
ROYAL OAK ARCHERS

Member Newsletter

April, 2010

Catching Up! The 3D shoots held at ROA so far this year have been setting records for attendance! Near-perfect weather and an increased effort on advertising (or maybe the high gas prices) have resulted in a very good year so far for the club. A heart-felt thank you goes out to those members who make the effort to set the courses, prepare the food, clean the clubhouse, tidy up the grounds, etc. The club membership appreciates your work.

Traditional Jamboree! We are nearly ready for another annual rite of spring at ROA – the Traditional Jamboree! Each year, our “core” members put together the single largest event held on the ROA grounds. Held this year from the 16th to the 18th, Rich, Mike, Jim, Doug and a crew of helpers will host archers from around the state. If you don't want to shoot, come out and see what the club is doing to further the sport of archery in our area. You will not be disappointed!

Work Bees! Those with e-mail have received many calls from Phil for helpers at the work bees. This is a great way to get your hours in for the 2010 season, as well as get to know other members and familiarize yourself a bit with the grounds and tasks that keep the club working. As I write this note, the Spring bees are almost over, and I hope the response from the calls for help have been good, as the success of future Traditional Jamborees and leagues and shoots depend on impressing archers to come back for return visits.

Target League! April 29th will be the first week of the Target League at ROA. We will shoot the field courses starting on Week #1 (a change from previous years). Field course shooting is similar to the 3D shoots in that archers walk around the courses from shot to shot. It is dissimilar in that four arrows are released at each of 14 targets instead of a single arrow at (usually) 30 3D targets. Scores may be kept if you want, or not. Unlike the bowling or softball leagues you may be used to, our leagues are quite relaxed in structure. If you can't make all the Thursdays for the whole 10 weeks, for example, just come out for the 7 or 8 you can make. If you are uncomfortable shooting longer distances that some of the targets are set up for, walk closer. It's OK. Really. I score against myself looking for improvement week to week. You WILL become a better archer for having participated. Dean and Ellen Hall will run the league again this year, with help from other past target shooters. We are looking forward to a great target season. Please come join us.

Membership Cards: Enclosed you will find your card for 2010. If you have family members who want to carry their own card, please make a copy for them. Nobody will be checking for the watermark (there isn't one).

Schedules: I'm enclosing a schedule for each of you this year in case you haven't made it out to the club yet. Every one of the events listed represent a lot of effort to execute, and we get quite proud of the results. Come out and enjoy them. You are a member, and membership has privileges.

Special Request: I'm in need of a person who knows MS Access, MS Word, and MS Excel to take over some of the membership-tracking activities. If you can do a mail merge in Word using an Access query as the data source, you likely have the skills I need. Please contact me at the address or phone number listed below.

Website: Drag yourselves away from YouTube and Facebook for a couple minutes and wander over to our site: RoyalOakArchers.Org. Bryan has been doing an exceptional job keeping the content fresh and organized. Come to think about it, why don't we have a Facebook page and let all the members be fans? Hmmm.

Club Meetings: We are getting ready to make some changes to the way the club operates as defined in the by-laws. Many of these changes are simply to update the procedures to the current way we have been operating, though some will have the potential to impact how shares in the club are accrued and how we handle Life memberships when the Life member passes away. Your input is appreciated. Please make it to a meeting in the near future to make your comments heard.

"Um... How do I get a hold of someone?"

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