



The Ohio Society of Traditional Archers

Fostering the Spirit of Traditional Archery

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Presidential Ponderings



We had another great turnout of shooters at Blackhoof.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I can't help myself but to say again how astounding the sense of community is among the OSTA membership. I don't know of any other place where you will find such a variety of people so happy to be together, so eager to help one another, and more importantly, to extend that same warmth and generosity to people they have never met before. There simply is no such thing as a "stranger" at an OSTA shoot.

Those fellows at Blackhoof sure do treat us right. I can only hope that they have as much fun as we do while we're there. Thank you Blackhoof Bowmen for a great weekend.

The kid's arrow making soiree was a big success. Thanks to all who gave a little, or a lot of their time to fletch some arrows and enjoy a cold drink or three. It went so well that I think we might want to do it again next year, or sooner.

V.P. Brian Melicks term is up this year, and we need nominations for his replacement. So far we have only one nominee, but it would certainly be nice to see some other folks come forward so we could actually elect someone, rather than just find somebody to take the job because nobody else cares to do it. Get involved; it feels pretty darn good to actively participate in something you care about, and I **know** you all care about OSTA, right?

Only about 112 days till our deer archery season begins, but who's counting? It's about time to get busy practicing. Rush Creek, here we come! Ooohweee, I love fried fish.

Jamie


Thanks to our vendors!



Dave Canterbury

Tom Frick

Blackhoof Shoot Stats

PeeWees 1. Seth Smith 2. MacKinzie Schneider 3. Chris Murray	Youth Boys 1. Nathan Price 2. David Matheny 3. Levi Kelley	Men's Recurve 1. Jeff Fletcher 2. Tom Arnett 3. Don Riedman	Men's Longbow 1. Sam Kelley 2. Ken Redding 3. Steve Snider	Men's Selfbow 1. John Brewer 2. Danny Durst 3. Lee Cornelius	Ole Timers 1. Ken Redding 2. Leonard Adams 3. Steve Byerly
Cubs 1. Curtis Burns 2. Kayla Murray 3. Eric Smith	Youth Girls 1. 2. 3.	Women's Recurve 1. Meg Murray 2. Sandy Sahr 3. Marcie Prater	Women's Longbow 1. Iris Canterbury 2. Marilyn Waddell 3. Sharon Fugate	Women's Selfbow 1. 2. 3.	

Joy's Jottings



We couldn't keep the rain away and when it came it came hard. I am just thankful that no one stood poised with camera in hand as Buckeye Mike, Lance, Lee & I emerged from the woods after shooting more than 1/2 the course in that deluge. But what fun we had. At least we didn't have to wait for any groups in front of us to find their arrows.... Sorry the rest of you were happily dry in your respective abodes. You could not have possibly had as much fun as we did.

We are becoming a bit more comfortable with the "technology" aspect of registration. Thank you for your patience as we make adjustments while we learn.

We love our kids and want them to be safe and happy. We did have some safety issues and a couple 'accidents' that could have been avoided. I bring them up, not to chastise but to remind all of us that it only takes a second for an accident to happen. One little one took an arrow knock in her lip when she ran up behind her grampa while he was pulling arrows. 9 stitches later, she came home to tell Grampa and Grammy "don't worry, I am just fine". Stitches are a happy alternative to the possible loss of an eye. I am not sure which Veronica is more proud of, the stitches or her first OSTA medal!!! Another young person was bitten by one of the dogs. Thankfully the dog was leashed and the injury was not bad. Two things here: we need to remind everyone to be careful when approaching dogs and don't make any moves that could be interpreted as aggressive. At the same time, if your dog is not on leash, please keep him close to your side. Not everyone is as comfortable as you are around animals. Some kids were innocently playing in the creek, not realizing they were down range for the practice range.



With arrows flying and vehicles coming and going, it is important that you know where your children are before and after dark. Our camping quarters can be quite close at times. We ask that you be cognizant when you set up camp and remember that:

Everyone likes some shade. Please set up in a way that others can have some also.

We all get loud sometimes, but please remember to keep the noise to a minimum, especially between 11 pm and 7 am.

Shoot stats: 84 shooters on Saturday 106 shooters on Sunday

12 tents 11 trailers.

9 stitches 0 4 rain drenched but cooled off shooters 0 1 dogbite 0 1 doggie pooh not cleaned up

Joy

Friendly competition comes in all forms at an OSTA shoot. Details will vary according to whose version of events you choose believe. OSTA Officers remain neutral on any controversy that may ensue from this unsanctioned event.



LOTS of people spent
LOTS of time looking for
LOTS of these



Others found this



Securing OSTA's Future

Our June Shoot was all about the kids and building up our supply of kids arrows. Paul sends out a big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way in this effort. **15 dozen** arrows were made. *That is enough for 30 kids!!!* So many bows were given away that our bow supply was cut in half. Enough praise cannot be given to Paul Knisley for the time & effort he puts into making the bows as well as spear-heading the whole program. The making of the bows is much more involved then in the past and no longer produced en masse. If you would like to learn the process and help in this area, please see Paul. There is nothing sweeter then the smile on a kid's face when we put the bow & arrows in their hands. Your help in this area will keep us from having to disappoint a youngster by telling them we are all out of bows.



So many ways to have fun at

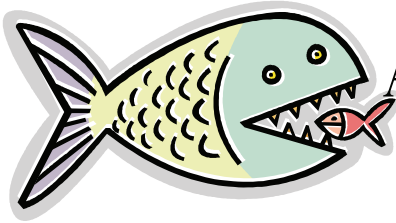


OSTA
loves
kids



A big thank you and a pat on the back to all the parents and





All You Can Eat Fish Fry

Rush Creek Shoot

Saturday Evening

\$7.00



Shoot Schedule 2007

July 7 & 8

Rushcreek Sportsmen-Bellefontaine

August 4 & 5

East Holmes Bowmen-Berlin

September 1-2

Jackson County Bowhunters-Jackson

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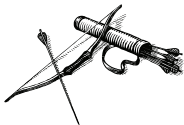
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Meeting Minutes - Blackhoof - June 3, 2007

Jamie opened the membership meeting by thanking everyone for coming. We appreciate the great effort put forth by the Blackhoof Bowmen. Jamie then gave the floor to John Gesner. John shared about 2 families he had invited to the shoot today. Both families showed up & the 3 kids were given bows and arrows. This was the first experience with archery for both families. John wanted to convey how appreciative they were for the equipment and for the hospitality afforded them by the OSTA family. Thanks to all who welcomed them. That is what makes OSTA – OSTA!.

Discussion was had concerning OSTA merchandise. The opinion was expressed that the officers should have the freedom to make those determinations without bringing it for a vote. The officers want to make sure that there is interest among the membership for certain items. We now have a good supply of OSTA shirts. We are out of hats at the moment but will be ordering both the short billed hat as well as the embroidered hat. Price will be determined when we know the cost. We will also be getting a smaller OSTA decal. The large one is still available but it has had the OSTA web address added to it (thanks to Paul Knisley for the great idea) There was enough interest in the membership patch and year patches that we will continue to provide them. Some expressed that they just didn't have any place to put the patches. (Caution: secretary brain thinking while typing---perhaps we could have a patch party at an upcoming shoot – we could bring in a couple sewing machines & sew patches on for people. Anyone interested?)

Tom Frick brought up the idea of adding a “Sonny” round as an extra round. Money's raised – above the \$3.00 given the host club - from anyone shooting this round would go to fund the kid's archery. Some discussion followed and thoughts expressed included that while we loved and miss Sonny, he would be the first to say there are others who have gone on before who should be honored as well. The Officers and Advisory Board are going to explore this further and hopefully come up with some way of not only honoring but remembering the roots of OSTA.

Brian Melick will be stepping down as Vice President at the end of this year. Hoot Gibson and Dave Murray have both been nominated to fill this position. Marilyn Waddell is planning on running for another term as Treasurer but nominations are open for anyone who would wish to run for this office.

Bud James made a motion to adjourn with numerous people seconding it.

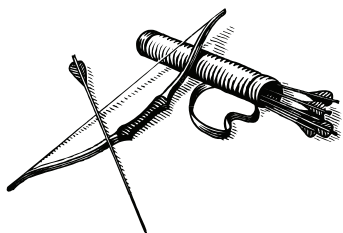
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New Members!!

L.B. & Pat Oliver - Kitts Hill

- OSTA District Reps**
- The following members have volunteered to be District Reps and make emergency phone calls as needed:
 - District 1—Wayne Robinson / Bill Grant
 - District 2—Tom Frick
 - District 3—vacant
 - District 4—Chuck Murray / Dave Murray
 - District 5—Tim & Roxie Maloney / Chris Waddell
- If you live in District 3 and would like to offer your services, please contact Joy or Jamie, as soon as possible. **Thank You!!!**