



ON-TARGET NEWS

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Annual Meeting - Guest Speaker!

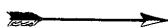
The FCAA annual membership meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker this year is Tom Baldwin, who will give an excellent talk on Old Technology/New Technology, featuring a discussion on arrow speeds then and now, bow energy dynamics, and the history of bow evolution. He will have bows of all sorts to discuss, including a model of the first compound. Tom will also give a presentation on his NWT caribou hunt. This should be an excellent program.

We'll also bring everyone up to date on Club status, upcoming events, and discuss any suggestions for changes or improvements in club operations and activities. An election of officers will also be held. This is an important meeting to attend if you have a sincere interest in the future of the FCAA. With people moving away and leaving the club, we need more members to become involved to ensure that the FCAA continues to exist and provide the excellent archery opportunity we now enjoy. See you there!

Membership Fun Shoot and Pancake Breakfast

Mark Saturday, April 20th on your calendar for the annual FCAA membership shoot and pancake breakfast.

This is a fun shoot, with unlimited shooting at 3-D's from 9:00 until 2:00. Cost is \$20.00, which includes a family membership to the FCAA for 2002, and also includes a plate full of the famous FCAA pancakes (until we run out!). For those members who have already renewed their 2002 membership, shooting and pancakes are free.



Club Status with the City

Negotiations are underway with the City of Fort Collins regarding a new contract with the FCAA and plans for the clubhouse and work building. For those of you who don't know, the archery range and surrounding property is owned by the City, which contracts with the FCAA for upkeep. In exchange for his work, which includes maintaining and improving the range, maintaining the buildings, mowing the grass, and rebuilding target butts, the FCAA is permitted to occupy the buildings and use the range for club activities. At this time, it appears that everything is on-track for a renewal of the contract. Issues over disposition of the buildings are also being resolved.

Fulfilling our contract and keeping the archery range public requires a lot of work, hundreds of hours contributed primarily by FCAA Board members. The help of club members on work days is greatly appreciated!

Buckhorn Llama Shoot Rescheduled

A quick spring blizzard resulted in rescheduling of the CBA-sponsored Buckhorn Llama shoot. The new date is now April 6th, at the same location in Masonville. Shooting times are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with a break for a CBA meeting from 11:30-12:30. There will be raffles, door prizes, a silent auction, and a used 3-D target auction throughout the day. A lunch concession is available.

The shoot is free with a new or renewed membership. Current members can shoot for \$10.00, and children under 12 shoot for free.

To find the Buckhorn Llama Ranch, take Highway 34 west from Loveland. Turn north at the Big Thompson School, and continue north for four miles to the ranch.

For more information, call Dan Leonhardt at 970-484-5926, or Steve Hilde at 970-222-2492.



FCAA Volunteer Work Report

The FCAA provided 1,272 volunteer work hours in 2001 to support the City of Fort Collins archery range. The following lists the majority of tasks:

Building maintenance	107.5 hrs
Shoots and fund raisers	410 hrs
Range maintenance	147.5 hrs
Archery education	249 hrs
FCAA business	262 hrs
Web site maintenance	96 hrs

Cub Scout Archery

Here is your chance to give something back to the sport of archery and bowhunting right here in the Loveland and Fort Collins Area.

Preliminary Information:

Where: Cub Scout Day Camp Sessions (to be held at the Larimer County Fairgrounds)

When: June 10,11,12 and June 17,18,19 (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday all day sessions)

What can you do? Volunteer to help set up the ranges on Monday morning or tear them down on Wednesday afternoon. Or give a day or two (or more) of your time, knowledge, and experience to help Cub Scout age boys shoot with a bow and arrow and have fun. If you've never done this, you're missing out on an incredibly rewarding and valuable experience. Interested? Please call or e-mail Toby Trujillo (226-6279, etttrjt@attbi.com).



Arctic Shoot Report

Aided by balmy, 52 degree weather, the FCAA Arctic Shoot on January 26th was one of the most well-attended outdoor winter shoots in recent memory. 83 shooters enjoyed the challenging 3-D course, enhanced by obstacles such as a kayak which required shooting from a sitting position, and a set of snowshoes as required footwear at one target.

Arctic Shoot Results

Traditional

Tracey Gulliksen	349
Rob Tio	331
Chris Ropas	321

Men's Unlimited

Aaron Snyder	423
Dave Miller	418
Henry Ferguson	416

Men's Limited

Willis Slunaker	353
Dave Horton	293

Women's

Shari Pettyjohn	358
Alicia Viscoe	346
Leona Mayo	314

Youth

Rob Capron	344
Ryan Lee	277
Michael Ficker	270



ArrowDynamics 3-D Shoots

Unfortunately, Mother Nature brought some much-needed snow on February 9th, resulting in cancellation of Jim and Pat's first big shoot of the season. As a result, Shooter of the Year scores will be calculated from the remaining five shoots, with the top four scores counting toward the award.

Upcoming shoots are:

April 13 **May 11**

June 8 **July 13.**

For shoot information or questions, visit ArrowDynamics at 2536 Midpoint Drive in Fort Collins, (970) 484-4900, or e-mail Jim Widmier at jwidmier@aol.com.



The Editor Shoots Back

As we begin the 2002 archery season with eager anticipation, we need to remember that the Fort Collins Archery Association is just that - an *Association*.

The reason we have our excellent outdoor range is because the City of Fort Collins has generously given us the land and facilities, provided we, the FCAA members, perform the maintenance and improvements. Without the FCAA, there would likely be no outdoor range, at least not one with all of the features and in the condition we enjoy today.

Yet each time there is work to be done, the same handful of people are counted upon to do it. Week after week, a reliable few volunteers work to repair targets, set up targets, take down targets, build bridges and elevated platforms, mow the lawn, maintain the buildings, and repair the equipment, while other FCAA members are content to just show up and shoot. Some think that just because they pay their twenty bucks a year and five bucks on Wednesdays, they are home free. But those volunteers who donate thousands of hours so the other members can have great shooting don't get paid for their work. They do it to keep the gift of this wonderful range.

Some of the most reliable volunteers are becoming burned out after years of this effort - understandably - and need help. If we are to continue this great club and archery range, more members must step up and become involved, even for just a couple of hours each year. Next time you're shooting and see other members working, think about putting down your bow for a few minutes and offering to help. Stop by for an hour on a work day. Help set up targets. Attend a Board meeting and give your thoughts, or better yet, join the Board. Without your help, this club will go away. If the FCAA goes away, so, too will our fine archery range. It's up to you....

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