



The Ohio Society of Traditional Archers

Fostering the Spirit of Traditional Archery

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Presidential Ponderings

For whatever reason, writing this column is always a struggle for me. Every time I sit down to write I try to come up with something intelligent, practical and amusing. Those of you that actually read the newsletter know that I've had little success. No matter, really, as Joy insists that I must keep doing it.

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday this year. As one year expires and another begins, it seems like an opportune time to look ahead, and likewise, to peek over our back trail. It seems to me that it is just as important to know where you've been as it is to know where you're going. OSTA had a fantastic year in 2007, as far as I'm concerned. Last year brought a much needed streamlining of our shooter registration and record keeping by means of a laptop computer. We had the first ever arrow making party for the kids arrows. Shooting for "scalps" was resurrected after several years in hibernation. Attendance at our shoots was up measurably. I think we're going in the right direction.

In my first contribution to the OSTA Newsletter I challenged the membership to bring some new faces to OSTA, particularly kids, and the membership responded. I'm happy to report that I saw many new faces this past summer. This trend needs to continue in 2008. Indeed, it is our purpose as stated in OSTA's Constitution. This is the first line of our stated purpose:

**To foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of bowhunting
with traditional equipment in the state of Ohio;**

We are not just an archery organization, but rather an *archery hunting* organization. Today there is a whole generation of young hunters who know next to nothing about archery hunting as it existed for thousands of years. They are instead bedazzled by the latest and greatest innovations put forth by an over-commercialized, profit driven archery industry that has no reverence for the classical archery that we hold so close to our hearts. It is our obligation as an organization and as individuals to spread the joy of the simple bow and arrow, now more than ever. This isn't just about the type of equipment we prefer, but more importantly the value system of woodsmanship and hardihood that is inextricably linked to the use of time honored archery equipment for hunting. Yes, we are a small minority, but that doesn't matter in my mind. I'd rather be in the company of 200 wholly committed OSTA members than 20,000 sheep that just pay their dues, show up at a shoot or two and give nothing back. Today, we carry the torch. We need to make sure that we will have someone to pass it to when the time comes. Take it upon yourself to introduce a young person to traditional archery.

I don't think I could have come on board with a better group of officers. Brian, Marilyn and Joy have all shouldered their responsibilities (and then some) with great diligence and style. They all truly care about what they do for OSTA. I appreciate that more than I can say, and you should too. Take the time to thank them for their investment of time and effort in keeping OSTA moving forward. While I have a lengthy list of devoted OSTA members who deserve thanks for their ongoing contributions, I fear that the editor may run short on space if I continue. I think you all know who you are (if you aren't sure just ask me). We couldn't do it without you.

It doesn't seem possible that there are only four weeks of deer hunting left. The late season is one of my favorite times to hunt deer. The alluring peace and solitude of the deer woods in January is sharply contrasted by the shear difficulty of enduring the elements and arrowing a whitetail at close range. I guess that's why I like it.

Jamie



Joy's Jottings



Boy did 2007 sure fly by. To be honest, after the hectic-ness of the State Shoot, I was very happy to come home, put all the OSTA stuff on the back burner. I could not send out membership renewals until we received the new patches, so there just wasn't any urgency. Plus I had to change from my "OSTA hat" to my "cooking hat" & get ready for the LOTHAC hunt at Tar Hollow. Then the holidays hit and fun family get-togethers. All of a sudden it is 2008, banquet arrangements have to be made, the patches arrived so no more putting off mailing memberships, newsletter to get out. Panic officially hit me about the middle of last week...I spent about an hour last night looking for the patches that came in the middle of the holidays & I put them in a safe place so I wouldn't lose them. Would you believe I found them under my Christmas tree, which is still up. Welcome to my life. 😊

To be perfectly honest (and you who know me well, know I am that 😊), about half way through the State Shoot, I was thinking what had I gotten myself into and would I ever get out of it. We had a total of **502** shooters for the weekend. I learned an awful lot that weekend and I hope to come up with some things that will help to alleviate some of the problems we ran into. We will definitely need more assistance at the registration / merchandise tables and if we can get more help, the flow of things will be much better. Thanks to all who jumped in to assist. I couldn't have done it without you. The downside of computerizing registration is that not everyone feels comfortable using a computer. If you would be interested in learning (Excel spreadsheet), please let me know, I will let you work the other shoots so that you can become comfortable.

Joy

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by OSTA vice president, Brian Melick. A big thank you was given to the Jackson Kitchen Crew for keeping us well fed and for taking care of us. We appreciate you.

First item of business was election of Treasurer and Vice President. No additional victims volunteers so Marilyn "Red" Waddell was elected to her second term as Treasurer and Dave Murray was elected to his first term as Vice President (thank goodness I don't shoot the Challenge Stake cause methinks Dave will take it to a new level)


Old business: At our August meeting the motion was made increase the family cap as follows: Keep the Family Cap for MEMBERS at \$20.00 for regular shoots and raising it to \$25.00 for the State Shoot. The Family Cap for NON-MEMBERS will be raised to \$25.00 for regular shoots and \$30.00 for the State Shoot. Motion was voted on and passed. The new rates will go into effect for the 2008 shooting season.

It was noted that we now have new shirts in a lighter color. They were a huge hit and our supply has been greatly decreased already.

With the absence of Jamie and the large shooter turn out, the officers appreciate the cooperation of the OSTA Family and their help in keeping things running smoothly.

Meeting was adjourned.

STATE SHOOT WINNERS

PeeWees 1. Tea Boyer 2. Noah Miller 3. Chloe Kessler	Youth Boys 1. Michael Frame 2. David Matheny 3. Nathan Price	Men's Recurve 1. Mike Hitzman 2. Scott Wilson 3. Howard Rockhold	Men's Longbow 1. Steve Snider 2. Tom Anderson 3. Conan Schneider	Men's Selfbow 1. Mike Rowley 2. David Schneider 3. Doug Riley	Ole Timers 1. Terry Inskeep 2. Ken Redding 3. Steve Snider
Cubs 1. Austin Renwick 2. Kayla Murray 3. Wyatt Lutz	Youth Girls 1. Leah Price 2. 3.	Women's Recurve 1. Diana Smith 2. Wendy Boyer 3. Lee Anne Cox	Women's Longbow 1. Michelle Corder 2. Marilyn Waddell 3. Marcella Kitchen	Women's Selfbow 1. Nancy Miller 2. Joy Cornelius 3. Roxie Maloney	

Honoring Those who have gone on before us



Chalmer "Chow" Styers

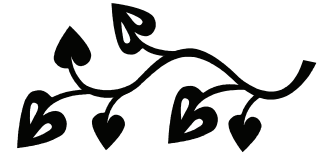
Funeral services were held January 9, 2008 at the Brucker & Kishler Funeral Home in Newark, Ohio. Mr. Styers, 76, a retired Army sergeant first class, passed away Jan. 3, 2008, at Autumn Health Care, Heath. He was born Jan. 9, 1931, in Glouster, to his parents, Clarence and Charlene (Simpson) Styers. Chalmer was a member of Claylick Bow Club.

Mr. Styers is survived by daughters, Debra Thompson, of Newark, and Carol Salyer, of Nashport; sons, Chalmer Styers Jr., of Newark, and Michael Styers, of Newark; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Dorothy) Styers; sister, Freda (Dwight) Stopher, of Toledo; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Ruth; and two brothers.

It should be noted that Chow was awarded a Lifetime Membership to OSTA in 1996. Injuries from an accident kept him from participation in the later years of his life.



Noble "Bo" Cox



age 53, a resident of Miamisburg, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, October 11, 2007 in Frankfort, KY as the result of an accident. Bo was born June 13, 1954 in Dayton, OH to the late Noble and Queenie (Miracle) Cox. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother-in-law, David Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Gale (Bentley); 1 daughter, Krisanna Cox of Miamisburg; 2 step-children, Terry Swallow Jr. of Kettering and Tami Pike of Louisville, KY; 1 brother, Rick (Judy) Cox of West Carrollton; 3 sisters, Pat (Don) Ashford of Miamisburg, Judy Lewis of West Carrollton and Mary Jo (Jon) Holp of Miamisburg; 3 aunts, June (Herschel) Cox of Miamisburg, Joyce Cochran of New Tazwell, TN and Reba Owens of Bearcreek; 5 grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Bo was a 1972 graduate of Miamisburg High School where he was an accomplished gymnast in highwire and vaulting and was a 1971 State Champion. He was employed as a Journeyman Ironworker with the Capital City Group of Columbus, OH, was a member of Iron Workers Local #290 in Dayton, a member of Moose Lodge #1645, Troy V.F.W. Post #5436 and OSTA Traditional Archery Club.



We received word of Bo's passing several weeks after the accident in a letter from his wife, Gale. Part of the letter reads:

"Dear Traditional Archers, I sadly regret to inform you that I lost my husband Noble "Bo" Cox on October 11th. He was an Ironworker and fell from the roof of a building he was working on in Frankfort, KY. He was killed instantly from brain trauma. He did get to go hunting a few times before this happened. He was looking forward to a hunting trip he had planned for Nov. 9th. He was 53 years young and 1 1/2 years from retirement.....He was so very proud to be a traditional archer and to be a member of OSTA."

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Tom Anderson

Winner of the 2007 Buckeye Shoot-off
Great shooting, Tom



Neil Nichols

Winner of the Ohio Wing Shooting Competition
Second year in a row!!

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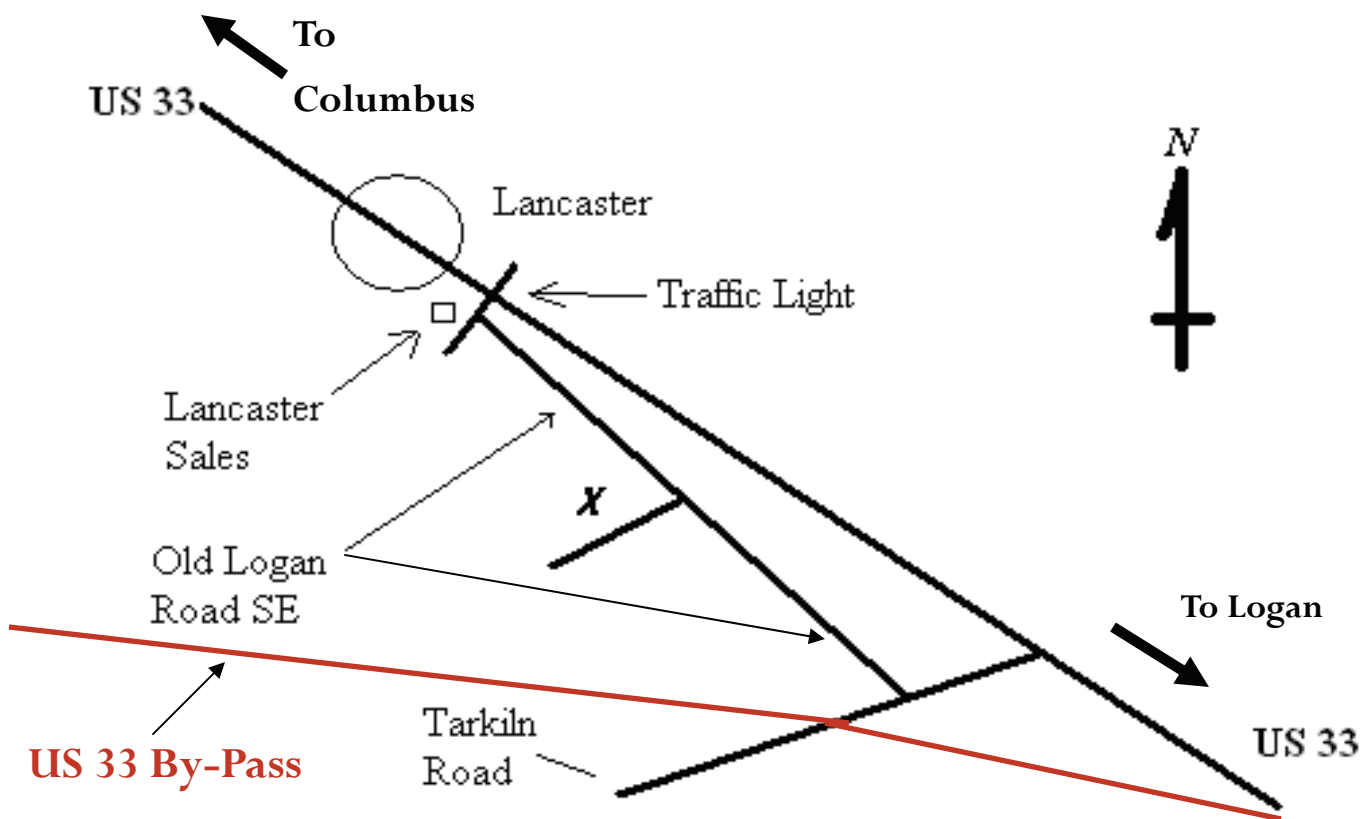


OSTA BANQUET—MARCH 2, 2008

All OSTA members and their families are cordially invited to the Annual OSTA Year End Banquet and Awards Presentation. Like last year, we'll be gathering at Alley Park's beautiful lodge facility in Lancaster. No RSVP necessary. Just bring your appetite and a desert or covered dish to share. OSTA will be providing the meat and drinks. Table service will also be provided.

Other items to entice you will be the drawing for the 2007 OSTA Membership Bow, courtesy of Striker Bows and Rick Ellis. Award presentations for shooter's of the year will be made. Plan to arrive and enjoy a social hour beginning at 11 a.m. We'll start eating at around noon. The meeting and award presentations/bow drawings will follow at 1 p.m.

There is no cost to OSTA members for this banquet! Hope to see you there!



DIRECTIONS

Alley Park is located south of Lancaster at 2805 Old Logan Road.

Traveling south from Columbus area take State Route 33 East towards Lancaster. Take the US 33 by-pass around Lancaster. Take the Tarkiln Road exit. Turn Left onto Tarkiln and go under the bypass. You will turn left on Old Logan Road just before you come to Business 33. The entrance to Alley Park will be approximately 1.5 miles north on the left.

Traveling north from the Athens area take State Route 33 West to Lancaster. After passing the yellow flashing lights at Sugar Grove, you will pass a large convenient/gas mart on your right. Look for the Tarkiln Road sign and turn left, make an immediate right onto Old Logan Road. The entrance to Alley Park will be approximately 2 miles ahead on the left.

State Shoot in Pictures



502 Total Shooters



The new face of OSTA????



40 tents and 29 trailers.
That has to be a record.

