



## Sylvan Archers Newsletter: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Next board meeting is March 6th, 2014 at 7 PM at Wellon's in Sherwood.

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## President's news.....by Dave Osler

This year is so exciting for myself and the board. We have a lot of projects we are going to do and one of them is the 3d course. It has been a long time since this trail has been worked on, and we are planning to do a total remake. For this to happen we do need the help of our members. Dates of work parties will be in our news letter and on our website. It is also a great way to earn a discount on your membership if you volunteer enough hours.

We are also experiencing a growing degree of vandalism on our range. This is uncalled for and action will take place. We as a club need to be proactive and if you see anything out of the norm or a member acting strange then this needs to be addressed. Please call or write an email to one of the board members. All of our contact info is listed on our website.

As a personal note I would like to say a deepest heart felt THANK YOU for your love and

support for my family. It was a trying time but we made it through and now we are in the healing process and it is going great

Let have a great year and I will see you on the range.

Dave Osler, President  
Sylvan Archers

### NEW WEBSITE DESIGN FOR SYVAN!

Make sure you check out our new website design! And give a shout out to Mike McManus who designs and manages it! Nice job Mike, we appreciate the hard work you do on this for us and it looks great! Mike says it is still a work in process, but we want to acknowledge that it has been updated. If there is something you would like to see posted on the website, let the board know and we can discuss the appropriateness and validity of adding it.

## For the Traditional shooter.....



### State of the state

So the community of traditional tournament shooters continues to grow thanks to Mike Brown's work in nurturing it followed by Stephen Angius's endless teaching, support, tournament directing and enthusiasm at Archers Afield and Marianne Itkin's coaching at Broken Arrow. All are Sylvan members, and Sylvan was well represented at the state tournament in Bend, not only in trad but other bow classes, of course. (This calls for a cool club T-shirt for Sylvan for next year. Anyone?)

There were 16 shooters in the trad and longbow categories in Bend this year. Oregon has the potential to be one of the nation's top spots for trad and barebow -- we already far outpace Washington in participation in those categories in the indoor NFAA tournaments, and we have a lot more strong shooters in the pipeline who didn't compete at state this year. And huge kudos to Skylar Atkinson of Newberg, who at 16 posted an extremely strong score in the adult women's barebow category at U.S. Nationals in the Seattle area on the same weekend as our state tournament.

Congrats to Stephen, club members Wendy McKee, and Earl Laue and Marianne for taking first place in their categories in Bend. Wendy set a state record in adult female traditional, and Marianne and Earl set respectable benchmark records in new age categories. Fedora Don Mendez came in second in longbow with a reliable smile. Longbow with wood arrows takes fortitude, and that smile helps.

For the first time this year's indoor season reflected a rule change in trad with 12-inch stabilizers allowed, which to me (editorializing here) mars the beautiful lines of a recurve and the simple aesthetic of traditional (OK, full disclosure, I use a carbon bow for tournaments with a plunger and an 8-ounce stainless steel weight on the riser, so the longbow people have me beat by a mile in aesthetics and purity of the sport). But at least some trad shooters around the country have been inspired to switch to longbow because of the stabilizer change.

Let me leave you with part of an email I got from Marianne after state. By way of background, Marianne is a Level 3 coach who struggled with her own shot for years until making a huge breakthrough over the past year. A big part of that breakthrough was working on her mental game.

"I had a really good time at State, which has become my entire motivation," she wrote. "It doesn't mean I don't want to work hard and improve. I do! It just means that once I take it too seriously it saps all the joy and pleasure right out of it, and my life is too short to spend time responding to things in a negative way. It just isn't worth it to me."

As Mike Brown, my sensei, always says: Don't shoot for score.

-- Laurie Robinson

## Just for youth.....with Brandon Tenner

Ben Kaufman and I traveled to the World Archery Festival in Las Vegas and we both shot incredible. Ben shot a personal best score on Friday and then shot close to it on Saturday to secure 15th place. (The results are posted online) I shot a PR on Friday of a 280, then beat it on Saturday with a 282, and finished with a 278 on Sunday, shooting on the same bale with my long time role model Jay Barrs, 1988 individual Olympic Gold Medalist.

Skylar, Ben and I shot the Seattle leg of the USA Archery Indoor Nationals last weekend but the total results will not be posted for a few more months. We all shot great, Ben was tied for 3rd in the Seattle leg of the JOAD Nationals, and Skylar was placed 2nd in the Seattle leg shooting

in the Adult Female Traditional class. I was in 3rd for the Adult Male Recurve class.

JOAD will continue to shoot at Broken Arrow through March, then weather permitting we'll start to shoot outdoors at Sylvan. The time and day will be determined later on in the month.

We will be hosting the 1st Quarter JOAD Mail-in tournament on March 23rd at Broken Arrow. It is open to kids aged 8-19 who are USA Archery Members that are affiliated with the Sylvan JOAD program. Any questions, please email me at [oregonyoutharchery@gmail.com](mailto:oregonyoutharchery@gmail.com).



Brandon and Ben in Vegas

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



We continue to have issues with destruction of property at the range. Lately we have found arrows stuck in signs and places that are inappropriate and dangerous. These are not stray arrows. Given the issues we have been having with flying arrows, we want to remind everyone that this type of activity can not continue and there will be consequences.

"Any intentional destruction of club property including; shooting of arrows into trees, poles, signs or structures other than designated targets will result in the automatic suspension of membership and possible prosecution for vandalism. Any individual witnessing or a party to such an act that does not report the destruction of club property immediately to a board member will be equally at fault."

Just one arrow flying off property or hitting someone..... you can imagine the consequences. We have been busy installing the cameras for security so if you or your guests are responsible any vandalism or abuse at the range, you will be caught.

Jack Rutz, Range Director

## News from your hunt director... Brent Whittaker

**"If you're not working to protect hunting, then you are working to destroy it."**

Fred Bear

Each year, Oregon Bow Hunters organizes a banquet fundraiser and executive board meeting in conjunction with the State Indoor Shoot in Bend. Guest speakers and assorted OBH board members conduct several other meetings and presentations to both educate members and discuss current issues pertaining to archery. Activities also include a bugling competition, auctions, and raffles. These banquets are a great opportunity to renew old friendships and develop new ones. Perhaps more important, however, they are an opportunity for us to keep abreast of current work being done with ODFW and the State of Oregon to protect our hunting rights. This year I was joined by Sylvan's President Dave Osler, as well as new member Bill Swenson. In each of the meetings that we attended the common theme was, "what does OBH do for you?"

OBH representatives work diligently with other organizations such as Oregon Outdoor Council, Oregon Hunters Association, and Traditional Archers of Oregon, to speak for hunters across the state on topics such as:

- Antlerless hunting inequities in central and eastern Oregon.
  - Cross-species archery hunting restrictions in northeast Oregon and the Mule Deer Initiative units.
  - Crowding concerns and alternatives for addressing them.
  - The rationale for expanding archery hunting rather than restricting it.
  - Discrimination against purchasers of point savers in applying for 2nd choice controlled hunts.
  - Equipment issues, including crossbows in archery season, lighted nocks and expandable broadheads.
  - Safety issues, including mandatory Bowhunter Education and firearms hunts overlapping archery seasons.
- General game management issues, including the impact of antlerless tag numbers and scheduling/duration of antlerless seasons on game populations.

(from OBH legislative issues web page)

Also from the meetings I learned that on January 25, 2014, ODFW assembled an Archery Review Public Advisory Committee (ARPAC) consisting of representatives from ODFW, Oregon State Police, Traditional Archers of Oregon, Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon Bowhunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, Professional Bowhunters Society and several non-affiliated, "at-large" bowhunters from around the state. Topics of discussion for future meetings will include the public's freedom to utilize effective tools of predator management, antlerless elk harvest, bag limits, and approaches to controlled hunt tags. I spoke with OBH Vice President of Bowhunting Wayne Endicott at some length regarding the issues on the table at this and subsequent meetings and he stressed the importance of public input and encourages comments regarding these and other matters pertaining to archery to be sent to [ODFW.Comments@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Comments@state.or.us).

Take the time to visit the OBH and Oregon Outdoor Council websites. The future of archery hunting is truly being threatened. Surprisingly, it is not just the powerful lobbyists from animal rights groups but also infighting within the hunting community. Education on current issues and involvement by the archery community is our most effective tool for preventing further loss of hunting opportunities. Please visit the Legislation link on the OBH website. If you have questions regarding the topics mentioned or other legislative concerns related to archery hunting in Oregon, please contact Vice President of Bowhunting & Legislation, Craig Starr [craig1945@centurylink.net](mailto:craig1945@centurylink.net).



## Tall Tails from the hunt whether it is an animal or a target!



Here is a pic of my 2013 NE Oregon 6x6. 2 friends helped skin and pack it out. Rob Bulfinch and Josh Lauer. I couldn't have done it alone.

Gary Sanders

This is a picture of a buck I killed on November 17th, 2013 in the Mettolius unit. As near as we can figure it is a hybrid cross between a high cascade black tail and a white tail deer. Note the unusual rack! It will be on display at the sportsman show in the archers afield booth. It was a 52 yard shot with help from my long time hunting partner Pat Finney.

Roy Galvin



A kill is a kill even it is a target! Brandon Tenner at the Vegas Shoot in February.

