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ODFW Corner

Recently, I was at the archery range people watching. It is surprising how many people will go to a public range with their brand new equipment with no prior archery experience. The first boy I saw was recently given a genesis bow, set-up with a sight and peep sight that were not set for him. On his first shot he drew the bow string back a couple inches, about to his

bow hand elbow, before he let go. His arrow stuck into the dirt a few feet in front of him. The second person I watched held their draw hand as a fist tightly around the bow string while she used her bow hand pointer finger to keep her arrow from falling off the rest. I heard her say, "My arrows are too short, and I don't want to overdraw." However, after watching her, I saw that her arrows were actually too long for her draw length. The third person that I met on the range was using a bow that had been handed down to her from her husband. The bow was about 10 pounds too heavy for her. The bow was maxed out for the number of turns that could be taken out of the limb bolts to lower her draw weight, and new limbs were not an option in their price range.

It is hard being an archery instructor and standing back while these things are going on at a public range. I try to refrain from giving unsolicited advice in public, unless I witness a safety hazard. Sometimes, advice is well received and helps new archers. However, I usually see unsolicited advice negatively impacting new archers and frequently they'll leave the range soon after. Often times that will be their last attempt with archery. Instead, I'll provide a recommendation to a local bow shop or instructor that I know offers beginner archery lessons. This way, if the new archer wants help they'll know where to find it.

Based on my personal experience, many people try archery for the first time by purchasing a bow from a local sporting goods store or online and then try to mimic what they see on TV and in movies. They become frustrated when they do not hit the target consistently in the bulls eye, and then give up because archery is no longer fun or as easy as they thought it would be. I will always support bow shops and clubs because of this. Most of the time when you purchase equipment from them they will make sure the bow is set to your draw length and weight needs and help you shoot your first couple arrows before you leave. This customer service aspect is huge, especially when it comes to a sport like archery. It is important to set new archers up for success so that they can continue to be successful and enjoy the sport as they venture out on their own.

As always, if you have any questions or if there is anything I can help you with let me know.

Happy Shooting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie R. Sted". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Upcoming Events and Classes

NASP BAI Certification

April 8th 8am – 2pm at Estacada Junior High (500 NE Main St Estacada OR 97023US)
April 27th 8am- 2pm at E.E. Wilson (29555 Camp Adair Rd Monmouth OR 97361US)

Register at www.naspbai.com and have the principal of your school send Stephanie.m.rustad@state.or.us an email giving your school permission to participate in the NASP program to receive the free equipment kit for a limited time

S3DA Basic Instructor Certification

June 15th 8am-5pm at the Prairie City Fire Department (133 SW Bridge St. Prairie City, Oregon 97869)

If interested, email Stephanie.m.rustad@state.or.us to schedule certification class.

Hunter Education – Dates available at www.myodfw.com

Conventional Class: This class gives a thorough introduction to the skills hunters need, covering topics like: firearms safety, hunter ethics, wildlife identification, hunt preparation and techniques, and outdoor survival. All youth students are required to participate in a live-fire exercise.

Field Day: Students must complete an online course or workbook and bring the online course completion certificate or completed workbook to this ODFW Field Day. Field day instruction includes a review of course topics, Oregon hunting regulations, ethics, conservation, firearm safety field exercises, a live-fire exercise and a 60 question written final exam. Bring lunch.

S3DA Board Meeting Recap

The board met on March 23rd to discuss the upcoming events (3D and Outdoor) and future of Oregon S3DA. What you need to know from the meeting is that:

Board Mission: To facilitate and propagate future and existing S3DA Clubs in Oregon.

- Past Board Members: JR Lorimor (President), Craig Tokuda (Vice President), Kim Frost (Treasurer), Crystal Lohner (Secretary), Matthew Knee (General Board Member), Jason Lamm (General Board Member), Robert Mann (General Board Member).
 - New Board Members: Jason Lamm (President), vacant (Vice President), vacant (Treasurer), vacant (Secretary), Mike Evans (General Board Member), Keegan Hodges (General Board Member)
 - i. Crystal Lohner and Craig Tokuda will remain on the board until these positions are filled for up to one year.
 - ii. We encourage someone from each Oregon S3DA club to join the board to fill the vacant positions. This will allow each region to have a voice in discussions. If you are interested in joining the board please email Stephanie.m.rustad@state.or.us
- Past Regional Coordinators: Craig Tokuda (Western), JR Lorimor (East/Central).
 - New Regional Coordinators: Craig Tokuda (Western), Crystal Lohner (East/Central).
- JR Lorimor is the new Western National Outreach Coordinator for S3DA
- The board would like to encourage each Oregon S3DA group to host (or partner with a local archery range to host) a local event and invite other S3DA groups to participate each year.

This would allow clubs/teams to have more competitive practice before the state tournaments.

Asked & Answered

ODFW is here to help grow your archery program in any way that we can. Please submit questions to Stephanie.m.rustad@state.or.us and they may be featured in the next issue of the ODFW Quiver.

Q: What kind of back stop should we use behind our targets?

A: The first thing to consider is where are you shooting? If you are shooting indoors, an archery net will be the most beneficial – make sure that the material the net is made of matches the max poundage of bows you will be shooting towards it. Arrow curtains are not made to be taunt, there should be some wave to them that allows recoil when the arrow hits. A curtain can be used outdoors as well, if set-up allows.

Other alternatives can be plywood boards, compacted hay bales (usually two or more to stop a high poundage bow), or carpet pieces. Ask carpet installers for their long scrap pieces and hang them behind your bales, which will stop arrows up until a point. What your group needs to consider is the speed and force of the arrows that need to be stopped. This will determine

the best material to be used.

Arrows Soar through the Quaking Aspens of Utah, for the 2019 Western Nationals

Written by Brittany Jones on March 15, 2019

The National Archery in the School's Program (NASP®) is excited to invite archers and archery teams from participating NASP® schools, and friends and family to the annual 2019 Western Nationals that will take place April 26-27 at the Salt Lake City Exposition Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Salt Lake City is known for its Great Salt Lake and its snow-capped peaks of the Wasatch Range. It's also the new home to NASP®'s Western Tournament which is expected to see approximately 2,200 archers, this year. This semi-new event began in the spring of 2018 to allow archers and their families who reside out west, a more convenient and accessible way to attend and participate at the national tournament. Louisville, KY has been the native host to the national tournament since NASP®'s inception back in 2002, and as attendance was rising, so was the carrying capacity at the Bluegrass's Expo Center. This was another reason for this popular change. Roy Grimes, CEO and President of NASP® says, "We have committed to and scheduled the "NASP® Western Nationals" for another three years in Salt Lake City. It is our hope this tournament will be hugely popular with NASP® schools in the Western U.S. and provide opportunity for thousands to participate in this "culminating event" that otherwise would not."

Spectators and participants, who attend this year's western event, can expect the same range set up and guidelines from past tournaments. The tournament will include seven competitive, one-hour flights on both Friday and Saturday. The awards ceremony will be held following the last flight on Saturday. Individual and team awards will be presented just like at the eastern tournament, to include: 1st-5th place individual boys and girls, 1st-3rd place teams, and overall runner up boy and girl. The highest-ranking boys and girls will be invited to the scholarship shoot-off for \$175,000 worth of scholarship money at the NASP® Open & Championship this summer in Nashville, Tennessee, July 25-27, 2019. Project Director, Kevin Dixon is excited to see this coming year's turnout. "The first NASP® Western National Tournament, we saw students from over thirty schools participate for the first time in a national event. We look forward to growing the NASP® Western National over the next three years and providing this great opportunity to an ever increasing number of new schools and students. Thank you to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources for helping NASP® make this event possible."

Individual archers and archery teams who advance from their state level tournament can register online at www.nasptournaments.org. Preregistration begins March 11-29, 2019 and will reopen April 1st. Registration closes on April 4th, and all fees are due no later than April

19th. NASP® looks forward to a record-breaking turnout this spring! For more information on NASP® and tournaments, please visit www.naspschools.org or www.nasptournaments.org.

Louisville, Kentucky Hosts the 17th Annual 2019 NASP® National Tournament

Written by Brittany Jones on March 15, 2019

Louisville, Kentucky, home to the Jefferson Memorial Forest, the largest urban forest in the United States @ 6,500 acres where locals and tourists alike come to enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, and educational programs, is just one of the unique characteristics of this Bluegrass city. This 241-year-old burg that was founded by George Rogers Clark in 1778, is also host to The National Archery in the School's Program's (NASP®) annual Eastern National Tournament. NASP® is the largest running archery organization in the world to date, and on May 9-11, it will be hosting its seventeenth annual national tournament at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Just under 15,000 archers, along with their coaches, family, and friends are expected to be in attendance at this year's event which, not surprisingly, should break 2017's record of 14,492 student archer attendance! Youth who participate in NASP® advance to the national tournaments based upon their performance at their respective state tournaments. Folks can expect the same range set-up and format as in past tournaments. There will be seven competitive one-hour flights both Thursday and Friday, and six flights on Saturday.

Roy Grimes, President of NASP® gives some insight on the shooting process for the archer. "The student archers are well versed in the tournament format and how, safe shooting is conducted. However, visitors new to NASP® Nationals can follow the action, as the students listen for whistle signals telling them where to go, and what to do. For instance, when two whistle blasts are signaled, archers will "Get Bows" and walk to the shooting line. Every single young person will place the bottom of their bow on their forward toes. Then they will hear a single whistle blast which initiates the two-minute shooting period in which the students will shoot five arrows. When finished shooting they will return their bows to the bow racks, and walk back behind the waiting line. They will know it's time to "Go Get Arrows" when they hear the three-whistle signal. You'll recognize the best-trained archers as you see them walk, stay on their feet at the targets, and use two hands to carry and cover arrow points as they return arrows to their floor quiver and return again, behind the waiting line."

Award ceremonies will be conducted after the last flight on Saturday. Awards will be presented in all NASP® divisions including: NASP® Bulls-eye and NASP®/IBO 3D

Challenge competition (International Bow hunting Organization 3D). Awards will be given to 1st-5th place individual boys and girls, 1st-3rd place teams in each of the three divisions; Elementary, Middle, and High School, and overall runner-up and overall boy and girl. Furthermore, scores from the Western and Eastern tournaments will be combined to determine which archers will advance to the Open & Championship July 25-27th, in Nashville, Tennessee. More than \$175,000 in scholarship money will be awarded to archers at Nashville, based upon rank achieved at the pair of National tournaments!

In addition to the shooting events that will be taking place at this year's Eastern Nationals, On Target For Life (OTFL), a program that recognizes students and adults who perform exceptionally in the areas of: community and team service, show courage to overcome challenges, and attain special academic achievements, will be recognizing select individuals with these awards: The Community Service Award, The Bulls-Eye Award, The Super-Hero Award, The Courage Award, Coach of the Year Award, and the NASP® Legacy Award.

Academic Archer (AA), a program that recognizes students for academic excellence by maintaining honor roll grades, all while enjoying the sport of archery, will acknowledge students for their academic achievements. At the end of each one-hour flight, student archers who have been registered as NASP® Academic Archers by their coaches or teachers, will be recognized by a show of hands. Last year 50% of all national tournament students were Academic Archers. School matters to NASP® archers!

Individuals and team archers who advance from their state-level tournaments must pre-register for the Eastern tournament March 11-April 5. Registration will then reopen April 8 and close April 12th. NASP® looks forward to another record-breaking year in the historic city of Louisville. Good luck and safe travels to all NASP® participants and spectators! For more information on NASP® tournaments, please visit, www.nasptournaments.org.

Bullseye! First NASP® Alumni Tournament Hits the Mark

Written by Courtnie Carr on March 15, 2019

Since the first NASP® seniors graduated from high school, these archers have asked for an opportunity to shoot again with their teammates and coaches. On March 15th, 2019 following the first day of the Kentucky NASP® State Tournament, they got that chance. Nearly 250 prior NASP® archers, coaches and soon to be graduates took aim showing they still love shooting their Genesis bow and are still very good at it. These same archers are the first members of the newly formed NASP® Alumni Association. Many of the archers formed teams with their prior teammates and coaches and others chose to compete as individuals. Seventeen teams competed for the grand prize of starting a NASP® program in

a new school by donating a NASP® start-up kit, valued at \$3,200, to a school of their choice in need of a NASP® program. Second and third-place teams won 6 new Genesis bows to donate to schools of their choosing.

When the dust settled, the West Kentucky Bush Wookies came away with first, the Trigg County Arrowcats came in at second-place, and Lincoln County High School came in at a close third. On the individual front, Courtney Campbell, Kaylin Smith, Samantha Hartman-Stackhouse, Morgan Belcher, and Katie Ridings were first through fifth respectively for the women while Shawn Clark, Dalton Hinkle, Clay Stevens were first through third respectively. T Sanchez, and Ryan Beard tied for fourth with Roby Mullins earning fifth.

There were smiles and high-fives all around during the event. Sarah Purtee, a 2015 graduate of Southwestern High School said “The Alumni Tournament was better than expected. It ran fast and smooth and it was nice to see those of us who helped start the program get together and do what we loved for so long. I will definitely be going again.” Courtney Blevins, a 2018 graduate of Bullitt Central High School, commented similarly saying “I loved shooting the NASP® Alumni Tournament and I can’t wait to come back for the next one. It reminded me of where my love for archery began and it was wonderful to see all the people that once shared the same passion come back to experience it again.”

The goal of the NASP® Alumni Association is to reconnect former archers, encourage involvement in the outdoors, and give back to archers currently competing in NASP®. Kody Appleby, a 2015 graduate of Hopkins County Central High School, touched on this when he said “I’m so happy my team was able to win first. Not just to say we won, but to be able to say we got to help a school without a NASP® program start one is great. Giving other kids the opportunity to be introduced to archery the same way I was is priceless.”

Words from the Community

James A.

We have been shooting daily, and this is one of the best units I have taught in a long time. The accuracy is improving [since beginning in Feb. 2019]. We are going to have a school shoot next week. Only students that want to shoot will compete.



Photo Credit: James A.

Cori R.

Part of our 6th grade curriculum is the middle ages. Each year our 6th graders attend the Medieval Games, a two day event that includes challenge activities, rope course challenges, target and siege spear throwing (done with javelins), and target and siege archery. The adults who run it dress up as lords and ladies, there is a king and queen, and a dark knight who kidnaps the queen every year. The students start out as pages and through their good deeds, acts of chivalry and bravery, and teamwork they get promoted to squires. It's a lot of fun and the students love it. There is a shroud of secrecy about the event, as we don't want the incoming 6th graders to know what to expect when they attend. There is one independent school (private) and two charter schools that attend. All three are in different school districts. [To prepare] We do target archery.



Photo Credit: Cori R.

Tournament Schedule

Contact for host club can be found in the chart below

***ODFW Hosted Tournament – Preregistration Required**

April 2019

*03/01/2019-04/31/2019 – S3DA Western Regional Virtual Tournament – Virtual
04/06/2019-04/07/2019 – Grants Pass Warm-Up – Cavemen Archers
04/06/2019-04/07/2019 – April Fools 3D – Cascadian Bowmen
04/06/2019-04/08/2019 – Indoor Marked Yardage 3D Shoot – High Desert Archers
04/07/2019 – 2019 USA Archery State Youth Tournament – BowTech Archery 90554 OR-99 Eugene, OR hearnst@gmail.com
04/07/2019 – Founders Day Shoot – Ashland Archers
04/13/2019-04/14/2019 – Redding Warm-up – Cascadian Bowmen
04/13/2019-04/14/2019 – Spring Fling 3D Shoot – Celilo Bowmen
04/13/2019-04/14-2019 – 40-T 3D Practice Course – Kutch Archery
04/13/2019-04/14/2019 – Redding Warm-up 3D Fun Shoot – S.W. Oregon Bowhunters
04/13/2019-04/14/2019 – Spring Fling 3D Shoot – Bushman Archers
04/20/2019-04/21/2019 – 2 Day 40 Targets Each Day Marked Yardage 3D – Bend Bowmen
04/26/2019-04/27/2019 – NASP 2019 Western Nationals – Salt Lake City, Utah
04/27/2019-04/28/2019 – Traditional 3D Shoot - Celilo Bowmen
04/27/2019-04/28/2019 – Satari Shoot – Grande Ronde Bowmen
04/28/2019 – 3D Fun Shoot – South Umpqua Bowhunters

May 2019

05/03/2019-05/05/2019 – NFAA Marked 3D – Redding, CA
05/04/2019-05/05/2019 – Train to Hunt Regional Qualifier Oregon – Ashland Archers
05/04/2019-05/05/2019 – Cinco de Arrow 3D Shoot – Wapiti Bowmen
05/04/2019-05/05/2019 – North Side Trail Shoot – Canyon Creek Bowhunters
05/11/2019 – Field Tournament Practice Day – Sylvan Archers
05/11/2019-05/12/2019 – Mother's Day 3D Trail Shoot – Green Valley Archers
05/11/2019-05/12/2019 – 40 3D Targets per Day – High Desert Archers
*5/18/2019 – 2019 S3DA State 3D Championship – Wapiti Bowmen
05/18/2019 – Spring 900 – Sylvan Archers
05/18/2019 – Cancer Shoot – Elk Horn Archers
05/18/2019-05/19/2019 – 3D Trail Shoot – Bushman Archers
05/18/2019-05/19/2019 – Spring Fling 3D Fun Shoot – S.W. Oregon Bowhunters
05/18/2019-05/19/2019 – 50 Target 3D Trail Shoot – Cascadian Bowmen
05/18/2019-05/19/2019 – 2 Day 3D Shoot – Celilo Bowmen
05/18/2019-05/19/2019 – ABC 3D Trail Shoot – Blue Mountain Archers
05/25/2019 – Benton 4-H Archers Tournament (4H and S3DA members ages 9-18. Open to: Bare bow compound, bare bow recurve, or Olympic recurve) – Benton Bowman 35876 Blakesley Creek Rd Philomath, OR 97370 bccleveland@peak.org
05/25/2019-05/26/2019 – 2 Day 75 Total Targets Unmarked Yardage 3D – Bend Bowmen
05/25/2019-05/26/2019 – Fun Trail Shoot – Saddle MT Archers

June 2019

*6/8/2019 S3DA State Outdoor Tournament (Possible dates: June 8th or 15th)

July 2019

07/20/2019– Youth Safari Shoot – Wapiti Bowmen

*If your club/ school has an upcoming event, email Stephanie.m.rustad@state.or.us with event details to be included in a future issue.

Club Contact

Club	Contact	City		Website
Ashland Archers	541-941-0273	Asland	OR	
Saddle MT Archers	503-458-6829	Astoria	OR	
Elk Horn Archers	541-403-1352	Baker City	OR	https://www.elkhornarchers.com/
S.W. Oregon Bowhunters	541-290-7093	Coos Bay	OR	
Cascadian Bowmen	541-790-1622	Eugene	OR	www.cascadianbowmen.org/
Cavemen Archers	541-787-7852	Grants Pass	OR	www.cavemanarchers.com/
Apple Knockers	541-490-9071	Hood River	OR	
Pilot Rock Archery Club	541-231-2082	Indian Lake	OR	
Canyon Creek Bowhunters	541-620-2417	John Day	OR	
Grande Ronde Bowmen	541-975-4574	La Grande	OR	http://granderondebowmen.org
Wapiti Bowmen		Lebanon	OR	www.wapitibowmen.com
Green Valley Archers	541-510-4405	Lowell	OR	www.green-valleyarchers/weebly.com
South Umpqua Bowhunters	541-863-6841	Myrtle Creek	OR	

Benton Bowmen	503-949-2808	Philomath	OR	http://www.bentonbowmen.com/
Bend Bowmen	541-788-3208	Redmond	OR	www.bendbowmen.com
High Desert Archers	541-923-8347	Redmond	OR	
Sylvan Archers	503-913-3470	Sherwood	OR	www.sylvanarchers.org
Bushman Archers	971-225-8013	St Helens	OR	http://www.bushmenarchers.org/
Celilo Bowmen	541-965-0033	The Dalles	OR	http://celilobowmen.com/
Three Rivers Archers	541-420-2741	Three Rivers	OR	http://3riversarchers.com/
Archers Afield	503-639-3553	Tigard	OR	www.archersafield.com
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