



January 2011

Happy New Year

SMOKE SIGNAL



Club Member Joe Rarey in a beautiful hunting photo taken by club member Anne Marie Rarey

The club has voted and the board has some new officers for this year. Congratulations to Bryan Dissen, our new President and Kelly Loney, our new Vice-President. I would like to thank our former President, Timm Hines, Vice-President Cooper Ewing, Grounds Director Jiri Sykora, and Activities Director Kathy Sykora for their service to the club. Being a board member takes a lot of dedication and personal sacrifice and I applaud them. The Sykora family has sacrificed a lot of free time in the past 2-3 years to help the club in any way they can and will be missed not being on the board. I am back in the saddle doing Communications again and Steve Allen is taking over the Activities Director role. . The 2011 Board will be addressing some issues this year that will affect the membership structure and volunteer participation and as members, you will see and hear from us more than ever looking for input. The indoor season is in full swing and Great Northwest Archery is having Wednesday and Saturday leagues for the WSAA multi-color mail-in and they are a blast to shoot in. Hope to see you there! :)

Shoot Straight >>>-----> *Andy*

A friendly reminder to all members: Your Membership badge should be visible on your person while on the range. By having your badge visible, we might encourage non-members to join up and enjoy the benefits that active membership has to offer. We also need to show the shooting public that there are a lot of us members at this club! If you need a badge, please contact Vice-President Kelly Loney to get a replacement. Her information is on the inside of the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you for your involvement with the club :)

Notes from the December All Member Meeting



Annual Member's Meeting Notes

Convened 6:45 PM Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010

Present (Board Members): Mike Ros, Kelly Loney, Bryan Dissen, Doug Tidd, Kathy Sykora, Kurt Allen

Mike Ros, acting President and our Secretary, began:

Showed a stray arrow in a tree branch that was cut from a tree in one of our neighbor's yards. Main complaint was our slow response time to the neighbor. We need to self police this.

Club is doing well, 198 memberships and 311 total members.

Thank you to Ted for putting up the new lights this year in the member's range.

Expenses this year went down by \$2,000 compared to last year. Income was about the same. \$56,130 in income, \$51,534 in expenses. Heat pump in shop went out - \$1,600 for parts. Two members who do HVAC for a living are volunteering to donate labor and expertise to do the work saving the club at least \$1,500. Our insurance was lowered by \$250/month this year, taxes went up slightly.

Communications, Kelly Loney:

The newsletter cost us \$1,354 to print / mail this year.

Flyers mailed to state clubs / shops cost \$226. These are mailed in batches when shoots are close together to save on postage.

Other advertising – we paid \$495 for two ads in the Ranger (military base paper) and got at least one family membership out of it, but since it didn't appear to be cost effective we won't be doing that this year.

Spent \$45 on a banner for the Halloween shoot and will be buying or making more banners depending on finances.

Discussion ensued about getting more members to opt for electronic only, which we've been doing already with some success.

Tournament, Bryan Dissen: Tournament turnouts are up this past year.

Starting in 2011 we're offering improved trophies. Tacoma Sportsman's attendance doubled when they got better trophies. We did raise rates some for our first tournament of the year, but they're still reasonable, and had not been raised in years.

Adding more fun 3D targets – word is getting out about these.

We added the All Star shoot this year – new format – like the club championship. It's on the walk throughs and has Field, Hunter, Safari, 3D and FITA targets.

Need more help on tournaments and concessions this coming year. These events are labor intensive.

Hunting, Kurt:

Hunting reports got erased – need to re-write them, and let everyone know to report them for year end awards (pewter pins this time!)

Hunters Ed Classes – we had one this year. They're hard to schedule because the instructors out there already have their own places they instruct at – their own clubs or shops. Mike Ros is interested in becoming an instructor. Kelly will send a query out to membership – if we get enough interest we'll schedule another class.

Mike Ros:

JOAD will start back up in January. Jerry Bradshaw will run the Thursday night program. Needs help at least 3 people per week. We have the volume of attendees to run it 2 days/ week if we had the teachers. Jerry may start it up prior to April – Mike will check with him. This is what will continue the sport – getting kids into it. Lots of new shooters every week at our Thursday nights.

Activities, Kathy Sykora:

Concessions is very profitable, but don't have the figures due to many factors this year. The money we make off of it is important. We averaged \$250-\$300 / shoot profit in food per tournament.

Need more help, we may make it mandatory to volunteer. The only other option is a hotdog vendor or van, but we'd lose money for the club.

Jan. 22nd is the annual banquet – same cost as last year. Get forms into Kat in advance, it helps in working with caterer.

Mike mentioned last year is the first year concessions made money at every shoot.

Range, Doug Tidd:

The range is still there.

Some trees are down – A5-6, A 27 and B10-11.

Lots of work to do.

Mike said “even if members have an hour or two to spare, just do it. Leave a note if you see something that needs fixing.”

Mike:

WSAA Banquet this year – need door prizes donated. Raffle items raise money for us and WSAA. John Warns already donated an English Longbow and medieval arrows. Need donations from membership – anything of value. Should be 100-120 people at the dinner. Will be at the Best Western. We’ll be asking for some help during the event from members.

We’ll be asking directly to members for help. Board will be working on ways to increase volunteerism.

Bill Raby had a question:

501C3....where are we on that?

Mike: We’re getting it back, waiting on official notice. Donations will be tax deductible then. WSAA, Fed Easton, have grants, non-profit status needed. Grants are matching funds, our matching funds are labor that’s why we need to keep track of volunteer hours. So membership needs to document their hours. Board’s hours don’t count – we’re expected to work hours anyway. Once we get a specific project or award we’ll need volunteers. Also, the Education – Hunter Ed, Bowhunter Ed, Thursday Nights are big part of the non-profit status. Level II classes count too. We always did stuff like this but it was never documented. Now it’s documented. There will be more mandatory volunteerism discussion with the new board. Needed to help keep board members from burning out. Fees need to go up – haven’t been raised in years. Put off from raising them last year due to tank in economy. Now things are a little better, so we’ll be talking about it again. In fact Fees and Volunteerism will be put on Monday’s board meeting agenda.

VOTING – 3D TARGET ITEM (Bryan)

We don’t have thirty good tournament quality 3D’s right now. Ordered some inserts to get us through first few tournaments. New Rinehart's are available after the NFAA Nationals for \$150 a target. \$3,500 for 28 brand new XT Targets – used only once. In the past we bought new targets every year, but hasn’t been kept up. Needs a membership approval vote because it’s over \$2,000. We’ll have the money because the timing is after four of our big shoots. We’ll also raffle off shot up targets at shoots to make some extra \$.

Andy Ludwig moved to vote. Steve Allen seconded. Unanimously passed.

VOTING – BOARD MEMBERS

Secretary – in office for one more year. President and Treasurer – we vote on two year terms tonight.

VP – voting on the remaining year of the two year term tonight. President – Bryan Dissen, no other nominations

VP – Kelly Loney, no other nominations Treasurer – Mike Ros, no other nominations

Communications – Andy Ludwig nominated by Kelly Loney Hunting – Kurt Allen nominated, but declined, no other nominations

Range – no nominations Activities – Kathy Sykora nominated Steve Allen, who accepted, no other nominations

Grounds – no nominations Tournament – no nominations

In the future if someone steps forward to do one of these, the board can vote you in.

Since there were no contested positions, there was a single vote counted to accept all current nominations. Unanimous “aye’s”.

Thank you to the outgoing board and to all that volunteer. Please volunteer!

Final Items:

Don Morrison volunteered to help set up Dirty Thirty.

Doug Hyder asked if club wanted to do another bow raffle.

Sportsman’s Show – no news from them yet.

Banquet forms – reminder to get them in today if possible.

Comment that we need to allocate money to re-do the bathrooms.

Mike confirmed that is a priority for the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Pics from the Great Northwest Compressor Burnout of 2010!

10 hours on a Sunday with a steady downpour!

Thanks Rand, Andy, Nancy and Rick!



Registration Form

Skookum Archers Annual Banquet

January 22, 2011



The annual Skookum Archers Club banquet will be held Saturday January 22nd at the Bonney Lake Senior Center. This banquet will be catered by Custom Catering just like last year. The address is 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd. It all starts at 5:30 PM. Social Hour; Buffet Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Both Life and Active Members are welcome. There are some really good door prizes this year so don't miss out! Cost is \$10 per plate for adults, \$5 per child (6-12), Free for children 5 and under. The Club is offsetting a significant portion of the banquet cost.

Send in your reservation ASAP to guarantee your spot. You can send a check (payable to Skookum Archers) along with your registration form to the address listed below, or you can pay at the door. If you prepay for the Banquet by sending a check with your registration form postmarked by January 6th, you will receive double the number of door prize tickets. We look forward to seeing you there.

Instructions: Complete the following and mail to:

Skookum Archers

C/O Kathy Sykora

PO Box 2228

Redmond., WA 98073-2228

You can also register by sending the necessary information by email to activities@skookumarchers.com. Be sure to include a check with your registration form if you want to receive double the number of door prize tickets. For more info. contact Kathy Sykora at 425-883-7057

Cost is \$10 per plate for adults, \$5 per child (6-12), Free for children 5 and under.

Name Category (Circle One) Price (Circle One) \$ Amount

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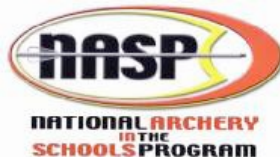
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Directions to BL Senior Center: From SR 512 or SR 167: Take the SR 410 East Exit. As you go up the hill towards Bonney Lake, turn left at the first stop light (AM/PM and Dairy Queen). Follow road (Old Sumner Buckley Hwy) past fire station and post office to the first stop light (Locust Ave.). Turn left onto Locust. Follow Locust north about 1 mile to Bonney Lake Blvd. Turn right. Follow ½ mile to Senior Center. Note: if you run into Lake Tapps, you have gone three blocks too far.

JANUARY ARCHERY ACTIVITIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					December 31st Setup for Dirty 30 Walk thru range closed	1 Happy New Year! Dirty 30 3D Range Closed
2 Dirty 30 3D Range Closed	3	4 JOAD Practice 7 PM	5	6	7	8 WSAA Multi Color Championship
9 WSAA Multi Color Championship SCA 1PM	10 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	11 JOAD Practice 7 PM	12	13 Members Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15
16 SCA 1PM	17	18 JOAD Practice 7 PM	19	20	21	22 Annual Club Banquet 6:00 PM
23 SCA 1PM SCA 1PM 30	24 Multi Color Mail In ends 31	25 JOAD Practice 7 PM	26	27	28	29 Multicolor Mail-In Ends

Please logon at www.skookumarchers.com for any additional changes to the calendar



From the incoming VP:

Looking forward to a fun and productive year in 2011 at Skookum! I'm really excited about some of the things we're planning, the tournaments coming up (especially the All Star - a new format that's a four-in-one tournament!) and the momentum that will see us through another successful year as a club.

First a few thank you's for 2010 before it fades from view too much...

Thanks to Andy, Nancy, Rand and Rick for donating their time on Sunday Dec. 12th, in the rain, all day, to fix the shop's heat pump. Rand donated time on a professional level as he's a heat pump guy in his day job, saving the club over \$2000 in labor costs. The crew was there 12 hours!!! And it was all thanks to Andy - once I gave him the call, he jumped into action and got things lined up with Rand, Rand got with our Treasurer to get \$ for the parts, then Nancy jumped in.....and Rick, was there too for support. THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Chris Damoiseaux for donating several 10' florescent light fixtures to brighten the clubhouse and shop! Still need to get the ones in the clubhouse hung...any volunteers?

Special thanks to Don Morrison (our prior secretary) for bringing delicious pulled pork and rolls to the annual member's meeting, for updating the board plaque in the clubhouse and for being the first to volunteer to help set up the Dirty Thirty!

Thank you to all incoming new board members - Andy Ludwig, taking over Communications and Steve Allen stepping into the Activities Director position and Jerry Bradshaw who will be leading the Thursday night program.

Safety Tip of the Month: Rule 17 - 17. Over bowed archers or individuals who sky their bows (Pointing towards the sky to draw back) are prohibited from using Skookum Archery Club Ranges.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: We still need a Range Director, Tournament Director and Grounds Director. Please step up and help in one of these positions!!!

Finally, along the lines of "we must be doing something right".....our main focus as a non-profit is education (though providing a service to the public by having an open range is part of it). I just met an 11 year old girl yesterday in the shop, taking her first lesson. Know what got her there?

The Sportsman's Show -- last year she got to try archery there for free, courtesy of Skookum Archers. 'Makes it all worth it.

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season.....see you at the range!

Kelly Loney
2011 Vice President

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The deadline for submissions to the Smoke Signal is the 21st of the preceding month. The exception is any late-breaking important news pertaining to the club

The monthly Board of Directors Meeting are held the second Monday of every month. If you would like an issue to be brought up or need time on the agenda please contact a board member and we will get you on the agenda.

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Annual Club Banquet Jan 22

Dirty Thirty 3-D Jan. 1-2



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EVENT CALENDAR

WSAA Multicolor Indoor Championship	Jan 8-9
Skookum Archers Annual Banquet	Jan 22
World Archery Festival, Las Vegas, NV	Feb 10-13

Target Assignments: Active Members are responsible for maintaining a target area. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR TARGET ASSIGNMENT, OR RECEIVE THE SMOKE SIGNAL VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT COOPER EWING.** Your target assignment is printed on your Smoke Signal mailing label. We are responsible for replacing Target Faces when needed, picking-up trash in your shooting lane, and reporting maintenance that needs to be done to the Grounds Chair, especially be aware of low hanging branches or any dangerous trees and reporting any range work (target shed, shooting bales or shooting stakes) that needs to be done to the Range Chair. Replacement target location will be disclosed during orientation. Please do not replace targets until they need it; typically this means that the center scoring area is shot out. Also, we can all pitch in on replacing the target faces on the flat range. Thanks for working together :)