatly appreciated!)

May 31 – June 2, 2019 NW Mountain Challenge Hoodoo Butte Ski Area, Oregon

June 22-23, 2019 * Early Summer 3D Shoot * Benton Bowmen Outdoor Range

July 13-14, 2019 * Hunters Challenge 3-D Shoot * Benton Bowmen Outdoor Range

BBS3DA:

- May 5th @ 1:00 PM – Practice on the 3D targets
- May 12th @ 1:00 PM – Practice on the 3D targets
- May 18th - Oregon S3DA State 3D Tournament at Wapiti Bowmen, note this is a Saturday.
- May 19th BBS3DA Board Meeting
- May 25th - Benton County 4H Recurve and Bare Bow Tournament at the Benton Bowmen Range, note this is a Saturday. No practise on Sunday.
- June 2nd @ 1:00PM – Practice on the Outdoor field targets
- June 8th – Oregon S3DA State Outdoor Tournament, note this is a Saturday.

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!

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)

New Family Members 2019/2020:

Jerry, Misty, Nate, & Isabelle Sorte

Welcome new members to the Benton Bowmen!

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday April 14, 2018

The April 2019 Benton Bowmen Executive Board meeting was held during our annual meeting on Sunday April 14th at Craig Tokuda's residence. Board members attending were Gordon Matzke, Mike Evans, Chris Romsos, Loreli Fister, Kathleen Brindley, Craig Tokuda, Blair Pomeroy, and Howard Meyer.

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

New Business: We currently have a vacancy in the club's Vice President position. If you'd like to volunteer for this position, please contact one of the board members above. The club Vice President's primary responsibility is organizing our 2 annual outdoor 3-D shooting events. I served in this position for 2 years and can say that it's a rewarding job with an 'active' summer schedule. If you've got event organization experience/interest and good ideas, we could use the help.

New targets on coming to the Outdoor practice range!! The board voted to replace the 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60-yard target bales with new butts from Pacific Bow Butts. The new target butts were installed on April 29th!. The club plans to continue this effort to replace aging butts with new. Our goal is to not only upgrade targets episodically, but to maintain these new targets on a regular maintenance and replacement schedule. We thank the membership for supporting these (and other) improvement efforts through donations and increased membership fees.

Special Thanks to David Leer, Gordon Matzke, Craig Tokuda & Andy Burton for target pickup, transport, and installation!!!

And remember to let us know what you think about the new targets. We act on these recommendations.

Indoor Range Report: Joe Neelands reported that we had a total of 36 in the final shoots of the year. Overall the indoor shoot execution was excellent despite continued low attendance. We operated at an approximate \$550 loss this year (close to our average) but will continue to support indoor shooting so that we can assist the Benton County 4-H Program unless the Fairgrounds costs get too high. Thank you, Joe, for organizing the indoor shooting this year –Good job!

Outdoor Range Report: April saw the completion of our first work party of the year, welcomed more rain than we'd had in months at the outdoor range, marked the beginning of mowing season and was characterized by the return of our local elk her as well as several nesting hen turkeys.

Some changes that have happened or will be happening soon: 1) We constructed and installed a 100+ yard target for those long-range shooters amongst us. It is located near NFAA 4 in the meadow with the apple trees. There is a shooting stake behind and to the right of the 80yd NFAA shot and the target is the right-hand target above the road in the meadow. There is enough room for shooters to get out to around 120 yds at this site. If you're having trouble with overhead arrow clearance let me know and I'll get things pruned up. 2) The broadhead range is undergoing some renovation, the target placement was moved back and coming soon will be the construction of a backup berm and installation of target platforms and yardage signs. 3) The board decided to purchase enough Pacific Bow Butts target butts to replace the straw bales on the practice range, installation of these targets will occur sometime in the next several weeks.

If you have a spare hour or so here and there to help out please contact me, many springtime maintenance tasks only take 30 minutes or so and can easily be fit into a partial day of shooting at the range. This kind of help is a real life-saver for me this time of year.

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 541-981-0512

Outdoor Range Captain

**Attachment A: Outdoor Range Report for 2017-18 Benton Bowmen Annual Meeting April 8, 2018
Prepared by David Leer, Outdoor Range Captain**

Over the last year, the Outdoor Range has hosted a number of organized events, undergone some improvements in facilities and grounds, continued cooperating with a habitat management program directed at enhancing endangered species, provided year around shooting opportunities for club members, provided practice space for Benton Bowmen S3DA members and 4H shooters as well, and benefited from the contribution of a substantial number of hours of volunteer labor from its membership. This annual report will summarize these activities.

Organized Events

The range hosted quite a few events in the past year. These events included an open house and youth day in June 2017, the Summer Hunters' Challenge 3D and Blacktail Foundation 3D shoots in July 2017, three work parties, a canine nosework practice session in March 2017, and many S3DA and 4H related practice sessions.

Facilities Improvements

General improvements this year included many small construction projects, routine grounds maintenance, step construction in places and overhauling/adding of new target locations on several of the 3D courses (both year-round and seasonal). The usual number of trees came down which needed to be cleared and of course the daunting amount of mowing/pruning/weed eating in the spring.

Habitat Management

We continued our cooperative work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Mary's River Watershed Council with the goal of enhancing endangered species habitat on parts of our range. At their expense, a contractor has diligently applied herbicide for the past five years to control an invasion of false brome, an exotic species. Having now achieved substantial control. The seeding of Kincaid's Lupine has now persisted for several years. Efforts to control exotic species such as false brome and shiny geranium are ongoing and are largely dealt with by the Mary's River Watershed Council people.

The range continues to host a wide variety of wildlife, including game species. Elk visit several times a year, as do bear, cougars, bobcats, and turkeys. Deer are always in abundance. Our oak savanna project is producing dividends with the production of wildlife food in the annual acorn crop. Several years ago, "wildlife trees" were topped and are now reaching the stage where there is evidence of cavity creating critters are targeting some of them. My trail cameras captured many species this year including a several cougars, a bear that lived on or near the range for the better part of the year, there was great horned owl sleeping near the storage shed for several days in the late summer, and the usual assortment of deer, squirrels, possums, bobcats, coyotes etc.

Hunting

The outdoor range is open to members for hunting. This year marked the first in many when a member successfully harvested a deer on the range when one lucky hunter successfully tagged a 3pt buck during the early bow season!

Year Around Shooting

The practice range, the 14 target NFAA course, two year around 3D courses, and the broadhead sight in range were available for use throughout the year. The practice range continues to get more use than any other part of the outdoor range, the NFAA course has a small but loyal following, and our two permanent 3D courses are very popular as well. Look for improvements to the broadhead range in coming months.

Volunteer Labor

Without volunteer help the range would be inoperative as the road would be blocked with fallen trees, no targets would be available to shoot, no grass would get mowed, etc. We have no paid staff and my job would be impossible without the willingness of the many folks who help address the range's many and varied needs. The following people helped at the range during the course of this past year, there were probably more so if I left you off of the list I apologize. This year we also held our first annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ and Camp Out the

night before the Summer Hunter's Challenge 3D shoot in July. There were a large number of volunteers and family members who attended. Great food and great fun were had by all. One of the highlights of the night was the "Smoker Round" (a one arrow roving shoot-off) organized by Mike Evans, prizes were broadheads from Kudu Point courtesy of Andy Evans. This event was very popular and will be making an appearance this coming July as well! Thanks everyone for a great year at the range.

Chris Romsos	Craig Tokuda	Loreli Fister	Steve Faust
Gordon Matzke	Andy Evans	Lonnie Dvorak	Scott Autry
Dan Roberts	Dan Dix	Blair Pomeroy	Jeremiah Owens-Hiebert
Howard Meyer	Dani Fleming	Jonathan Richards	Donnie Davis
Mike Evans	Winter Richards	Shelby Armstrong	Buck Cleveland
Mike Walden	Allison Sladek	Jon Morganstern	Damyam Volkers
Stan Miles	Evan Morganstern	Allen Norby	Andy Burton
Jason Lovejoy	Joe Neelands	Danny Martinez	Elizabeth Volkers
Kathleen Brindley	Jerry Wolcott	Roger Sturges	Jason Lamm
Sydney Burton	Brent Goodness	Ephraim Goodness	Paul Farrell

<u>Table 1. Current (4/14/2019) Membership Statistics</u>		<u>2019/2020</u>
Regular Members		31
New Members	2	
Renewing Members	29 (4 board)	
Life Members		47
Existing Life Members	43 (4 board)	
New Life Members*	4 (1 board)	
Total		78

<u>Table 2. Final 2018/2019 Membership Statistics</u>		<u>2018/2019</u>
Regular Members		61
New Members	13	
Renewing Members	48	
Life Members		43
Existing Life Members	NA	
New Life Members*	NA	
Total		104

*indicates new life members that were previously individual or family members.

Table 3. Non-Renewing Membership, last 4 years

2018/2019 Members yet to renew	31
2017/2018 Members with one-year absence	29
2016/2017 Members with two-year absence	34
2015/2016 Members with three-year absence	31
2014/2016 Members with four-year absence	36
Average non-renewing members over last 4 years	32.5

Summary: As of Sunday April 14th, 2019, the Benton Bowmen membership stands at 75% of the 2018/2019 membership year. Our current membership total of 78 (Table 1) is composed of 31 regular members (39.7%) and 47 life members (60.3%). Therefore, we are 26 members shy of our year-end total of 104 members for the 2018/2019 membership season (Table 2).

Previous experience suggests that we can expect to receive another batch of renewed memberships when the gate code changes on May 1, 2019. Despite this expectation our unrenewed membership stands at 32 (Table 3) which is approximately equal to the 4-year average (32.5). The club should be somewhere between cautiously optimistic & mildly concerned that we'll end the year at 100 members in 2019/2020. It's reasonable to expect that the recent dues increase will dampen the normal gate code change membership bump. New member recruitment should remain a priority in 2019/2020.

Attachment C. Benton Bowmen 2018 – 2019 Treasurer’s Annual Report

Our annual report contains a summary of the information that is presented to the Executive Board at each monthly meeting. The monthly reports are based on the club’s bank statement from the prior month. Our fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31, the annual reports are based on the monthly financial reports covering the period from April 1 through March 31.

For the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year, our expenses totaled \$9,697.791 and our income totaled \$11,182.55. Our club funds balance increased from \$5,390.61 as reported in the April 2018 bank statement to \$8,141.37 as reported in the March 2019 bank statement.

Club expenses include operational expenses, outdoor range maintenance and improvement, indoor range rental and targets, outdoor 3D shoot expenses, and club functions such as the annual pizza party and awards banquet. In addition, Benton Bowmen materially support two youth organizations; the 4H Archers of Benton county and the Benton Bowmen S3DA club. Operational expenses for the club include insurance, property taxes, fees to government, newsletter expenses, office supplies and PO box rental.

Club income comes from membership dues, indoor shoot fees, and outdoor and shoot income from two outdoor 3D shoots. The board’s policy is that membership dues should cover the operational expenses of the club, but the club does not expect to necessarily break even on indoor shooting or the annual big game awards banquet. The annual 3D shoot is the club’s major fundraiser and helps cover any expenses not covered by annual dues. This year the club had a second outdoor 3D shoot in June.

Seventy-nine paid memberships brought in \$4,892.00 of which five were first time members using a buddy card discount, three were individual lifetime memberships and there was one family lifetime membership. The two shoots netted the club proceeds of \$2,276.06 from gross proceeds of \$5,696.50.

Details of the club’s income and expenses are included on the attached sheet.

Submitted April 14, 2019

Loreli Fister

Secretary/ Treasurer