



# Sylvan Archers Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Winter Issue 2016

Board meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at Cabela's Conference Center in Tualatin 7 PM or Sylvan's club house (contact Sylvan for details).

## Pacific NW Sportsman's Show

Once again Sylvan Archers will be hosting a children's shooting booth at the Portland Sportsman's Show, held at the Portland Expo Center. We are looking for volunteers to help setup as well as staff the event.

Please contact Al Hanschar at [ahanschar@cs.com](mailto:ahanschar@cs.com) or 503-657-7224 if you are able to help us out. Setup will be on Monday, February 8th at 1 pm. The show runs from February 10th through the 14th.

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## Club News

- Sylvan will be installing a fence along the east side of the road to help keep non-members out and to define the property boundaries. The board was asked to give a covered area for winter shooting some thought/consideration, with no decision made at the meeting.
- Brandon is in full swing with JOAD; averaging 10 shooters per week. Stop by and watch what these kids are doing! JOAD shoots are held at Archers Afield Sunday's from 3-5 (with the exception of the first Sunday of the month).
- We currently have 475 paid memberships! We've planned a lot for this summer and look forward to seeing you all! As the weather starts improving and we all get into the swing of things and shoot the course more, please remember to leave the course as you found it or even better! We have garbage containers available to dispose of trash. *Thank you for being a part of Sylvan!!*
- Additions to Sylvan board members include Mindy Bergquist accepting the position of Assistant Secretary and April Mack as Publicity Chairperson/Newsletter.
- Please share your thoughts or ideas with us! Email Jack Rutz [mulliganjack@msn.com](mailto:mulliganjack@msn.com) or your pictures and stories to [2aprilmack@gmail.com](mailto:2aprilmack@gmail.com).

Check the website for membership information and events updates.

[www.sylvanarchers.org](http://www.sylvanarchers.org)

# Save The Date



## 60th Anniversary Sherwood / Nottingham International 900 Tournament July 16 & 17, 2016



### - Format -

A double American 900 Round, 122cm multi-colored target at 60, 50 and 40 yards  
Cadets/Cubs (11 and under) 30, 25 and 20 yards

### - T-Shirts and BBQ -

This year we will be pre-ordering "Archery Match 60th Anniversary" T-Shirts  
Barbeque will follow shooting on Saturday

### - Team Divisions -

Senior Recurve

Jr. Recurve (Age 17 and under, shooting 60, 50 and 40 yards)

Master Recurve (Age 50 and older)

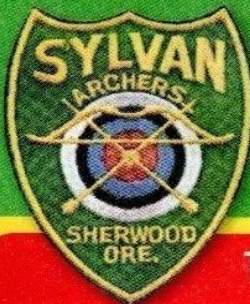
Senior Compound

Master Compound (Age 50 and older)

Senior Longbow

Master Longbow (Age 50 and older) *Sherwood has **NEVER** had a 50+ longbow team!*

Be sure to check our website: [sylvanarchers.org](http://sylvanarchers.org) and "Like" us on Facebook



# SYLVAN ARCHERS

[www.sylvanarchers.org](http://www.sylvanarchers.org)

The Oldest Established Club in the State of Oregon  
**FOUNDED IN 1933**

### 2016 SHOOT SCHEDULE

April 2nd	Sylvan's Range	Open House
May 7th	Sylvan's Range	Open House
May 14th	Sylvan's Range	Spring 600
May 28th & 29th	Sylvan's Range	FITA Field Tournament
June 8th thru Aug 19th	Sylvan's Range	Broadhead League - Wednesday Nights
June 11th	Sylvan's Range	Summer 900
June 18th	Sylvan's Range	Open House
July 16th & 17th	See our Website	Sherwood Nottingham Shoot (Sherwood vs England)
September 17th	Sylvan's Range	End of Summer 900

Range facilities include food, camping  
(no hookups), and bathrooms.

The range is located between Sherwood and  
Wilsonville. From I-5 take Exit 283 (Wilsonville).

Go west on Wilsonville Road (1.9 miles) to  
Bell Road. Right on Bell Road for  
(2.7 miles) to the range.

15930 SW Bell Road, Sherwood, Oregon

Check our website for current shoot dates, times and location

For contact information see our website  
[www.sylvanarchers.org](http://www.sylvanarchers.org)

## Traditional Archers New Year's Day Potluck At Sylvan

For the past few years, the Rose City Bowyers have been hosting a traditional archers potluck at Sylvan on the Saturday near New Year's Day. For those of us who think of traditional archery as a machined riser with carbon limbs, well, this is the real deal with many beautiful handmade wooden bows, mostly self bows (bows made of one piece of wood, often harvested from local trees). This year about 30 folks turned out for the gathering of the tribe, even though temps were in the 30s with a stiff breeze, so there was not a whole lotta shooting going on.

There was, however, a lot of eating (Dutch oven dishes proliferate), banjo music and bow admiring and handling going on, plus some mountain-man-style fashion. The clubhouse was warm and full of laughter at a time of year when it goes mostly unused. All are welcome to check it out next year.

- Laurie Robinson



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## The Oregon Barebow Challenge

The main range at Archers Afield was packed with 39 barebow recurve archers on Jan. 16 for this second annual tournament, which is sponsored by Sylvan. Good thing there were no stabilizers to maneuver around, because it was tight quarters. Barebow archers, who are so often on the fringe of things, were ecstatic to be shooting a tournament together in such a large group, and the event attracted attention on the online forums Archery Talk and Trade Talk. Nine archers came down from Washington (as far north as Bellingham), one archer flew in from Las Vegas, and Oregonians came from the Medford area, Eugene, Salem and Seaside. Format was FITA (World Archery) indoors, which is the same as two Vegas rounds: 60 arrows on the multicolor target, with a perfect score being 600. Ren Sarns, a legend from Oak Harbor, Wash., took first place with 519, and club members Mike Ellerbe took 2nd with a 501 and Geoff Weinberg with a 499. Shanna Schlitz (444) won for the women, and club members Wendy McKee took second with 424, and Marianne Itkin third with a 421. The tournament is the first and only barebow-only tournament sanctioned by USA Archery. It's a good bet that it was the only tournament in the country where the tournament director's husband (Dave Robinson), made eight dozen chocolate chip cookies for everyone. He lost some of his bonus points, however, when he discovered he had misplaced the box of awards somewhere right before I handed them out. There were several moments of pure panic.

Laurie Robinson

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## Just Who Are We?



My name is **Brandon Tenner**, Field Governor. I compete with an Olympic Recurve, hunt with a compound. My dream hunt would be a Wisconsin whitetail hunt with all of my family.

My name is **Brent Whittaker**, I've been shooting archery since 2010 but I didn't start hunting archery until '13. I'm hunt director at Sylvan so I take care of the 3d shoots, the roving range, and Broadhead league. I shoot a PSE DNA.

Elk hunting is my passion...

I've harvested 1 bear, 2 deer, and 2 bulls since '13. I would

love to hunt Colorado in the high country for elk.



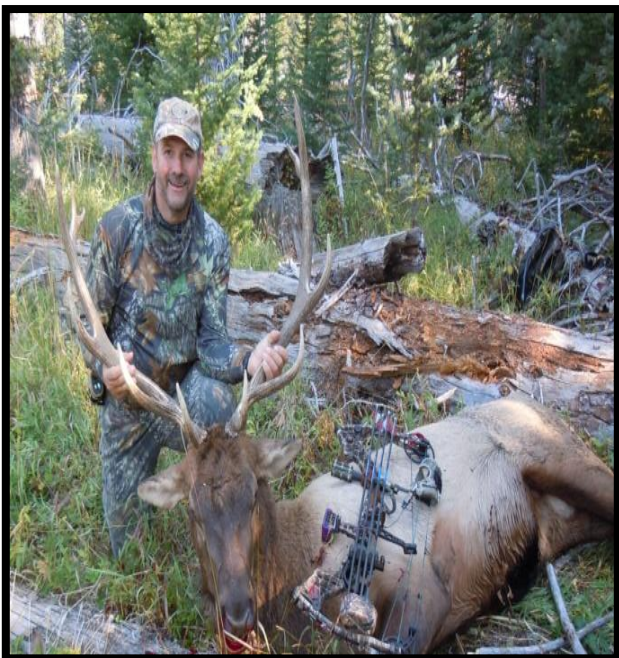
For complete list of elected and appointed Officers, or for information on current available positions, please visit:

<http://www.sylvanarchers.org/contact.html>



My name is **Jack Rutz**. I was born in Spokane Washington, I am engaged forever to the love of my life Linda Ireland and we live in Newberg. I spent my first 25yrs living in Eastern Washington. During and after college I started shooting archery 30 plus years ago when I was invited to go elk hunting with a bow, neither of which I had ever done. From the first day, I was hooked and have shot archery ever since. I joined the club in 2007 when I moved to Newberg and have served as the Range Director or Assistant Range Director since I joined.

I started shooting a compound with fingers and instinctive but soon learned that accuracy and confidence was critical to ethical hunting. I now shoot a Mathews bow with sights, and release. My dream hunt would be a free range elk hunt in Arizona or New Mexico.



My name is **April Mack** and I'm the newly appointed Publicity Chairperson/Newsletter. I started hunting with a compound bow over 20 years ago with some time off for kids, work and life. Getting back into archery over the past 6 years with hunting and instructing (Level II USA archery). My family is very much involved with archery and enjoys shooting 3-D ranges year round. My dream hunt is a big game hunt in Alaska... Or pig in Texas... Or turkey in Florida... Or elk in New Mexico... 😊

**Within the United Kingdom, target archery is governed by the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS). What are the initials of archery's international governing body?**

Refer to last page for answer

Greetings fellow archers! My name is **Mike McManus** and I have been the Sylvan Archers Website Administrator for the past 14 years.

I am married for 27 years, have two wonderful children, a son and daughter. I have lived in Happy Valley for the past 21 years

I began the sport of archery as a young grade school student through the 4-H program. When I entered my adolescent years the 4-H club dissolved and other interests took the center stage. In April of 1995 my interest in the sport came back and I bought my first compound bow. My initial intentions were to become proficient shooter and use that skill as a hunter. I had been rifle hunting since 1983. After spending hours perfecting the sport I began to enjoy the competitive aspect of 3-D and target tournaments. This led me to shooting in the Oregon Bow Hunters state tournaments. Back when I first started shooting those tournaments, unless you stayed until everyone was done, then the wait for the results to be compiled and finally announced, you would never know how you did until those results were published in the OBH Magazine. Depending on the timing of the tournament and the published magazine, in most cases you would not find out how you did until months after!

About that time the internet was beginning to become a big part of all our lives. OBH had a website but it was not being maintained and was a fraction of the size it is now. I thought, "Why can't those results be posted at the website so we can see the results in days rather than months after the finish?" So rather than complain, I took action. Up to that point I had no experience in website building but was one of the earlier participants on the internet. I used to dial-up with my old 8084 cpu computer and access a very archaic version of what we all now use for internet. I have always had a love and appreciation for computers dating back to building code on the IBM punch cards in college! I researched and bought website building software and self taught myself the skills need to build one. I approached the OBH board and got myself a job! This eventually led to taking on the Sylvan website.

A few years ago I transitioned from the older website software program to a more modern building tool. This required a few months of self training and learning a new approach (for me anyway) to code for websites. Now the website is built just like the professional builders construct one. It is a combination of HTML (the code language that interfaces with your web browser), CSS (which is the style coding) and various other script codes such as PHP which is used for processing forms. After rebuilding both the OBH and Sylvan websites with new code my next task was to make them format to hand held devices. There are a couple of approaches to doing this and I had to decide on the one I thought would be best for what I wanted to accomplish. Essentially the web content does not change. The CSS code to layout the page is what is added. When the website is accessed from a hand held device such as an iPad or cell phone, that device is recognized and a different code is used to send the page layout. The real complication is that there are so many different hand held device screen sizes, trying to find a format that will please them all is difficult. I actually have three sizes built in; one for the desktop computer, one for an iPad size screen and one for the cell phones.

I am actually quite proud of this. Many professionally built websites still don't format for hand held devices. Their website is just sized down from the same page you look at on your full size desktop, and as you know this makes it hard to read.

I have not shot competitive archery in over 15 years. While it does not seem that long, my time was diverted to raising my children and helping them in the direction of their life's interests. Now that they are young adults I hope to reattach to a sport I have enjoyed so much. I have been able to hunt with a bow over those years, not so much in the past 3. I have been able to help on some fabulous rifle hunts as well as draw some tremendous rifle tags for myself. Like everyone, I keep hoping to draw that great archery tag!

I hope you find the website easy to use and helpful. I often browse other archery related web sites to borrow ideas and improve on the ones I maintain. I still believe that both the OBH and Sylvan websites are among some of the best for archery clubs and related organizations.

Happy New Year,  
Mike McManus



My name is **Bill Swenson**, I am currently the "Director of Hunting Games" which my main focus is working with Brent Whittaker on our open house shoots, the Broadhead League, and keeping the 3D range and targets in good shape. I am a new bow hunter with just 2 seasons under my belt. I enjoy shooting a compound bow, but appreciate all the various styles of archery. I am married with a step-son and a daughter and son of my own.



My name is **Mindy Berquist** and I am serving as secretary for the Sylvan Board and have been a member for approximately 4 years.



Hi everyone my name is **David Osler**. I am currently the President of Sylvan Archers. I have been an Archery guy for about 25 plus years. I have never hunted before that very first time I got my first bow. So it was trial and error from that moment on but with the great advice from fellow members here. I was able to build a love and a real passion for the sport and a love for the great outdoors that our creator gave us to enjoy for an eternity. I have been a member of Sylvan's for about the same amount of time. I sincerely believe this is the best Archery club around. Your board members here are some of the best people I have ever worked with, they have the best attitude and desire to make this club the best it could be. So if you happen to run into them out at the range please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work.

Thank you

Hope to see you out there and if you do please say "HI"

Dave



### Tell your friends to join...

Membership is easy. Just fill out the Membership Application, mail to the address listed on the form along with a check for your annual dues. If you have any questions please contact Al Hanschar by email at: [ahanschar@cs.com](mailto:ahanschar@cs.com) Please print the application, complete it, and mail it to us. We will contact you if we have any questions!

[Click here for Membership Application](#)

Welcome to the club!

**\*FITA, the Federation International de Tir l'Arc**