

'The Bowmen News'

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Upcoming events 2010

Membership (\$30 + \$5yrly pass)	
Holiday Shoot -	Nov 27 th – Dec 18 th
Happy Thanksgiving	Be Thankful, don't hesitate to say thanks.
Merry Christmas	Remember the reason for the Season.

A Message from our Club President

Archery: Another Successful Season

In a robust club the size of FCAA, there are many measures of success.

By sheer numbers, this season was a success. The club has grown by 47%, now with 280 family memberships. FCAA is financially sound and anticipates continued growth.

For some it was a success because they returned to the sport that was a dormant interest for years, or were able to share the sport with their children or grandchildren, or get a friend involved in shooting this season. Still others may have bowhunted for the first time this season, or bagged their first animal with a bow.

Weekly participation in leagues made it a success for some, either due to challenging work schedule, travel, or even serious illness for several.

Others were successful this year at getting involved in club activities for the first time, helping set up 3D Leagues, or teaching archery at one of the youth-focused events that the club sponsored.

I know many enjoyed their practice... practice at shooting, and more importantly practice at sharing and promoting our sport of archery, as well as practice at supporting the club. Everyone who

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helped set up 3D is more of a safe shooter, because they appreciate the shooting lanes and shooting angles a little more. They should also enjoy league shooting; appreciating how much work it is to produce an event with 75-100 shooters every week. Those who helped at one of the many work days, or made a special trip at another time to work were successful at improving the condition of the range and helping ensure the public's enjoyment.

I believe that the club leadership was also successful this year. The city's budget cuts gave us greater visibility of the total cost of range operation, and a closer relationship with Parks & Recreation. This year we were forced to bear a greater share of the total expense of the range, and the solution we developed with the city worked well in its first year. Our material costs are up, but revenues are up as well. Memberships are up, and there is a greater awareness of the club's operation, especially within the general public. Overall, the club is stronger and in a better position than a year ago. The first year with the fee-for-use system has been a success for FCAA and the city. I hope your year continues to be a blessed and successful year.

I'll see you on the range!

Michel

Editors Note:

What our Club President didn't tell you was that he was successful this year also. Successful in a way that the Almighty Creator was protecting him. Check out the picture below. He took this picture by placing his camera on his hunting sticks and reviewing the picture the next day.

If you'd like to send your story or meet with me so I can capture your story, I'd like to post it in our news letter. Just drop me a line and we can arrange to get together.



Tip of the Month:

When waxing your bow, do you get tube of wax in hand and rub up and down the strings, and then take some form of leather to rub the wax deeper in the string fiber? Here's a tip for you... When loading up your strings with wax instead of using leather to rub in the wax, take a hair dryer and melt the wax into the fibers. The heat from the hair dryer is not very hot to destroy your strings (providing you don't stay in one spot) but if you move up and down the string in a slow motion allowing the heat to melt the wax into the fibers of the string, it is a result only the manufacture can produce when building them... Try it let me know what you think. (Send replies to newslettereditor@fcollinsarchery.com)

UPCOMING NEWS:

We are trying to put together a Winter or Holiday shoot, that will start the weekend of Thanksgiving, that Saturday and run to the weekend just before Christmas. The dates will be November 27th and run 4 consecutive Saturdays until the 18th of December. We are offering a 50% pay back. BUT.... We need your help. We need a team of members who will help and put out the 3-D targets. Our plan is to start around 10:00am with a shotgun start till around 1:00pm; this of course is determined as to the number of archers who are signed up. BUT... here is the other 'catch' if you don't call Michel or contact me before the 23rd of November and we don't have at least 20 archers (just makes it worth it) then we will not have this shoot. Come on you!!! Let's do this...



In memory of a good friend and great outdoorsmen and archer.

God Bless the works of this man.

Editors note:

On November 7th of this year 2010, the Kingdom of Heaven received a wonderful man. I can't say I knew Randy well, I knew him and met him through FCAA.

There were a few times our President was not able to make the league night and I heard that a Randy Carey was the guy who was going to officially to the start.

As the editor for the club, I was asked to inform Mr. Carey of some up-coming events and to ask him to announce this before he sent the archers on their way.

When I met Randy I immediately noticed the humbleness that this man exhibited. He had a strength and tenderness that most men don't have a balance in. As I spoke with him there were other nuances that came to my attention and were quickened to me as if I knew this man for a long time. I found out later what those were and why. I have been blessed and have a good friend. The memory of this man will stay with me for my life-time. There is a quote that I'd like to leave my readers with. It is a quote from Saint Irenaeus.

"The Glory of God is Man fully Alive"

Randolph "Randy" J. Carey, 52, of Fort Collins, went to be with his Lord, November 7, 2010. He was surrounded by his family when he passed after battling cancer. Randy was born May 9, 1958 in Columbia City, Indiana to Nicholas G. and Jessie Marie Carey of Fort Collins.

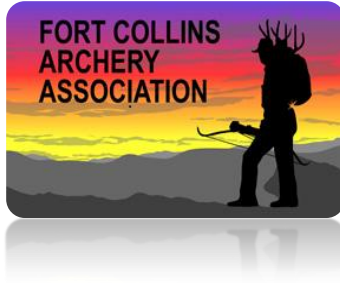
Randy married Rhonda Rule on November 15, 1980 in Casper, Wyoming.

The Carey family moved to Fort Collins, when Randy was 12; he graduated from Fort Collins High School in

1976. He attended Anderson University and graduated with a sacred music and vocal performance degree. In 1982 Randy and Rhonda founded and currently own and operate Big Horn Masonry Inc. Randy was respected for his work ethics in the community. He also enjoyed his passion for music by leading worship for the Men's Christian Business Conference and serving as the Music Minister of PEAK Community Church for twenty-five years.

Randy put his whole heart in to everything he did. He was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. His friends say he was a good man and a hero to many. Randy gave everything willing and graciously to friends, family, and even strangers. He had a joyful spirit. He was a mentor to many and was known by the little ones as "Uncle Fester." He was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed spending time in the mountains. He loved bow hunting and traveled worldwide in search of big game.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Carey; parents, Nicholas and Jessie Carey; sons, Jacob (Paige) Carey of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Nathan Carey of Fort Collins; sisters, Kim Haas and Kelly Carey both of Fort Collins; one grandchild, Leah Carey and another grandchild expected in March.



The Fort Collins Archery Association

- **We are a group of people united by an interest in archery.**
- **Our membership includes both active bow-hunters and target archers who have never hunted.**
- **We maintain *for the public* the Fort Collins outdoor archery range on land owned by the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department.**
- **We work with local organizations and businesses to provide support for youth archery programs, sponsor benefit shoots and host competitions.**

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