

OHIO ARCHERS ASSOCIATION

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How 'bout that 300!!!

WOW! 2007 has been a record setting year already! From the indoor mail-in's boasting everything from solid turnouts and downright tough competitions, to the 'Grand Daddy of them All' - the Indoor 300 Championship! It has been a fabulous start to the year for our OAA archers!

Archers from all corners of the state came for our mail in championships, and some of the best scores in recent history were noted, including a score of 450 in the Vegas Mail In by Kelsey Johnson of Bidwell, Ohio, in the Male Freestyle class.

The Indoor 300 was held March 10 and 11 at the Crooksville Recreation Center in Crooksville with about 130 archers competing for awards. We had a full line on our Saturday youth line with some very serious young archers! We also were pleased to welcome several NAA FITA youth to our event this year.

A changing of the guard...

From John Cody, Pres.

Returning from a week long job in NC, I found my job has changed again. We do business with a large company that sells large sand filters all over the world. I have been installing these units for a couple years now and have also sold many of them. My company has contracted me to become the main person for installations and sales of these units. I will be traveling all over the world installing and training installers. This will change my life greatly.

This is the main reason I am stepping down as president.

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Making a BIG comeback to the archery scene was Wayne Risner of Circleville, Ohio. Wayne had to muster a perfect 300 - 60x to win the Male Freestyle AA Class!!! His 1st place Championship Plaque -and a framed certificate denoting his achievement were presented to Wayne for his efforts. (Picture on page 2).

If we have said it once, we need to say it 1000 times more - we could not do it without the help of our OAA officers, governors and directors and the many OAA members who voluntarily assisted in so many ways. And a special thanks to our host, Take Aim Archery!

If I can not find time to work for the OAA then I need not to hinder it! I have enjoyed working with all of you and truly feel the current officers and governors are the best the OAA has had in a very long time. The OAA has come back from the dead and is doing a wonderful job for its members. I will remain a member of the OAA and when and if I get all these installers trained maybe I will actually be able to dust my bow off and shoot again.

Thanks for every thing you all have done and I wish the OAA the best and look forward to being able to shoot an event some day.

Thanks and Good luck,
John Cody

As we move forward

From Sherry Johnston

As I assume the duties/position of President in light of John's moving on, I want to thank him for helping to set OAA on a positive track into the future once again.

OAA continues as I see, 'Under Construction'. We continue to build on our new framework and expand our horizons each year. We are here for you, the archer, and are striving to build not just credibility but the opportunity for good, solid and enjoyable competitions in the sport of archery.

Welcome our new District 5 Governor, Todd McNelly

By Sherry Johnston/from Todd

I learned to shoot archery in 1978, when my dad taught me to shoot his Root Golden Eagle recurve.

Dad challenged me to shoot a 295 or better indoors and he would give me his bow. I shot a 297 the very next evening and I've been hooked since!

I enjoy all phases of archery: hunting, 3-D, and target. My wife and I enjoy shooting field and indoors the most. We like being able to track our performance and the ability to compare our performance with others

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Congratulations to Wayne Risner on his perfect 300 - 60x in the MFS-AA at the Indoor 300!

I would like to welcome our new district governors Todd McNelly, Dist 5, and Robert Holden, Dist. 1 to our team, along with the Apache Bowhunters - our newest affiliated club. Read more about them and lots more in the rest of YOUR newsletter!

I urge you all to continue to support OAA by participating in YOUR events this season! Hope to see you this summer!

After 26 years away from Ohio chasing my career with the Air Force, we were disheartened to find that the OAA had become so weak. When John Cody asked me if I was interested in the district 5 governorship, I accepted in hopes of helping make the OAA strong again.

A strong OAA means the sport of archery lives on in Ohio!



Todd McNelly
OAA District 5 Governor
Xenia, Ohio

Welcome Robert Holden, District 1 Governor

By S. Johnston, From Robert

I first became seriously interested in archery about 4 years ago.

Originally my main interest in archery was hunting. A friend of mine whom I met last year introduced me to how much the sport had to offer. I joined the Apache Bowhunters club and began going to shoots on a regular basis.

Over the past year I have grown my archery skills, my knowledge of archery, and my love of the sport. This February I took on the position of secretary for the Apache Bowhunters and have become even more involved with the sport.

I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the Ohio Archers Association in supporting the sport of archery. I hope to be able to pass on the same



*Robert Holden
OAA District 1 Governor
Columbus, Ohio*

level of enthusiasm that has been instilled in me to future archers.

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Apache Bowhunters – OAA's newest affiliated club!

By Robert Holden

Apache Bowhunters is a non-profit organization, founded in 1967. In 1985 we moved to our present location in Lockbourne, Ohio, where we eventually purchased our club grounds and established a permanent location.

Apache Bowhunters is an O.B.A. & I.B.O. and now OAA affiliated club. Our target course is 30 targets in hunting type situations. Shoots are open to members and non-members alike. In 1998 we built a new clubhouse and are making improvements to the club grounds each year. We have about 70% Family memberships and 30% Single memberships. No matter what equipment you shoot, stick bow, compound or crossbow, there is someone at Apache who shares your interest

Currently we have approximately 100 members.

We're in the process of reconfiguring our target course to improve safety and provide more challenging shots. As time and budget permit, we will expand our clubhouse to allow indoor shooting.

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Tip for the Season

By Dave Thewlis

With the outdoor season in full swing, and both 3-D and outdoor target archers hitting the fields, streams and woodlands - we need to remember one very important detail:

AIM!

I am going to borrow a saying from a good friend and NFAA councilman, Tim Atwood:

“If you ain’t shooting at anything - you are sure to hit your target!”

Check out your OAA Website!

Our website has been updated and we hope you approve of the changes. You will always find the most up to date shoot information and results, contact information, and much more at your fingertips.

So please! Check it out and stay up to date by visiting the OAA website at:

www.ohioarchery.org

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It’s easy to forget our indoor form, concentration and focus as we move out and about in the wonderful outdoors. As we walk long distances, climbing hills (and mountains), exposed to the elements, the simple beauty and enjoyment of being outdoors once again can detract our minds to say the least.

All of this can take their toll and reduce our focus on what we worked so hard to perfect during the indoor season: Form, focus and aim!

So remember the basics, and have a great outdoor season!

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***Good Luck, Good Shooting
And
Happy Trails!!***