



August Archery

I wish I could say we are done with the hot days of summer but, we are not. If you practice outdoors, please remember water, shade, sun screen and don't over do it. We will have a Saturday Open Practice this month, strongly suggest you use it. Nothing, and I mean nothing, replaces practice. Intelligent, committed practice. Use the new books. Review them and feel free to go over them with any of the coaches. We are blessed with a talented coaching crew. Books will always be at practice and they DO NOT go home with you. Our high performance archers are even making notes in them after they shoot a tournament. Use them.

Open Practice-no formal team coaching

Wednesday from 5PM-7PM

Friday from 5PM-7PM

New Members: Hold!

7:00PM to 9:00PM Practice Schedule

- Fri Aug 2nd-
Open 25M Prac-
tice
- Sat/Sun Aug 3-
4-Summer Siz-
zle
- Wed Aug 7th-
Archer Evalua-
tions
- Fri Aug 9th-
Archer Evalua-
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- Wed Aug 14th-
Open Practice
- Fri Aug 15th-
Power to tar-
get discussion
- Wed Aug 21st-
Computer Oppo-
nent
- Fri Aug 23rd-
King of the
Hill
- Wed Aug 28th-
Pin Shoot
- Fri Aug 30th-
Mock Tourn-
ment

Birthdays!

Nico Baker

Nicole Lord

Henry Molloy



Upcoming Tournaments

- [Summer Sizzle Aug 3-4](#)
- [DSA Iron Archer Sept 28-29](#)
- [USAA AZ State Outdoor Oct 19-20](#)
- [Fall Frenzy Nov 23-24](#)
- [Candy Cane Crunch Dec 20-22](#)

Thoughts from Rick.

I have watched a lot of kids (and some adults) be part of Desert Sky Archers. Archers come and go as life impacts them in one form or another. Some find success in other sports and that is wonderful. Some are forced to leave due to parents moving, job changes or other personal challenges.

There is one thing in common with those archers that stick to the sport and stay with DSA. Personal commitment to their own success. DSA can not make you a great archer if you do not put in the time to do it. You have to decide if you want to get better and strive for it. Those that are successful are at every possible practice and shoot on their own. They record their successes and learn from their failures. It kind of sounds like a good life lesson.

For those that stay around but are not interested in high performance, just making good friends. They reach out, they say hi to everyone. They take advantage of the wonderful people around them. DSA has wonderful people. We want you to be part of the family. Share in the highs and lows. Have a laugh and a smile. Put your chair next to someone you do not know and make a friend. Hang the target face amongst the long time archers. They are all around you.

Sound something like an old saying. Leading and archer to water but the archer must drink? Or something like that.

THIS MONTHS
JOAD AND ADULT
PINS

Olympian Pin

**Kevan Pollei
Bronze Outdoor**

Natalya Swartz



Time for Membership Renewal.

Please renew your membership prior to August 31, 2024.

[Click Here To Renew](#)

2024 July Juggernaut

The last one....

The 25M on the Blue NFAA face is difficult, throw in the clean six on the x ring and it is down right mean. On the compound side Adam Stringham (Corner Archery) and Katie Krebs (DSA) both broke the Juggernaut records.

For Sunday's Round Robins, we had some amazing shooting. Multiple one arrow shoot offs to decide final positions.

Compound M1 Abrams

1. Gaius Carter
2. Adam Stringham
3. Madison Schlieff

Barebow M1 Abrams

1. Tom Cannon
2. Ron Shinn
3. Corrin Turner

Compound Leopard

1. Brian Cup
2. Charlie Kester
3. Jon Browning

Barebow Leopard

1. Mitchell Cote
2. Mikola Kyrala
3. Emma Browning

Compound Panzer

1. Sergey Nikitin
2. David Suchonic
3. Ronan Penner

Recurve M1 Abrams

1. Rueben Kee
2. Nathan Bove
3. Gary Hall

Compound Tiger

1. Eli Stadjuhar
2. Michael McCulloch
3. Jessica Graham

Recurve Leopard

1. Vihaan Kale
2. Soloman Wright
3. Deacon Henry

DO YOUR FRIENDS WANT
TO TRY ARCHERY

[Ben Avery Clinic](#)

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Lots of great photos are there
from our photography team!
Be careful not to change the
site. DSA can download pic-
tures for FREE!

Challenge Coin Recipients

Steve Yee

Rick Bachman

Krista Colonna

Melanie Bachman

Kristine Krebs

Tim Liston

Mike McCulloch

Sanel Alihodzic

Katie Krebs

Allen Alihodzic

Arvid Veidmark III

Lacey Wyatt

Terry LaBeau

Alfred Patterson

Great Britain Sucks Grace is Awesome

Notes From Maya's Quiver

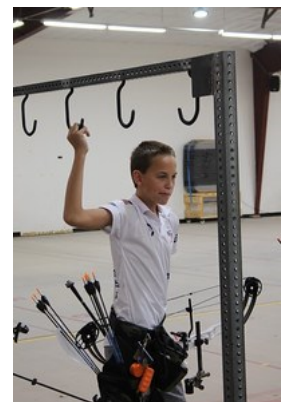
Did you know that 65 countries on this planet celebrate an independence day from Great Britain? Imagine what it must feel like to be under someone's rule... crazy stuff, man. Anyway, in this article I will be talking about independence from your coach, your parents, and your silly little brain! It is very much the same as declaring independence from another country.

The Coach. Your coach is there to support you, ensure your improvement, and give suggestions, but at what point do you make up your own mind? If your coach is demanding that you shoot at least five ends of practice before a tournament, but you know that you work better cold - just shoot cold. If your coach wants you to go to indoor nationals and your scores are as high as Paris Hilton's IQ and your stress is through the roof - put it on the shelf for next year. My point is, no one knows you better than you.

The Parents. Boy oh boy, do I have oodles of stories of bad parenting and the coined "parental pit of despair"! My father was an esteemed member of that panel, I have also known many other parents there. Now, parents are the biggest supporters you can ask for, but sometimes, it's just too much.

If your parents want you to shoot a tournament you're not ready for, say no. If your parents do the good ol' trick of "this kid is shooting better than you" or (my favorite) "look at how much better you're doing than your friend". My advice? Archer's seating exists for a reason. Utilize it. Don't talk to the parental unit until after the tournament and leverage some ice cream for yourself. I did a fairly fabulous article on ice cream, if you want to check it out, see another part of the newsletter for that one.

The Brain. Well, well, well, if it isn't the toughest one to beat: yourself. Now, I have been in this sport for 12 years of my life, I have seen it all, heard it all, and experienced a lot of it myself - it is a *tough sport*.



Ask yourself, why do you compete? I highly doubt it's because you want to show superiority over your teammates and other archers. I also doubt that it's because you want to feel terrible about yourself because someone is beating you. So, why get so worked up? There is no reason to cry at a tournament except for when you physically injure yourself, which, let's face it, archery is not a sport where physical injury is expected. For my conclusion, I would like you to think about how you might implement my philosophy into your archery career. Though I do not know the individual challenges of the masses, I do know that they are there and that I am more than happy to help the lot of you. Always reach out if you need any help or clarification!

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2024 USA Archery JOAD Nationals

Three of our young archers made the trip to Albuquerque New Mexico. They shot of 4 or 5 days in rain, wind and heat. Very challenging environment and they did amazing.

Kevan Pollei earned his Bronze Olympian Pin. Oh and by the way, he is the Compound U15 Men National Champion and Open Champion. He brought home 2 Gold Medals!

Katie Krebs shot her best Nationals Round, she qualified seventh and went out in the 1/8th round. Katie did defend her National Championship in Team Rounds bringing home her second Team Round National Championship defending her title.

Corrin Turner shot her best Outdoor Round. Corrin qualified tenth. She went out in the 1/8th round. Corrin shot really strong in team rounds also bring home the Gold Medal!

Our three archers brought home four Gold Medals.

We are so very proud of you!!!!!!

Coaches Practice Sign Up

To help spread the coverage of practice from 5 to 7 PM, there is a sign up available to the coaches that are eligible to host a practice.

Eligible Coaches

Steve Yee
Susan Yee
Grace Reed
Spencer Yee
Tyler Bachman
Ryan Bachman
Rick Bachman
Krista Colonna
Natalya Bilyk
Kerry Stadjuhar
Shawna Cordeiro
Tim Liston
Aidan Hammer
Lori Perkins
Hailey Chambers
Rick Bachman
Dan Peknik

[Click this link to schedule](#)



Reminder of a DSA Communication Policy

Communication with an archer 17 years and younger and an individual 18 years and older MUST have the minors guardian included in the communication or at least 1 other person included in the communication. 3 minimum. If both individuals are 17 and under than this is not required but strongly recommended.

Only exception is if the two individuals over and under 18 have written permission from the minor's guardian.

For our coaches doing private lessons at the range.

They are to be done from 5PM –7PM ONLY. If the clock is being used, it must be followed to not hold up other archers.



What is the format of the upcoming tournaments?

2024 JOAD And USAA Outdoor Nationals

5 day tournament
1440 determines National Champion
Elimination Round determines Open Champion
Optional Sunday Team Rounds

Summer Sizzle

1 Day Tournament
All Ages
25 Meters
60 CM Single or Vertical
2 archers share a target face

DSA Iron Archer

2 Day Tournament
18 Meters-40CM Single or Triangle
Round Robins

Fall Frenzy

1 Day Tournament
18 Meters-40CM 5 Spot Grey face (Rushmore) or Single Spot
Bottoms Up format

Candy Cane Crunch

2 Day Tournament
18 Meters-40CM Triangle with both rings or Single Spot
Outer 10 ring is a 10, X ring is an 11
Single elimination rounds

USAA AZ State Outdoor

2 Day Tournament
Distances set by age and bow type
122cm for Barebow and Recurve
80cm six ring for Compound
Saturday is qualifying round
Sunday is single elimination round
Contact a coach to confirm you can reach distances required



STEVE'S BACK PAGE

The DSA Challenge Coin – history and meaning

The Challenge Coin has a wide reaching history, with some stories going back as far as World War I and others going back to the Medieval periods of France. The most common story – An allied pilot was shot down behind enemy lines. Being captured by the Germans, the pilot was able to escape to the hands of the French troops. Unable to speak the language or identify themselves, the pilot used a coin with his unit's logo as a way to identify themselves as an allied soldier. The coin hung around the neck of the pilot in a small bag and was able to escape confiscation by the Germans due to the fact that they thought it was jewelry. The French troops then took the pilot and returned him to friendly territory. Other stories involve the Huguenots in medieval France. The Huguenots were being persecuted by King Louis for their belief in Protestantism. They used their communion coin to identify themselves to other Protestants. Today, the Challenge Coin is commonly used by military, police, and fire organizations to recognize a special event or honor. Organizations like the United States Congress and the President of the United States will give out a challenge coin to symbolize a special event that occurred, including inaugurations or visiting with special dignitaries. The idea for the challenge coin in archery comes from United States Marine Corps Major Eric "Trainwreck" Burkett. A V22 Osprey pilot, he has overcome numerous obstacles ranging from a plane crash to the loss of his legs over time to become one of archery's most memorable and unforgettable figures. He commissioned a challenge coin to memorialize those who have helped him achieve his goals along the way. Desert Sky commissioned a challenge coin to honor those who have performed above and beyond in the sport of Archery, whether it be in service to others or through exceptional performance in the heat of competition. On one side of the coin is the Desert Sky Logo. On the other side of the coin is the Greek Goddess Artemis. Artemis is the symbolic patroness of archery in Greek mythology. Inscribed on the coin is the phrase "Trust in the Process. Trust in Yourself." It is an uncommon award – no archery organization has commissioned a challenge coin to honor those in this sport, until now. Desert Sky board members carry a challenge coin with them at major tournaments, ready to give recognition to those who carry the spirit of those who excel.



DESERT SKY ARCHERS

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