



2021 Shamrock Slam

March 22-27, 2021

Ben Avery Shooting Facility

During the Arizona Indoor State Championship, the DSA group started thinking about how we can combine the competitiveness of indoor and the elimination rounds of outdoor. We also looked at the calendar to see where the tournament would fit, and the concept of the Shamrock Slam was born. However, that was not the first name we came up with. At first, we envisioned the St Patty's Day Massacre; however, we felt we needed a less bloody moniker.

We started with 3 days of 60 qualification rounds. The concept was to cut to the top 32 Compound Adult (Junior, Senior, Master), top 32 Compound Youth (Bowman, Cub, Cadet), top 16 Recurve Adult, top 16 Recurve Youth, top 8 Barebow (all ages). The adult divisions would win prize money down to third place.

Scores for the qualification rounds can be found on [lanseo](#). Not everyone that signed up for the tournament shot in the elimination rounds as some used the tournament as their scores needed for the 52nd Annual USA Archery Indoor Nationals. We were blessed to have some of the top US archers in the country attend: Brady Ellison, Toja Ellison, Jack Williams, Matt Nofel, Cooper French, Spencer Yee. Toja wowed us by shooting a perfect 300 in her second 30 arrows, only the 3 female shooters to complete this feat during a sanctioned tournament.

Thursday night was our first night of elimination rounds. Compound Adult had 14 archers step up to the line. Competition was fierce from the word go. In the first round the 5th seed Brad Sanders and 12st seed Stephanie Lord came to a one arrow shoot off with Stephanie taking the match. Also, in the first-round 13th seed V Rosas and 4th seed Abigail-Reese Veidmark came down to a 1 arrow shoot off with Abigail-Reese taking the win. Stephanie and Abigail-Reese met in the next match and it took two one arrow shoot offs to decide the winner, Stephanie.

This led into the medal matches with Toja Ellison taking first, Grady Schneider second, Tom Pollei third, Stephanie Lord fourth. Bracket results can be found [here](#).

Friday found our Compound Youth archers coming to battle. These ten archers fought hard each and every match. Every end was close. The semi finals were both decided by one arrow shoot offs. 1st seed Allen Alihodzic won over 5th seed Brenson Rist and 2nd seed Mikie Kolb won over 3rd seed Seanne Garra. We as a crowd held our breath during the finals round. Brenson took 3rd after he and Seanne were at a 4-4 tie until the final end. Mikie and Allen took theirs to a 1 arrow shoot off. Mikie had a great shot but Allen's was a clean X. Allen took first with Mikie second. Results can be found [here](#).

Recurve Youth may have been low on numbers with 3 archers staying for eliminations out of the 8 that shot qualifications; but it certainly was not low on excitement. Madi Barsell was the top qualifier so she had a bye round. Colin Abelman and Kameron Kim met in a semi-final with winner going onto the gold medal match. After 4 ends the match was tied 4 to 4. These young archers stepped up and both shot excellent ends with Kameron taking the win. This had Kameron shooting against Madi for the gold. The match bounced back and forth between these two great competitors. Again, the match was at 4-4, but this time both archers shot the same score, so we had a 5-5 tie. One arrow shoot off for gold. You could see the archers shake but they stepped up and fired their arrows. Kameron was closest to center taking the win. Kameron Kim 1st place, Madison Barsell 2nd place, and Colin Abelman 3rd place. Results are [here](#).

Barebow had four archers in the eliminations. They all shot strong. Melody Richards took first, Ryan Bachman (pulling double duty with Compound Adult) took 2nd, London Holley took 3rd and Spencer Yee took 4th. Results can be found [here](#).

Recurve Adult had 8 archers competing. The adults all shot strong, but it came down to the #1 Male Recurve archer in the world taking 1st, Brady Ellison. Rick Bucher shot against Brady taking second, Joseph Huey took 3rd, and Randy Kettlehut taking 4th. Results are [here](#).

Desert Sky Archers would like to thank all the archers to competing and spending time with us.

We would also like to thank all our volunteers.

Bud and Stephanie Lord

Steve and Susan Yee

Steve and Susan Barsell

Krista Colonna

Arvid Veidmark III

Nitalya Bilyk and Nico Baker

Stacey Abelman

Heather Cuchaira

Ryan Bachman

Grace Reed

Spencer Yee

And anyone I missed.

See you at the next Tournament!

Rick Bachman

President

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