



# *The Silver Arrow Journal*

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## **The Presidents Podium-**

I am instituting a new section in the news letter, entitled “The Rub” , it will come after the VP Voice and will deal with any controversies that we have come up in the meetings or elsewhere.



I anticipate that it will have subject matter for a while, as we continue to develop the range and make changes, in both the range and how and where we do events as a result these changes.

The Bonanza had the virtually the same turn out as last year. The shoot went pretty smooth overall, with a few glitches. Registration was a little slow so we didn't actually get to shooting until 9:30. We had a completely new course, all on the North side of the range in two loops. Most of the shooters liked the course and the way it was spread out. Several members commented that they didn't even realize we had all that territory to use. They also liked the scenery and how it was integrated with the animals. The raffle seemed to do pretty well this time and we had an enthusiastic crowd at the drawing. There were a number of shooters who did not finish in the expected time frames and some people were unhappy with that, that issue will be dealt with in the “The Rub”.

I want to especially thank those members who came out and helped set up and work the Bonanza, Scott Hensel, Mike Bertero, Matt Bertero, Jim O'Kelly, Dale Reynolds, “Q” & Briana and Cal Yarbrough all helped with the set up and taking down of the course. The usual concession crew of Heather and Brian Campolieti, Holly and Jason Dean were also out there, they set up all the concession, ran the score board & concession and took it all down.

The Wednesday evening Bow Hunter league started on the 6<sup>th</sup> , we had a pretty good turnout considering the weather was gloomy and threatening. We did not get the practice range moved as scheduled as we ran into a glitch with the Ranger crew on Saturday. This will impact the start of the League until we can get it moved. We still had 39 shooters and I anticipate we will have a lot more as the weather gets better. It is using the #1-20 loop from the Bonanza, which will be modified some as the league goes along and when we get the practice range moved. You will also notice that there are signs closing #27 & 28 of the 28 bale butt field round on Wednesday evenings, this is to more safely accommodate the Bow hunter League.

**Hope to see you at the Next meeting, Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> , 2015 , at 6:30 pm, @ The Scheels store, upstairs classroom next to the Archery Department.**

## **Key Items of Business**

**Item #1 Bonanza Review**

**Item #2 Bow Hunter League**

**Item #3 Range Improvements with Parks, recently completed and on going**

## **The VP Voice**

I want to thank the sponsors we had this year for the Bonanza, especially Rick's House of Arrows, who matched the Raffle money we spent there with donations. Rick has always been a consistent supporter and deserves you business!



I also want to thank member Robert Canham again for his donation of the Cannon he made, it was a cool and unique raffle prize and created a lot of interest (I know I wanted to win it).

Well, the spring weather continues to plague us on our leagues, only now on the cold side. On the first Bow hunter league night, even though it looked rainy and nasty in town, when we got out to the range it wasn't that bad. By a little after 6 pm, there was still no rain and the wind had died down, it was a pretty good shoot! It did get a little dark on us, but as the weeks go by that will not be an issue, so come on out and have a good time!

This is a good way to practice while waiting for those tags to come out...

I think both the Bonanza and the Bow hunter league layout is interesting and certainly uses some new territory. I enjoyed both and they were both very different than from years past. The league is a little awkward right now, but will smooth out when we get the practice range out of the way.

I was glad to see some of the new people in the club show up for set up, but we were still pretty thin when it came to taking down the Bonanza. I was a little surprised that virtually none of the shooters/members who shot the shoot stayed to help take it down.

On the Bow hunter league, we start setting up at about 4 pm, so if you can get out there and help, we will comp your shoot. We also need folks to help take it down. Although it is designed so that most of the targets are near either a road or quad trail, we still need folks to pull their last target and set it on the road or trail.

I was sorry to see Cal Yarbrough step down as Range Captain, but it just got to be too much for him. He was always out there putting up new targets on the bales and keeping an eye on the range. We will need to find a replacement, if you are interested, please let me know.

## **"The Rub"**

A response to the last newsletter from Dale Taylor, long time member:

This concerns the April news letter where you or some inactive member wondered who Wayne Thomas was. Inactive member being someone who pays their dues but does not participate in any work parties or club meetings. Wayne is a member who shows up to all meetings and is always at work parties. You have board members who never show up at work parties or voice their opinions at the meetings, Wayne does. He is a good active member who wants to help make Silver Arrow a good place to shoot.

You wanted an opinion on the new practice range. First if you have ever went to some archery ranges that have been doing field archery for decades you would find out that their practice ranges are well

thought out and laid out in a safe and practice friendly way. All archers shoot at the same time and collect arrows at the same time. All this in a 30 x100 yard area. This happens with the archers controlling themselves,when to shoot when to pull arrows. Yardage from 20 to 100 yards are all shot at the same time. This is during major archery events that have up to 1800 people at them. Most people can learn this quickly or as Jim O'Kelly said the county likes to make signs with rules. My opinion and many others is the new practice range needs work. To me it is unsafe and poorly laid out. Start over with more opinions from active club members.

Another area that was changed is the lowering of the yardage pins to ground level. They were all raised to keep people from walking the yardage numbers off them and kicking dirt over them, also it snows here and if they are at ground level you can't find them. If you want help setting up a good practice range contact me.

Please print this in your next news letter. Dale Taylor, 38 year archer, past SAB Vice President, past SAB range captain, past NBHA northern vice president.

*First, I do not agree with your definition of an active member. A person who pays their dues and keeps informed at least by the newsletter is still an active and valued member. Although I wish we could always have a packed house at the meetings and everyone showed up at the work parties, that is just not reality. Financially, membership dues account for about a third of our income. Our membership has change; as always, we have a lot of bow hunters, then we have a lot of 3-D shooters and an ever increasing number of casual archers, then we have a small cadre of target/technical shooters. Clubs in general, not just ours, are traditionally run by board members and some members who have the time and are able to physically get out there and work and help.*

*Obviously, I know who Wayne Thomas is, and my response was due to several inquiries from members who did not know him, indicating that there were probably quite a few other members that did not know who he was either.*

*Without a complete re-hash of static range design Vs the new range design, the new range was designed within NFAA safety margins and was specifically designed to address the problems we have experienced with the current range; no safety separation on 20& 30, the 40 & 50 and shooters not waiting for others when they go to shoot or pull arrows, not pathways, no signage system. The new range does not require waiting at the 20 for those at the 30 or any other target to shoot and retrieve arrows. It is true that it is NOT a traditional design, but it addresses different problems, identified right on **our** range. When the old range was designed, most of the people using the range were experienced archers, this is no longer the case! We are now open and advertised to the general public and this range is not supervised. Yes, at an organized event, the archers supervise each other thru peer pressure and experience, this is not surprising. Just like at our range and in these times, the impatience of archers in an unsupervised setting is not particularly surprising and it is a reality at our range. Since one of the identified problems at our range was archers not waiting for each other, even at just the 20 & 30 or the 40 & 50 of the current range, I don't see them waiting at the 20 & 30 of a static range,(with no safety margins between the targets) for someone shooting at a 60, 80 or 100 yard target. It is human nature, they get tired of waiting for the archer taking their time shooting at the longer distance, when they have shot all their arrows and are ready to pull. It is also situated close enough to the concession/score board area to be convenient for use in events. Movng it is also the hinge pin in opening up the North area of the range for use in 3-D events, which provide the majority of our participation and income.*

*As to starting over with more opinions from active members, both you and I know that this range has been a problem for years. It has been discussed, rehashed and rehashed again, then given up on. In the last year it has been in the for front of discussion on the overall development of the range . Finally, using the County as a resource, we were able to put it into action. Problems were looked at and addressed. It was physically laid out on the ground and again looked at and adjusted. Then two days before it was to be constructed, all the sudden it was unacceptable? As to our membership, I believe I keep in better contact with **our** overall membership than anyone else, by virtue of my constant involvement with **our** leagues, **our** events and by my contact due to serving as President. I will end with this, while not perfect, I believe the new range is way safer and better laid out than the previous one and will better serve the majority of our members and the public in general better than the old one or a static range.*

*Kelly Dean*

*48 year archer (although a lot of that was with a recurve)*

*Current President of SAB (8 years) & previous Board Member and Bow Hunter Director*

*Current Associate and Bow Hunter Director of Nevada Bow Hunters Association, as wells as web master and legislative consultant, & previous Northern VP of the NBHA*

*2013 NBHA Bow Hunter of the Year*

*International Bow Hunter Education Program Certified Bow Hunter Education Instructor*

*Nevada Department of Wildlife Bow Hunter Education Instructor*

*Level 1 & 2 USAA/NFAA archery instructor*

*While I respect Dales experience and appreciate his past work, we have not always agreed on many issues...As is obvious, two very experienced archers and club members in this case have very different opinions and considerations on this issue.*

*P.S.*

*After corresponding with Dale, he admitted that he had been an archer for 60 years, he said he just didn't count the time that he was a "Baby". I also invited him to submit a design for a shooting range in the designated Target Archery/JOAD/NASP area of the range (the South West corner, below the parking lot), since the JOAD/NASP folks have not yet been forthcoming with grants or designs. He submitted a preliminary sketch design that would satisfy most of the criteria for a target range in that area, including not shooting towards any roads. It does not have specifics yet and will, of course, have to go thru the Board and the County...*

Comments on the Bonanza:

Kelly

First, THANK YOU. The work you put in to prep the range for Friday's and Saturdays set up, it was well thought out and made the job much easier for us. The pre-set up helped with Mike, Scott, Cal, Dale, and of course yourself truly set the stage for a great shoot. Your family, Mike and Mat and the extra help at the end from Brianna and Q (no idea on how they spell their names) made a daunting task work out well. I know I've said it before but the work your kids, son in law included, put out for you is amazing. This club has no idea how much your (currently)non-shooting family has invested into our club because of their support for you. I heard nothing but praise for you and the crew regarding the quality of the shoot. In this same vane I also heard mumbling at the end of the shoot with several

people finally getting tired and the just leaving because it lingered on well past the advertised "Final" turn in time for the score cards. Obviously we got off 18 minutes late in the morning with the actual blast off being 9:30 instead of 9:00. That being said you still announced to all that the final call would reflect that with a 3:30 final call. As the shoot proceeded, most shooters were done by 3:00. At three thirty it was noted a group of shooters that have a reputation of coming in very late year after year was again in this position. I advised at the time that should they be an hour later then the revised turn in time I would post a grievance. At about 4:45 I believe Mike had to get this groups cards so they could be posted. My understanding is that some of the people in this late and well over due group ultimately won awards as a result of their scores. My understanding is that in this same group, most (not all) in so did not shoot from a required position, inside the blind, on that target. Though I have great respect for this crowd, I have a larger respect for the other 140 people that were at the shoot and held themselves up to the shooting rules and time requirements. I feel this late group violated the rules and should have been either disqualified or the cards recovered at the appropriate time and then only qualify for the score to that point. This late group also forced volunteers to hold over longer and forced the masses, the ones that did not just leave due to the extended time, to wait on a group the has many times in the past held the rest of us hostage.

In short, I feel this group violated the rules of the shoot for the convenience of more shooting time and focus thus enhance their ultimate scores. I believe this was unfair, inconsiderate, and that they should be held accountable. I'm sorry to put you in this position and don't know if anyone else even cares but this has not just been my observation. I do repeat that this is not a personal attack on the individual shooters as they are all very well respected and great people. My problem is that as a group, this team seems to discount the rules, time restraint, and comfort of the many for personal convenience.

With respect.

Jim OKelly

*This is an age old problem, and it is usually cased by two factors, large groups and groups that just take way longer to shoot than others. This time, I gave an extra 30 minutes as registration took us longer than usual, so we had a late start. Then with the new area of the range that we used, I anticipated it might take a little longer. Reacting to this, at 3:30 I drew the raffle tickets (as scheduled) but rather than just posting them, I read them off and distributed the prizes to the winners that were present. This took + or-30 minutes. Heather (who was running the score board) reported to me that we still had a lot of scores that were not in. That's when I sent Mike out to find them and get the cards in. The group you were referring to was not done shooting, but was down to their last two targets, there was a small group behind them that was held up waiting for them and the other group that was still out was finished but walking back from #29. There were kids in both groups and I absolutely hate to cut kids out of anything we do here. People at the score board were getting angry because almost all of them were in by the time I started the raffle and only the three groups I sent Mike after were still out by the time the raffle was done. We started doing the kids groups then the adult classes that were complete, but then had to stop as I got the cards from Mike.*

*What is the solution? I like everyone to have a good time at our shoots and they should have plenty of time to shoot. I especially like to have all the kids have time to get through and it is often not their fault if they do not. On the other hand, how many people are Not going to come back to this shoot as it took too long to get the scores back in and posted? And how did the other 135 people get through the shoot in a timely fashion, but they did not? I spoke to one of the group that had finished at #29, he said they just had too big of a group and it took a long time with the kids and everyone and he apologized for being late.*

*Do we make it a hard and fast rule that if your cards are not in by this time, they simply will not be counted? Do I need to give a 30 minute to turn in time honk on the horn? Something else? I want to hear from members... gboekd@sbcglobal.net or 771-5845*

*P.S.*

*Just so you don't get the wrong idea, the girls are not that hot on shooting anymore, but both Brian and Jason like to shoot and would like to shoot at our events. They are just so tied up with working it, that they don't get the time to shoot. The same goes for me. And quite a few members did stop by and thank me for the work done on the shoot, which I appreciated.*

### **Upcoming events**

**Big game applications are closed for the first draw.** Go to [www.huntnevada.com](http://www.huntnevada.com) for further information.

#### **May**

**13<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #2, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**16<sup>th</sup>, Fallon Marked Yardage 3-D, Fallon Bowmen, Fallon**

**17<sup>th</sup>, River Animal Madness, unmarked yardage 3-D, Fallon Bowmen, Fallon**

**20<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #3, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**27<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #4, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**31<sup>st</sup>, Sagebrush Classic Traditional Shoot, unmarked yardage 3-D NBHA @SAB Reno**

#### **June**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #5, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**6 & 7 Elko Bowhunter Classic, unmarked yardage 3-D Lamoile Canyon Elko**

**10<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #6, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**13&14 Bristlecone Archers Shoot ?Success Loop?, Ely**

**17<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #7, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**20&21 Fathers Day Shoot, Spooner Summit, Carson Valley Archers**

**20&21 Bowhunter Jamboree, unmarked yardage 3-D Perdiz range, Eureka, NBHA**

**24<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #8, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**27<sup>th</sup>, Bear Valley Shoot, marked yardage 3-D, Loyalton CA, FRAC**

**28<sup>th</sup>, Bear Valley Shoot, un- marked yardage 3-D, Loyalton CA, FRAC**

#### **July**

**1<sup>st</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #9, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**8<sup>th</sup>, Bow hunter 3-D League #10, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**11& 12 Big Buck Warm Up CVA**

**12<sup>th</sup>, Bow Hunter Finale' and Challenge, 3-D +, SAB Reno, call 771-5845 tentative**

**15<sup>th</sup>, Carlsen Evening Shoot, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

**22<sup>nd</sup>, Carlsen Evening Shoot, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845**

### **The Web [www.silverarrowbowmen.net](http://www.silverarrowbowmen.net)**

We are continuously building more information into the new web site...Our Calendar page is now updated, if you see any information that is not correct on the web site, or have information you would like to see us post, please let us know!

## The Secretary Says

### Financial-

We are recovering from the Bonanza and the Bow Hunter League has already started filling our coffers again. For further information and details, come to our next meeting...

### Membership

Welcome to **Cory, Stephanie & Mea Van Hoose, Bob and Judy Watnes, Jake Vialpando, Jacob Canham, Qadir “Q” Baqi & Brianna Gall and Lynn Larsen** who all joined in the last month! Also, thank you to all of those who paid your dues at the first bow hunter league night...

**Remember, May is renewal month for all of those who have been members for over a year! We will be sending out notices to those who have not renewed, then we will start dropping them from our list...**

We currently list **99** single memberships and **45** family memberships that are fully active and paid up on their dues. We also have 12 life memberships. That puts us at **199** members...

We are in the continual process of updating our membership list, if you have had a change of address or other information, please let us know!

Also, we really need to update the member E-mail list, so please send your e-mail to our new e-mail address at : [silverarrowbowmens@hotmail.com](mailto:silverarrowbowmens@hotmail.com)

**Epecially now that we have transitioned to e-mail newsletters!**

### Facebook [SilverarrowbowmenNV](#)

Member Lystra Pitts got us on Facebook, so we can post hunting photos etc there. Our Secretary, Heather Campolieti will do most of the management work on it, so if you have questions, call her.... **If you friend us on facebook, it gives us another avenue to get information out to you** on events and what the club is doing!

## The Range Captain's Corner

### **Out on the Range**

The Lemmon Valley Range remains open to members and the general public every day, via the lower parking lot and walk over gate. There are 28 bail butts available for shooting. **Please leave the range clean!** Remember, the gate code may change, after we get our membership audit done in January, see membership for further information. Range Captain Cal Yarbrough stepped down from his position last month. Until we can find a replacement, everyone else will need to pitch in and at least try to fill in for some of the things he did. Cal still came out and helped set up the Bonanza and the Bow hunter league, but he will be sorely missed in terms of keeping up the bale butts and practice range.

