



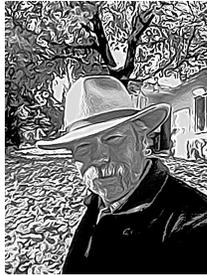
The Silver Arrow Journal

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The Presidents Podium-

Well, for all you hunters, the tags are out for the first drawing! Our Wednesday night 3-D league had it's usual jump in participation with the tags coming out, so far we have had 111 different individuals who have come out at one time or another this year.



Even with the thunderstorms, we have had between 40 & 70 people out every night. So don't be shy, come on out and shoot! Especially now that the weather has warmed up and it's staying light a little longer...

Our last meeting was short and thin on attendance, and we got thru the agenda pretty fast. We authorized a donation to the NBHA for the Bow Hunter Defense Fund, which is used at the Bow Hunter Jamboree to get awards for the Bow hunter challenge. Last year our \$200 donation turned into \$800 that was made for the Bow Hunter Defense Fund in that event. I do apologize, apparently some members (who receive their newsletters by regular postal mail) did not get their Newsletters before the meeting. This newsletter takes a lot of time putting together and Heather gets it out as soon as she can after I get it to her, but we cannot control postal delivery. Our goal is to always have it out to members before the meeting but sometimes it just doesn't happen.

As you may have noticed, the Parks Department started a new round of construction on the range, putting in foundation poles for shade shelters on the practice range. This is something that we had talked about, but I did not realize they had the materials and resources to do. Ranger Marie Fong made arrangements for a crew to start construction then informed me of when it would be happening. We exchanged e-mail and then I went out there to go over some modifications to her original plan, such as the placing of the poles, roof height and design etc... When I assisted the crew and Ranger on scene in the lay out, it was obvious that there was going to be additional trimming of trees and bushes to accommodate the shelters and the lanes once they were in place. I asked that the shelters on the 20 & 30, which have two butts each, be wider to accommodate shooters at both butts, they were not sure they could do that due to the materials it would require. This is still a work in progress...

Hope to see you at the Next meeting, Monday June 8th , 2015 , at 6:30 pm, @ The Scheels store, upstairs classroom next to the Archery Department.

Key Items of Business

Item #1 Bonanza Review- Final & Financial

Item #2 Bow Hunter League

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

We may also discuss
The Sagebrush classic

The VP Voice

Wow, we had sixty people at the league before last and seventy three people shooting at the last league night, it was great to see everybody out there. Tags coming out is apparently a



pretty good motivator. Our set up crew has grown and I want to thank them, Dale Reynolds, usually gets there first and gets everything opened up, then Cal Yarbrough, then Q and Brianna arrive to provide muscle, Scott Hensel and Nick Milan, then Matt & me round it out. This allows us to get the animals out and set up pretty quick. Now we won't have Cal for the next couple of weeks, so if you can come out early and help it will be appreciated!

As we get more and more people out to the league, naturally we start getting more problems with congestion and it takes longer to shoot. Please be patient, due to County construction, we still can't move the practice range out of the way, which will enable us to eliminate a lot of the congestion at #1. We are still playing the balancing game between trying to make sure everyone get's a chance to shoot the entire course and getting it picked up before dark. As participation grows, this get's harder to balance, so please be patient. Kelly has some possible solutions he will discuss in "the Rub".

Speaking of Kelly, he finally got his "Square" working at the last league, it takes most credit cards, but is still way slower than just using cash. Plus, it is still not 100% reliable in processing the cards, so please still bring cash. But at least we are making progress!

It was a cold and cloudy day in May...

It was a cold and cloudy day on the 22nd of May, when member Mighty Bruce Belton stepped



to the line at Wasting Arrows, and waste them he would! He shoots at the three spot target, 5x! He draws and shoots again, we all hear the familiar sound of arrow splitting arrow, that's a Robinhood he calls out... Now, with laser like concentration, Mighty Bruce pulls his bow, silence falls over the range and he lets go... again the sound of arrow splitting arrow... at the whistles blow, it's confirmed a double 5x Robinhood!

Congratulations Bruce! This is actually the second time he has done this, the first time was at the SAB range at the 40 yard target. This was, however the first time he was intentionally trying to get a double... And they were clean, each arrow blew the nock off the other one and went right down inside. What to do now? Try to get a triple Robinhood of course!

The Sagebrush Classic Traditional Shoot

The Nevada Bow Hunters Association Sagebrush Classic Traditional shoot was hosted by SAB again this year. We had a Traditional Round of 30 3-D targets in traditional settings, including a canoe shoot (shooting two targets while sitting or kneeling in a canoe) the Walking Buffalo Shoot (4 arrows at the buffalo while you walk between two stakes, you must keep walking while shooting).

Shooters then went on to a handicapped shoot-off of 5 targets, then to the “Speed Round” where you shoot as many arrows as possible in twenty seconds at the giant Jack-a-lope at between 15 & 20 yards. In this event, you can start with as many arrows on the string as you want, then shoot the rest as fast as you can, scoring all arrows that hit...

In addition to recurve and longbow classifications, we also have a self bow category, for people who make their own bows from a single piece of wood. We actually had two competitors in this category this year, Anthony and Dennis Williams. They are the first ones to show up in this category in some time!

Longbow male

Adult

- 1st Kyle McPartland
- 2nd Steve Wells
- 3rd Robert Canham

Youth

- 1st Bodie Kellers
- 2nd Kade McPartland

Self Bow Male

- 1st Anthony Williams
- 2nd Dennis Williams

Shoot-off Round winner Jacob Canham

Speed Round winner Tim Rhyme

Recurve

Adult Male

- 1st George Flornoy
- 2nd Tim Ryme
- 3rd Mike Adams

Adult Female

- 1st Wendy Nelson
- 2nd Christy Dalton
- 3rd Suzanne Dutra-Flornoy

Youth Male

- 1st Hunter Dalton
- 2nd Ethan Adams

Youth Female

- 1st Nicole Nelson

The Robinhood All Around winner was Robert Canham! Although he did not “win” or take 1st in any of them, he still had the highest accumulation of points from all of them combined.

“The Rub”

I had several members complain to me about the previous league and the one we just had this week. Their complaints were:

Too many people stacked up to shoot number one, thus creating a large back up and even if you went up to #2 or #3, there was still a large back up

Targets were pulled too early, due to backups on the course when several groups got back down to the lower targets they had already been pulled by the pick-up crew

This is not a new concern, each year, as we get more people out to the league, it gets more congested. When you start hitting 60 to 70 people a night, that means that if they were spread out evenly you would still have 3-4 people per target. But that is not how it works, most people like to shoot with their friends and form larger groups, then some like to just shoot with one or two people, inevitably, they are not spread out evenly over the course... Additionally, as the numbers go up, it takes longer to register them, so they get a later start and tend to start at #1.

This is exacerbated by the fact that we still can not move the practice range, (until the Parks complete their last round of construction) which would allow us to alter the course so you don't have to go quite so high up and over the canyon.

Here are a couple of possible solutions:

*Make everyone sign up on a target before they go out (suggested by a member)
This would spread out the shooters a little better...*

Make it a staggered start, so that as soon as the targets are all up, shooters can go out on the course and start shooting...

This would eliminate the “shotgun” or blowing the horn start. The shotgun start has been used for years to allow all the shooters to get out on the course, to the various shooting stations, without having to worry about walking past others who were already shooting.

This would make everyone pretty much start at #1, as they would not want to be wandering all over the course looking for a place or certain target to start on, as there would already be active shooters on the course.

This would require that the practice range be closed as soon as the 3-D targets were set and the course was ready to go, typically around 5:15 to 5:30.

(we could just tell people coming in after this time that they need to use bale butt targets one and two to warm up on, then go onto the 3-D course)

This should reduce the conflict with targets being picked up too soon, as virtually everyone will start on #1, so as the range clears, the targets can be picked up in order.

If #1 gets too jambed up initially, they could go up the road and start at 17,18,19, or 20, which could spread out the jamb at #1

Got another Idea? I want to hear from members... gboekd@sbcglobal.net or 771-5845, this will be discussed at the meeting on Monday the 8th...

Comments on the Bonanza from last time:

This is in regards to comments about groups being late at the last Bonanza, it was discussed at the May meeting, the consensus was that the best option was to announce it at the shooters meeting, then do the warning Honk on the horn when there is 30 minutes to go, then to call it at that time and finish the ranking, leaving those that did not turn in cards out of the ranking for awards...

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Upcoming events

Big game tags for the first drawing are out! If you did not draw tags, remember there is a 2nd drawing for left over ags, but I have not yet heard what is available... Go to www.huntnevada.com for further information.

June

6 &7 Elko Bowhunter Classic, unmarked yardage 3-D Lamoile Canyon Elko 10th, Bow hunter 3-D League #6, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

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

17th, 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

24th, Bow hunter 3-D League #8, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

27th, Bear Valley Shoot, marked yardage 3-D, Loyalton CA, FRAC

28th, Bear Valley Shoot, un- marked yardage 3-D, Loyalton CA, FRAC

July

1st, Bow hunter 3-D League #9, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

8th, Bow hunter 3-D League #10, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

11& 12 Big Buck Warm Up CVA

12th, Bow Hunter Finale' and Challenge, 3-D +, SAB Reno, call 771-5845 tentative

15th, Carlsen Evening Shoot, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

22nd, Carlsen Evening Shoot, 6pm SAB Reno, call 771-5845

The Web 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 good now with all the money coming in from memberships and the bow hunter league. For further information and details, come to our next meeting...

Membership

Welcome to **Levi Hoople, Dave Kellers, Aaron Beck, Wes and Jennifer Harbor**, 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 was 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 **102** single memberships and **46** family memberships that are fully active and paid up on their dues. We also have 12 life memberships. That puts us at **204** members...
Please get your renewals in and keep this club moving forward...

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

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

Facebook [SilverarrowbowmenNV](https://www.facebook.com/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 (hopefull in July...

