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2009 NFAA Indoor Sectionals Coming to Ohio!

By Dave Thewlis, Ohio NFAA Dir.

Ohio Archers will have a wonderful opportunity next year to compete in the NFAA Great Lakes Indoor Sectionals (GLS) – locally!

The GLS will be held as a 5 state mail-in tournament in 2009 and 2010. Ohio will hold these at three separate locations in Ohio, all on the same date and times. The NFAA Indoor Sectionals are a 2 day tournament where archers will shoot a 300 round each day. The scores will be tabulated and sent to NFAA where all 5 states scores will be combined to determine the GLS champions. NFAA will then mail all applicable trophies/awards by mail.

In the past, NFAA sectional tournaments have been held at one location in each particular section – requiring archers to travel sometimes great distances to compete.

Wow! What a Summer of Fun!

By Sherry Johnston

OAA archers and our guests were in great form this summer as we celebrated some wonderful weather, great courses and lots of fun with each other!

Starting out with the Spring 3D, hosted by Apache Bowhunters in Lockbourne, archers were treated to a challenging course and some darn good food to go along with it! It was our largest shoot of the year and I heard they cleaned the kitchen out!

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Pre-registration is REQUIRED and late registration fees will apply. Registration forms will be available on both the NFAA and OAA web sites in the near future.

Dates: Feb 21 and 22, 2009

Shoot Times: 1pm and 5pm both days

Locations: Lone Eagle Archers, Beaver, Oh

Hadley's Sports Center, Akron, Oh

Arrowhead Archery Inc, Johnstown, Oh

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The State Field Championship hosted by Sherwood Archers again was a repeat of wonderful weather and courses. And no where else would it have been more appropriate than to have a ROBINHOOD at SHERWOOD!! Garreth McNelly of Xenia garnered his first Fellowship of Robinhood by telescoping an arrow on a 65 yd. shot! Congratulations Garreth!

Hunters Outlet provided all that was needed for our 600 Round Championship. From the cubs up to the master seniors, there were some great

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Ike Holzapfel, Dist. 3 Gov. steps down.

By Sherry Johnston, OAA Pres.

It is hard to let a good thing go, especially when one of your 'good things' was Ike Holzapfel. OAA has been fortunate to have Ike as an integral part of our team and his resignation will be felt strongly. But there is more to Ike Holzapfel than just his passion for archery. So much more.

Ike is devoted to family and career, being husband to wife Monica, father to 18 month old Tad, and full time teacher all while pursuing his graduate



"Therefore, it is with heavy heart I resign my position.... I will continue to promote and support the OAA in any way that I can and wish OAA continued success".

Ike Holzapfel,

degree. His 'spare' time has mushroomed to include part time school administrator, golf coach, archery instructor and staff shooter for several companies. Our hats go off to Ike! We want to thank Ike for the tremendous help and support he gave, and will continue to give to OAA and archery in the future, and wish him only the very best in all his pursuits!!

THANK YOU IKE!

It's a Family Affair! 2008 Shooter of the Year Winners!

By Sherry Johnston

It's all in the record books. Three indoor mail-in competitions; the Indoor 300 Championship, and 4 outdoor events from 3D to field archery. Eight total events over the course of a year - and we have our winners!

This year however, it takes on a rather special connotation. This year, our 'Shooter of the Year' winners are truly a 'Family Affair'. The Risner Family from Circleville, Ohio swept the OAA 2008 Shooter of the Year honors in every division. Wayne Risner - Male Shooter of the Year:

Theresa Risner, Female Shooter of the Year; and Amber Risner, Youth Shooter of the Year.

Wayne and Amber attended each and every OAA event in 2008, Theresa missing only the very last event.

Wayne Risner is a staff shooter for Mathews and has traveled to numerous shoots across the country as well as finding time to be with family for other local shoots and the OAA events. They are involved in archery locally, especially

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Left: Theresa and Wayne Risner.



Right: Amber Risner.

“Loyalty”

By Todd McNelly, Dist. 5 Gov.

Note: The views expressed by this author are not necessarily shared by the OAA.

Wow! What a year! Lots of great shoots, lots of great people to share experiences with. What more could you ask for?

We've been asked to say a few words for the OAA news letter and I figured I'd focus on the topic of loyalty. These past two years of being a member of the O.A.A. a common question I've heard asked is, "Why should I have to be a member of the NFAA/OAA to shoot in OAA State Indoor or the State Field shoots?" The short answer in my mind is "loyalty." Please bear with me and I'll explain....

Since returning two years ago to our great state of Ohio after 26 years in the Air Force, I've attended a number of shoots at the local and state level. The reason I'm a member of the OAA and NFAA is because I believe in what these two organizations stand for and what they are trying to accomplish for the sport. I have a great appreciation for what the sport of archery has done for me and my family as well.

The sport of archery brought me closer to my Dad when he was still alive and gave me some small measure of the man he was. Archery also strengthened my marriage and taught our children some valuable lessons such as self discipline and respect. If it were not for organizations like the NFAA and OAA (which by the way predates the NFAA), the sport of archery would be controlled not by those in the sport, but entirely by those who only think of lining their pockets. Don't get me wrong, there are still many who attempt to manipulate and line their pockets, (maybe not completely) but in large part they do so within the confines of the membership's wishes. Put it this way, without the

NFAA and OAA, archery shooters (with the exception of a few elite athletes) would have zero say in the sport.

Another angle is this.... Suppose you are a member of a club and that club has a league shoot. Now let's say I want to come in and shoot that league shoot without becoming a member, without paying dues... I just want to come in and pay my entry fee and take your trophy or your money.... How would that make you feel?

The shoots that the OAA puts on are not easy, the awards are not cheap, the officers aren't paid for what they do. They are only reimbursed for some of their expenses, their annual dues are paid and their shooting fees are paid (if they shoot at all). In the end, without the loyalty of people like our past and current OAA officers, governors and directors – and the rest of those willing to pitch in – there'd be fewer shoots to go to and one less organization to help fight the "anti's."

"Loyalty" is important in our sport if it is to survive and prosper. Please support your local clubs, state and national organizations as much as possible. Oh, and next time someone asks, "Why do I have to be a member to compete for state level awards," give 'em a copy of this news letter and explain the benefits of being a member of the OAA and NFAA.

Thanks and good shootin' what ever your chosen target may be....



Todd McNelly,
District 5 Governor

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scores shot and several laughs among us all.

Finally, the All Ohio Open 3D back at Sherwood Archers again was a great success this year! Close to 50 archers participated this year which was 2 ½ times more than last year. This was the last good warm-up before the IBO World and the course was set appropriately! Many comments were overheard such as "That bear down in the hole.. ouch, tough shot!" and "Did you see that

alligator?! Holy cow, how'd they do that?!". Anyone coming off that course was ready for the IBO World!

So our Summer of Fun has ended for this year, and attentions turn once again to the fall hunting season. Good Luck, Good Shooting and see you all in 2009!!

Check out our web site to get all the results and pictures of our Summer of Fun and congratulations to all our winners!



2009 Shoot Schedule preview is here!

By Sherry Johnston

OAA has set our shoot dates for 2009! See the 2009 Shoot schedule on the right! We have also listed other shoots we are aware of which may be of interest to our members also.

Don't forget the addition of the NFAA Great Lakes Indoor Sectionals on Feb. 21 and 22, 2009! Also, we will be announcing the locations for our 2009 outdoor events in the very near future.

The 300 Classifiers will be held again during the month of January at participating affiliated clubs. The dates, times and clubs hosting these indoor events will be announced soon!

Mark your calendars and plan for a great 2009 season!

2009 INDOOR SCHEDULE:

Month of January: Indoor 300 Classifiers – TBA!
Jan 3/4: OAA Indoor Bowhunter Mail-in
Jan 17/18: OAA Flint Round Mail-in
Jan 31/Feb 1: OAA Vegas Round Mail-in
Feb 6/7/8: WAF Vegas – Las Vegas, NV
Feb 21/22: NFAA GL Indoor Sectionals/Ohio Mail-in
Mar 7/8: OAA INDOOR 300 CHAMPIONSHIPS
Mar 14/15: NFAA Indoor Championships– Louisville, KY

2009 OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

May 30: OAA Spring 3D Championship
July 18/19: OAA State Field
July 22–26: NFAA Outdoor Field/Mechanicsburg PA
Aug 1: OAA 600 Round
Aug. 9: All Ohio Open 3D Championship

Hunting Season News and the OAA Big Buck Award!

Deer and turkey seasons are fast approaching in Ohio and many of us are already scouting the woods in preparation. Below is a reminder of the hunting season dates in Ohio:

Whitetail Deer: Archery – Sept. 27 to Feb. 1;
 Muzzleloader – Oct 20 to 25th, and Dec 27 to 30th;
 Youth Gun – Nov 22 & 23; Gun – Dec 1 to 7th, and Dec 20 & 21. Fall turkey season is Oct 11 thru Nov 30.

When you do bag that big buck – don't forget

to apply for the OAA BIG BUCK AWARD! Rules are simple: Game must be taken legally in Ohio or any other state. Once harvested, obtain the FREE application from the OAA website, or contact the OAA Bowhunter Director, Clyde Hinton for an application. Awards are given for both typical and non-typical racks and ALL applications filed will receive a certificate of recognition from OAA. Direct all questions and completed applications to:

Clyde Hinton, 4572 Fredericksburg Rd.
 Wooster, Oh 44691 Phone: 330-287-1812.

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where youth are involved and encourage many to join them when possible. Wayne told me once, he started shooting archery 'to get a break from doing the farm chores'. Not long after his dad, Darrell, got involved and it's been a family affair ever since. And last but not least, there is yet another Risner rising on the horizon! Youngest daughter Kendra is not to be taken for granted when it comes to shooting her bow!

Our congratulations to our 2008 Shooter of the Year Winners – The Risner Family Archers!



*Left to Right:
Wayne, daughter
Amber, and wife
Theresa pose while
practicing at home*

Don't miss the Shooter of the Year and all our award ceremonies at the 2009 Indoor 300 Championships, March 7 & 8 in Crooksville!!!

Mike Stefanini steps up to New District 3 Governor

By Sherry Johnston

When a door closes, somewhere a window is opened! We are pleased to have Mike step up to assume the Dist. 3 Gov. position. Mike has been working with us as a public relations officer and will continue in that role as well. Mike states: "I've been shooting archery for 16 years and OAA events for ten years. I shoot a Hoyt Pro Elite and an Ultra Elite. I am currently living in Akron, Ohio and looking forward to helping the OAA and the sport of archery grow."

NFAA Updates

By Dave Thewlis, Ohio NFAA Director

The Great Lakes Section Directors are submitting an agenda item for consideration and vote at the NFAA Directors meeting in February, 2009. The agenda item, if approved by a vote of the State Directors, will change the way we do business at our annual meeting.

For many years, all any state director had to do to introduce a new agenda item at the meeting, was to get 15 other directors to sign the new agenda item. It would then be added to the meeting agenda for consideration.

The state directors have all year to

*"The agenda item....
will change the way we
do business."*

get their agenda items in to NFAA headquarters in time to have them on the schedule of items to vote on. It is important that these agenda items are submitted prior to the NFAA directors meeting in order to give other state directors fair time to review and consider each item. The Great Lakes Directors (5 states) believe this practice should be stopped! All it does is add confusion to the meetings. We get as many as

35 of these 'last second' added agenda items every year leaving us very little time to read and understand them, and no time bring them to our state members for review and comment.

It is unprecedented to have an agenda item submitted and supported by all the directors of a section. We are all in agreement that there is no need to continue the adding of these 'last minute' agenda items and the time has come to end this practice.

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**Good Shooting
And
Happy Trails to All!**