



ON-TARGET NEWS

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Membership Shoot

If you haven't already, be sure to mark **April 23** on your calendar! That is the date of our annual membership shoot. It is open to members only and is a great time to renew your membership if you haven't already. A 3D shoot will be offered followed by lunch and a club meeting. The club officers for this coming year are elected during the meeting so get your vote in. If you would like to get involved in the club, this is a good time to get started (if interested, contact Troy Tafoya at troyt@pds-co.com). Lunch will be provided by the club during the meeting.

After lunch there will be a **swap meet** and some fun shoots! Don't be surprised to find swinging chickens, a distance shoot, and a "bionic" turkey. Bring anything you want to "swap" and be prepared for a GREAT time. The cost is \$20 and includes your yearly membership dues (free if you have already renewed).

FCAA Jamboree

Many of you may have heard of the CBA Jamboree that is held each year in July. However, you may not have heard about the Jamboree that our club holds each year as well. It will be June 17-19 and will be at the Jacks Gulch Camp Ground on the way to Pingree Park. Please arrive after noon on the 17th and look for our area. Dinner will be provided by the club on Saturday night

and a 3D course will be set up as well. Camping is allowed and families are welcome. It is a great time and a good way to "get away from it all" and get in some shooting too!

Wednesday Night Leagues

May is just around the corner and so are the club's Wednesday night leagues! They will start May 4th. Each session will last 4 weeks with the best three scores counted. There is a cash payback for each class. You can check out the club's web site (www.ftcollinsarchery.com) for the results from last year.

There will be a slight change in classes this year. The Open class will be for scopes (any sight with a magnifying lens) and any other equipment (release or fingers), Unlimited will be sight and release and Limited will be sight and fingers.

Winter Blues?

Ah, the winter blues - hunting season is over, outdoor leagues haven't started and you want to hunt! There are many options besides our Artic Shoot and here are a few of them.

One option that many club members have taken is to go pig hunting. The season (if there is one) is year round and in several states you don't even need a license. One ranch in Oklahoma that has been proven to have a LOT of pigs is Shiloh Ranch (<http://209.182.83.244/>). There are many other ranches in Texas as well. These hunts offer a nice break during the cold winter months and give you a chance to harvest some real good meat. Many of the ranches offer exotics as well. Your best bet is to go to a ranch that is recommended by someone you know. A few of our members have been burned by going to a ranch that "said" it had great hog hunting but really didn't. You will also want to check on the type of hunting they do. Some are mostly night hunting operations, some don't allow spot-and-stalk, and some use dogs. You need to know if the hunting they offer is the type that appeals to you.

Six members of the club went to Shiloh the end of January and took 9 pigs. Laszlo took top honors with a 200 pound boar! Everyone had a great time and went home happy. The common comment was "I have GOT to come back next year!" However, spots book up fast so the sooner you make arrangements the better.



Laszlo Nobl with a 200 lb. pig from Shiloh Ranch

You can also look into turkey hunting in the spring, both here in Colorado and in neighboring states like Kansas or Nebraska. It helps to have private property to hunt on, but many people do very well hunting public areas.

Another option to get some shooting in is to participate in an indoor league. One such league offered locally is at Arrow Dynamics. You shoot at 3D targets with yardages 20 yards or under. It is a lot of fun and cash prizes are given to the top finishers.

So if you want to do more than sit on the couch watching hunting videos and dreaming, check out some of these alternatives!

CDOW Report

License fee increase proposed - House Bill 1266 proposes to increase resident and non resident license fees. There is also an educational surcharge for the education of the non hunting public about the positive role of hunters and DOW game management and a Habitat Stamp charge. It has been over 10 years since the last fee increase for residents. Become informed so you can express your desires to your legislator.

Limited licenses applications - If you are still waiting to get you limited license application in, you are out of luck. The deadline was April 5. You aren't necessarily out of the running though. Left over licenses will be available later in the summer.

Ranching for Wildlife under review - The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) has established a committee to assess and improve the Ranching for Wildlife (RFW) program. The committee first met in mid-March, where guidelines and a timeline for the review process were

set. The next meeting took place March 28 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 29 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Frisco.

The RFW program was initiated in 1985 by the Colorado Wildlife Commission. It provides incentives in the form of flexibility in season dates and guaranteed licenses to large landowners who agree to allow public access and improve their habitat for wildlife. The program has opened more than a million acres of private wildlife habitat to public hunting.

CDOW Director Bruce McCloskey appointed a committee of 17 stakeholders, including sportsmen, representatives from some participating ranches, neighbors of participating ranches, representatives from agricultural groups impacted by the RFW program, and DOW employees who are involved with the program. The committee is charged with conducting a top-to-bottom review of the program. Once the review is completed, the committee will make recommendations to the DOW on how the program could be improved and strengthened. The committee will meet every three to four weeks and make draft recommendations to the DOW in mid-June. The recommendations will be reviewed and presented to the Wildlife Commission in July as a draft. Final recommendations will be presented in September.

The Ranching for Wildlife committee meetings are open to the public. At the end of the meeting, time will be provided for public input. The public also is welcome to provide input via: e-mail to the project coordinator (tom.remington@state.co.us) or on the Web site; in letters to the Wildlife Commission; to committee representatives; or by attending the Wildlife Commission meetings in July or September.

For more information on the review process, or to read meeting notes and view dates, times and locations of meetings, visit:

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/ranching/review.asp>

Work days off to a great start

With spring comes work. Our FCAA work days at the range got off to a great start on April 2. We had a good crew and backstops and target faces were replaced. Everything looks ready for the membership shoot on the 23rd!

From April through August, the first Saturday of every month will be another work day. These days are critical for keeping the range in order. Bales and target faces wear out or occasionally are vandalized so constant attention is required. You can really help by showing up and pitching in. We meet at 8:00 at the Club House and are usually done by noon, depending on the amount of help. Of course, after getting the targets fixed up most of us had to do a little shooting to try everything out!



Please come and join us to keep the range in good shape. Any help is appreciated!

Youth Range Days

The FCAA will be assisting the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) again this year by providing the archery range, equipment, and archery instruction at the CDOW's Youth Outdoor Skills Day. The event will be held on Saturday, June 25th. This event is usually as much fun for us as it is for the participants.

Also we may again be asked to provide archery ranges and instruction on June 6th-8th and June 13th-15th for Cub Scout Day Camps for the Thompson-Poudre District, Longs Peak Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

If you are interested in helping with these events please contact Toby Trujillo at (970) 226-6279 or email at ettrjt@comcast.net.



"Don't get me wrong, Frank, I believe every hunter should have a nice tree stand. I just think you might've gone a little overboard."

Upcoming Events		2004 FCAA Board of Directors			
Membership shoot/meeting	April 23	President:	Troy Tafoya	troyt@pds-co.com	226-4678
Wed. Night 3D League begins	May 4	Vice President:	Stacey Litchfield	stacey1@peakpeak.com	667-9423
Work Day	May 7	Secretary	Michel Magers	mdmagers@teamconsulting.biz	481-3903
Work Day	June 4	Treasurer:	Rod Albers	ralbers@fcgov.com	223-4649
FCAA Jamboree	June 17-19	Range Directors:	Tom Hagerman	tomntrish1@msn.com	
Cub Scout Day Camp	June 6-8		Phil Buxton	pbuxton1@juno.com	568-7335
Cub Scout Day Camp	June 13-15		Ron Nelson		
Youth Outdoor Skills Day	June 25		Willis Slunaker		482-6830
Work Day	July 2		Terry Chamberlain		
Work Day	Aug. 6	League Directors:	Tom Kelley	4tjk@verinet.com	221-1518
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The Fort Collins Archery Association

- We are a group of people united by an interest in archery.
- Our membership includes both active bowhunters 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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