

Black Sheep Bowmen Archery Club



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2012 February Newsletter

Todo Malik,

The Alaska State Archery Association 5 spot and 3 spot championships held last month was a huge success. We hosted over 40 shooters in both tournaments. Many thanks to all the volunteers and competitors who helped make the events a great success. Check the web calendar for future dates, time, and event locations...

If you haven't already noticed, 3 of our back-stops have been recently refurbished. Thanks range masters and volunteers for your time and hard work. Add another 'zero' to your paycheck. LOL...

Black Sheep is in its 2nd year supporting the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) program. WTU is the local equivalent to the national Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) administered by the US Army for service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq. A Soldier's prime mission while assigned to a WTU is to heal. Family members also need healing and their efforts play a critical role in this remarkable process. Archery is an activity that provides physical and mental exercises for our healing warriors. In addition to exercise, it allows families a chance to reconnect/interact and move forward toward life post-injury. We have been averaging around 10 shooters with their families for the last 2 sessions. Thank you Warriors and families for your dedicated service and sacrifice to our great Nation. If you would like to learn more about WWP or WTU, visit their websites at: www.woundedwarriorproject.org/ or www.warriorsintransition.org/. You can also stop by the indoor range on Mondays at 7:00 pm and meet our WTU soldiers and their families to get first hand experiences on how these programs work or simply thank them for their service and sacrifices in defending our 'Freedoms' many of us take for granted...

As a reminder, the static range at 6 mile is temporarily relocated to the upper parking lot. We have a work order in with base Civil Engineering to level our field (hopefully around break-up). The 3D shoots will remain indoors until the temperatures begin to cooperate. The indoor 3D shoots allow fair weather shooters and family members to enjoy shooting in a safe, controlled, and frost-free environment. Future plans for the outdoor range include utilizing the lower range for 3D shoots and implementing a walk-thru range for our members. We will also be building target houses to protect our bags from wild life and the harsh Alaskan climate.

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Bernie Punzalan
President, Black Sheep Bowmen

FEBRUARY 2, 2012 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the President, Bernard Punzalan. There were 10 members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rod attended a meeting on December 8th about the leveling project at the outdoor range. The guard is still interested in doing the leveling at the static range at the outdoor range. The project is toward the bottom of the base list of priorities, but since it is for training, they will not stop it as long as legal has no issues. We are not sure where the dirt needed will come from.

The remaining 6 spot bags are in. There are still at the indoor range. Mike Beal will arrange to move them to the outdoor range.

Ryan Thornton has found a couple of options for the brand. He said that it would be possible to have the logo along with the words "Black Sheep". It was decided that would be the best option. Ryan will follow up with the prices for this.

Bernard followed up on the new process the base has implemented for issuing IDs. He wanted to know if anyone had any feedback or concerns. No one knew of any problems. Please contact Bernard if you have any problems.

Larry has forward a draft for the ASAA quarterly newsletter with information about the Black Sheep. Bernard will proceed with continuing and forward back to Larry and Pam for additional review.

It will be ready for the April edition of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bernard has asked that a line be added to the membership application to allow for use of more than one email address. Pam will make the adjustments to the application, the membership spreadsheet and the email list that is maintained.

The Alaska Bowhunters Association (ABA) annual awards / fundraiser banquet will be held on April 7th at the Coast International Inn. Tickets will be \$60.00 and can be obtained from Bernard, Larry or Timmy.

Archery instruction for spring will begin on Saturday March 17th and continue through Saturday April 21st. The classes will begin at 9:30. It will be necessary to attend the first class to participate in the classes. The indoor range will be closed to open shooting on Saturday mornings during these dates.

The pins used for putting up the targets during the tournaments have been disappearing. When looking into replacements, there are available only in small quantities and quite spendy. Those going to Vegas will look into vendors who can provide them in bulk and hopefully at a cheaper rate.

The access to the internet at the club has been slow in some cases. Larry will look into a possible upgrade to speed things up.

Dean moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rod seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 1st at the indoor range at 7:00 pm.

INDOOR RANGE MASTER REPORT:

The indoor 5 spot and indoor 3 spot tournaments were a great success. Thanks to all who participated and especially to those who gave their time and efforts to host these events.

The spring indoor league will begin on Saturday, January 14th and continue on Saturday evenings through April 21st or until interest stops. The shoot will start at 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$6.00 each week and half of this money will go toward door prizes to be awarded on the last night of the season. You must be present on that night to receive a door prize. The target face used will vary from week to week.

The backstops and the paper tuner/chronograph backstop have been refurbished. Thanks to all who helped get that done. DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR TARGET FREQUENTLY!!!

The Warriors in Transition program is doing well. We have been averaging 10 shooters per Monday night. The indoor range will be closed to open shooting on Mondays at 7:00 pm January 23 – February 27 and March 18 – April 23 for this event.

OUTDOOR RANGE MASTER REPORT:

We are still in need of a few more 3D targets. Mike will coordinate with Rod and see if blems are available. If not, new prices will be put together for the next meeting. Approval to purchase was given by the membership at a prior meeting, but a lot of time has gone by so it will be appropriate to obtain new approval.

The next 3D shoot will be on Sunday, February 12th at the indoor range. Sign up/ warm up is at 9:00 am and the shoot will start at 10:00 am. There will be a work party to set up on Sunday, February 12th at 7:30 am.

Mike will be running the trails at the outdoor range to see how accessible they are. Checking snow depth and fallen trees. This will let us know how soon the shoots can be moved outdoors.

We will be moving ahead with plans to build target houses for the new bag targets to be placed on the walk through course. 20 shelters will be needed. Some used lumber will be available so the costs should be kept down. Final cost estimates will be available after reviewing the plans and inspecting the donated materials.

SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT:

We currently have 143 memberships. The major expenses for January were \$225.00 to Northwest Archers for memberships and \$131.62 to Office Max for miscellaneous office supplies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Black Sheep	February 12	3D Shoot	Indoor Range
Vegas in Valdez	February 18 & 19	Indoor 3 spot	Valdez
Cook Inlet Archers	February 19	Outdoor 3D	Loretta French Park
Black Sheep	March 4	3D Shoot	Indoor Range
Northwest Sectionals	March 10 & 11	Indoor 5 spot	Various Locations
Cook Inlet Archers	March 18	Outdoor 3D	Loretta French Park
Archery 101 Classes	March 17 – April 21	Saturday's 9:30 am	Indoor Range

Current Officers are:

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