



## Sylvan Archers Last newsletter of 2013.... Merry Christmas!

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Next board meeting is Jan. 2, 2013 at 7 PM at Wellon's in Sherwood.

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## President's news.....

Hello Sylvan members. I am Dave Osler and as your newly elected president, I would like to give you a little history about myself. I have been an active Sylvan member for over 25 years and a good portion of that I have been a board member. Archery is a passion of mine and so is this club.

I am an avid hunter and enjoy hunting for elk and deer. I have shot all types of archery equipment and

have respect for it all. For the last few years we have seen a growth in archery and it is exciting to see.

This club is a great club and with a lot of great people in it now and it takes volunteers to keep a club like this moving in the right direction.

If you can spend a little time volunteering next year, your hard work will be very much appreciated and re-

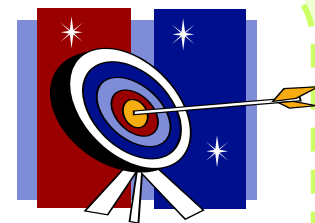
warded. Our board is working hard to make this next year a fantastic one, but we also need our member's input too. If you have an idea or question, feel free to call or write an email to one of the board members and we would love to hear from you.

Dave Osler  
President

## Final Farewell to a valued member of our club.... Mike Brown

We say farewell and you will be missed as an important member to Sylvan Archers, as well as a huge supporter and volunteer for the sport of archery in the state of Oregon. You have given us many years of service in many aspects of archery, from developing youth programs, to running the tournaments, starting up the beginner lessons at the range and many more activities you have been involved in. We at Sylvan Archers will miss you on our board and at our shoots. You have mentored the next generation of Archery instructors and although you can never be replaced, your hard work will continue through them. San Diego is lucky to have you and we will be looking for your name in the tournament postings for the national tournaments! Farewell.....Sylvan Archers

## For the Traditional shooter.....



Heads up for a cool event for your summer calendar: The North American Longbow Safari, a 3D shoot that draws 300 or 400 traditional archers from the U.S. and Canada, is coming to Oregon for the first time since 2006. The annual longbow safari got started in 1983 in Alberta, and is hosted by a different Western state or Canadian province each year. For 2014, the Traditional Archers of Oregon are hosting the event at Hoodoo ski area over the Fourth of July weekend. The 3D animals are both North American critters and the African animals that longbow legend Howard Hill hunted on safari. It's longbows only, and they have to be a minimum of 40 pounds of pull at the archer's draw length (wood arrows and feathers are requirements, too). Though the event started out with trophies, it evolved into a social gathering with no formal scoring (but there are side bets). For more info: [www.rockymountainlongbow.ca](http://www.rockymountainlongbow.ca) (not updated for 2014 yet), and [www.taoregon.com](http://www.taoregon.com) will also have info on its site but doesn't yet. If you shoot a wood recurve or longbow, and you don't know about TAO yet, check out its website. The Pope Young shoot, barbecue and campout on a farm near Brownsville in late July is my favorite archery event in Oregon.

Laurie Robinson, Director of Field tournaments and Traditional Archer

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## Happenings at Archers Afield.....

Dec. 13th 6-7 PM :Come to shooting games night! We will be celebrating the launch of the movie “ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug” Cost is \$12. See more details on the shop webpage or inquire at the shop.

Bowhunter league starts : Jan.2, 2014. each Thursday at 6 PM. See the shop to sign up and for more details.

Don't forget Big Kids/Little kids and Next level archery sessions now that it is time to bring it indoors.

For more information on all the programs and upcoming tournaments visit: [www.archersafield.com](http://www.archersafield.com) or contact the shop at 503-639-3553.

Jim and the crew want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

## What's happening at the Range.....with Jack Rutz

The year is winding down and there certainly is a chill in the air. This is my third year as Range Director and I am proud to say we have made some great strides this year in improving the range. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who came out this year and dedicated their time and effort to improving the club.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a very heart felt thank you to Karl Okita who is at the range almost every day fixing, cleaning, cutting, and maintaining the range. Technically, Karl is the assistant range director but I truly believe I am his assistant. ;-). Thank you Karl!

On the less than positive side, we have had a number of troubling issues come up this year with unauthorized gate entry, people shooting arrows

into trees and light poles, shooting broadheads on the practice ranges, leaving messes around the campfire and in the bathroom, graffiti in the bathrooms and on the walkway along with a number of other small matters. To help curtail these irresponsible acts, we have purchased a video surveillance system to monitor various places on the range including the front gate and the practice range. We hope this investment will deter the unwanted behavior or allow us to identify the individuals so we can take appropriate action.

Going forward, some of the trees on the property need attention and may be designated for removal. We are hiring a professional tree cruiser to examine the trees on the property and come up with a recommendation. My guess is a number of diseased trees

will be removed from the property when the weather permits. We will keep you informed.

Come spring time, we will hold a couple work parties to do a little spring cleaning and maintenance. The date and time will be posted on the website and we will send out an email notification. Don't forget your good deeds are rewarded by the club. Voluntary work hours can reduce your annual dues. Check the website for details or contact one of the board members. As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the club, email Karl or myself with your ideas. Better yet, present your idea at the monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month.

See you at the range,  
Jack

For Sale..... Anyone have any items for sale please let us know and we will post in the next newsletter....

RFP's For club projects needed:

We also want to support our club members and their businesses. So, we are going to keep a list of members we can contact for any RFP's that go out for any club maintenance work that we need to hire someone for. If you are or work for a licensed and bonded company in the categories listed below, send me an email with your information and we will keep it on file for upcoming projects we bid on.

1. Electrician
2. Plumber
3. Bldg. Contractor
4. Portable Toilet
5. Roofing contractor
6. Certified Logger



# Just for youth....with Brandon Tenner

*<We have a lot of things going on for youth at sylvan archers. We will be doing the free lessons for members again this summer as well as we have an ongoing youth program called ASAP/JOAD. See the flyer for what we are doing with that program.>*

**We have been busy working with youth during the indoor season. On Oct. 22nd Mike Brown, Laurie Robinson, Matt Sowa and I held an archery clinic for 24 girl scouts as a promotional event for Disney On Ice. One of their major performanc-**

**es was Brave so they wanted to incorporate archery into the event. We split the group into 2. They first shot at a 10 yard range while the others looked over the equipment we brought with us and asked questions. Attached are some pictures of the event.**





# Hunting Tall tails... Some pictures of the fall hunts...

Some of our members and their successful hunts this fall!

If you have a picture of your take this hunting season, send it on over and I will put into the newsletter!

