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From the president:

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I hope all Club members have had a chance to get to the Range and do some shooting. The Range is in good shape. We have accomplished quite a bit at our work parties. Thanks to those who have shown up and helped out. Try to remember, this is **YOUR Club** and it takes allot of work to keep it in pristine condition, so lend us a hand and show up to help!



Once again, Bownanza is going to be an awesome shoot this year! Bring your friends. Please see the articles regarding the shoot in this month's Puffs.

Shoot Straight and I'll See You at the Range!

Jim Walker

Vehicles Used on Club Property

As per our Standing Rules Sec 12:

Horses and motor bikes/ATVs are not permitted on the Range except for CRB business. Street legal motor bikes may only be ridden on the main road into the Club.

Donations for Bownanza!

This year's Bownanza is taking another GIANT leap! This shoot has become our destination shoot (an event, versus just a shoot like all other Clubs have) and we expect to have over 300 shooters. We plan on having a wide array of activities for people to participate in again this year. We are in the process of collecting money for the money dot targets and merchandise for door prizes and raffles. Anyone donating money or items will be recognized as a sponsor either at the target in which they are a sponsor (or co-sponsor) or at the registration booth. Money sponsors can be from \$20 and up! Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or

donating money or merchandise for this shoot, PLEASE contact Jim Walker at 253-735-2200 or John Ussery at 253-862-8972.

Freezer Needed For The Club

The Club is in need of a good working freezer. We need it to store food for our tournament season. Anyone that has a freezer they would like to donate to the Club, please contact Scott Chavis or Jim Walker.

Members:

Would You Like Some Stubble Bales For Home?

The Club has pulled the stubble bales out of "A" and "B" courses. If you are interested in some bales to shoot at home, please show up to a work party and you may have what you need. If you can not make it out to work, you can purchase them for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Otherwise we will be disposing of what we don't need. Contact Scott Chavis or Jim Walker ASAP.

2008 3-D Schedule

July 25, 26, and 27

Bownanza 3-D Shoot

August 16 Broadhead 3-D Shoot

August 17 Club Picnic and Club 3-D Shoot



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If you have any **NEWS** THAT you would like to see in **your** monthly "PUFFS", please submit it before the 25th of each month!

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CRB Board Meeting June 12, 2008

Meeting called to order around 7:45

We have received the Bales we ordered for the Clubhouse and also received the lights. They will both be installed as time permits.

The Board discussed purchasing Liability Insurance for the board members. Motion was made and accepted.

There was discussion about Asplundt Chips for the play area but it was recommended we look into pea gravel.

Edo will see about getting gravel for "Pot holes" and Jim will talk with Doug or Rodger about availability of a truck.

Food: We have 63 steaks left
June Open we will need 30 to 40
Bownanza will need 85 to 90

Bownanza: Edo's course is the only one laid out. We need the other courses ASAP.

Board Meeting: We need another Board Meeting in two weeks to discuss Bownanza. It was decided to meet June 19th after target set-up. Club will do burgers.

Selling firewood bundles was discussed. No conclusion.

Meeting was adjourned.

Target Sponsorships

Here is where CRB stands: Sponsorships acquired by 2007 and 2008 Assessments: 7, the Board of Directors (15 members): 41, Sponsorships acquired by CRB General Membership to date (85+ members) 8 sponsors. Remaining carpet bales needed for our walk-through courses: 12. With the memberships' help we should be able to finish this project this year!

Our Sponsors so far: CRB Membership made carpet targets (2), CRB Membership 2007 (3), CRB Membership 2008 (4), Universal Refrigeration (9), Scotty's General Construction (9), Sportsman's Warehouse Federal Way (1), Hilltop Archery (1), Palmer Coking Coal (1), East West Truck Lines Inc. (3), Mapsco (1), Hi Tech Collision (1), Trident Water

Works (1), NAPA Black Diamond and Frank's Meat Market (1), Benchmark Cabinets (1), Colis Construction (1), Martin Archery (1), Krain Corner Restaurant (1), German Shorthair Pointer Rescue of Washington and Real Dog German Shorthair Pointers (1), R. Gregory Stephens Inc. (1), Blue Lake Archers (1), TM Meats (1), Champion Arms LLC (1), Carlson Sales (1), Washington State Archery Association (1), Mike Garrett (1), The Tillotson Family (1), Traditional Bowhunter's of Washington (1), The Robason Family (1), Dave Garrison, Mike Garrett, Walt Watkins, Edo Gebenini, John Hill and Kent White (1), The Mangold/Dittes and Lee/Odell Families (1), Mama Norma's Maui Sauce (1), David and Kalli Willson (1), James and Casey Margard (1) and Darrell Barrie

(1). **Currently, we only need 12 more sponsorships to complete "C" course and our range will be complete. For literature to make your presentations to a potential sponsor, contact Walt Watkins at 425-222-5611 or slimwalt@comcast.net.**



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The June Open / 2008

This years' June open was a great success, the weather was good the turnout was better than expected and the club made a little money.

Sounds like everything was great, what more could you ask for? Well, I will tell you.

More member participation! Can you help?

We have the same 6 or 7 board members busting their butts to put on a successful tournament and out of that group only a few do most of the work with little to no participation from the general membership. This is not enough man / women power to put on a tournament. The members that are putting on our tournaments are getting burned out. We need more members to get involved!

How does the club stay in existence?

1. Club member dues.
2. Revenue from tournaments.
3. Voluntary participation from Club members.

If you take any one of these factors out the equation the Club ceases to exist.

Our Club is a great place to shoot, camp and bring your children. It is a one of a kind club in terms of today's archery clubs. Where else could you find such a place to go for less than \$100.00 per year?

Don't let this club slip away as most others have. Just a couple of hours here and there during a tournament or work party can help out greatly.

Edo Gebenini / Rangemaster

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

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June 23, 2008

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WDFW invites hunters, others to help develop hunting seasons for 2009-2011

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is inviting hunters, conservation groups and the general public to help shape state hunting seasons for 2009-11.

Through July 13, WDFW will accept public comments on issues ranging from general hunting hours to mule deer seasons. A questionnaire on those issues is posted on the department's website at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/seasonsetting/index.htm> .

Hunters and others can also suggest their own ideas for future hunting seasons, said Dave Ware, WDFW game manager.

"This is the first of several opportunities people will have to participate in developing hunting seasons for the next three years," Ware said. "We have certain management goals that we must meet, but we want to involve hunters and other members of the public in helping us determine how best to achieve them." Once the first comment period is over, WDFW will assess recommendations received from the public and use them in developing various season alternatives and proposed hunting regulations for 2009-11, Ware said.

In mid-August, WDFW will post those alternatives for public comment on its website and kick off a series of public meetings throughout the state. Evening meetings are planned Aug. 25 in Everett; Aug. 26 in Aberdeen; Aug. 27 in Tacoma; Aug. 28 in Vancouver, Wash.; Sept. 2 in Wenatchee; Sept. 3 in Spokane Valley; and Sept. 4 in Pasco. Specific times and locations of those meetings will be announced in July.

In March and April 2009, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission will take public comments and consider adopting the proposed hunting seasons.

WDFW will provide regular updates on the hunting season-setting process via the WDFW website noted above. Interested citizens can also receive updates through the mail by calling (360) 902-2515 and asking to be added to the mailing list.

Volunteers Needed for **Bownanza**

Tournaments dates are July 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2008

Please come and help us. We still need volunteers to help out at the Annual Bownanza Tournament. This is by far our biggest tournament of the year; the proceeds from tournaments are our main source of income and how our club stays solvent. Just a reminder, the club exists and functions by the members donating time. Our biggest and most labor intensive tournament of the year is almost upon us and only a handful of members have signed up to help.

Take a look at your calendar; can you find time to help?

Here is what our needs are

1. Help in the Cook Shack. We need 2-3 people for 4 hour shift. We have breakfast and lunch shift openings.
 - Cook (barbeque) burgers, hotdogs, etc. etc.
 - Take food orders, make change and serve food.
 - Clean up after your shift.
2. Help set up targets:
 - Wednesday the 23rd, day or evening.
 - Thursday the 24th, day or evening.
 - Friday (day only) the 25th.
 - Put animal targets out on the courses and set rebar shooting steaks
3. Help pick up and put away the animals after we are done with the tournament on Sunday afternoon July 27th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
4. Help in the registration booth. Saturday morning shift 7:00 am to 10:00 am.

If you have any questions contact us via email. We have trained experts standing by to explain in detail what your duties involve and answer any questions.

Contact us via email eap8411@comcast.net if you can help

Vegas Archery Trip

By Pat Moore

Vegas is the quintessential archery tournament. It has a draw that only the apex of competition can provide. I know many of us at one point in our lives wonder what it would be like to compete on one of archery's biggest stages. Well you're in luck, in the sport of archery there is no prequalification, all are welcome to step up to the line and compete. Obviously I had this curiosity and felt compelled to join my fellow archers making the migration to Las Vegas and experience what a major archery tournament was all about. I had no delusions of winning, I was simply curious and interested in doing my best. I encourage you all to try to attend this event at least once in your life it is quite an experience and you don't need to be competitive to enjoy it. I suspect that many never do because there is a level of uncertainty and anxiety about standing up in front of everyone and trying to perform. Well let me just say don't be, read on and I'll describe how the tournament is run, chronicle my experiences, and offer some tips to help you to do your best.

Once I committed to the cost associated with the event (roughly \$2000.00), entry fee, hotel, airfare, food and ... the anticipation just began to grow. I was finally going to attend a world class event. And my excitement grew as the event grew closer. I arrived at the airport on time and scanned the gate area for other archers. The evidence was clear I was not alone, archery hats and jackets were scattered among the crowd. We boarded the plane and I found my seat and sat down. A Young lady and her mother immediately commented on my Hoyt hat. They said they too were attending the tournament. The daughter was in the JOAD program at the nock point and had decided to try and compete in a tournament. I thought to myself how wonderful that a teenager was able to show the confidence and desire to go have fun and do her best to compete.

I had spent the previous night meticulously packing my equipment to insure it would arrive undamaged and ready. Here is a tip don't lock your bow case when checking it with the airline. When we landed I found my brand new \$300.00 case with two of the 4 latches destroyed from the airport security as they wrenched it open to take a look inside. My wonderful packing job simply cast aside with my sureloc sight haphazardly tossed back into the case and the foam separating my two bows no longer protecting either of them. The outside was loosely held together with some packing tape that no longer adhered to the outside of the case. I was furious and beside myself. After careful inspection everything seemed to be OK but not the kind of thing that bolsters confidence in your equipment. I was about to catch a ride via an airport shuttle when my wife called and said they were picking me up at the airport.

They had arrived earlier in the week to do some extra sight seeing. I loaded my stuff in the rental van and we were off to the shoot.

When you arrive at the hotel be prepared for huge lines. There is a line to register and a line to check-in. We dumped our bags with the bell hop and went and had lunch and waited for the line to die down. Turns out this was a good idea the line was a fraction of the size when we returned.

So how does this whole tournament thing work? What should I expect? How do I know where to go and when to be there? Fear not as you would expect. The NFAA does their best to make it simple and easy to understand. I will say that it isn't really well documented until after you register so let me give you a sort of a review. The first thing you need to do is register and pay your entry fee. There is an online form where you are asked about your equipment and age and gender. You are then divided up and assigned to a group. These groups are clearly listed in the registration packet that you are sent in the mail. Each group is assigned shooting times for the first day in advance and this is provided in the packet. Depending on how well you shoot you are assigned shoot times for the following two days. by Thursday evening each archer is assigned a lane and for those groups that have a lot of archers they may have two different shooting lines so your time to shoot will also be provided. This info is posted on a large board in the lobby. Simply show up to your assigned target butt ready to shoot at the time indicated on your registration documents. The target butts are clearly marked with huge black numbers. There are two rooms so if you don't see your lane just walk down the hall to the next room. (Assuming it's in the same venue again next year) Understanding were I should be and if I would be there when I was supposed to be was my biggest fear but it turned out to be the simplest thing of the trip.

I spent a lot of time practicing before the event and thought for sure I was ready. I had a high level of confidence that I had everything under control. There were however a few things I was not expecting and they really affected my performance. With a little effort and some forethought they can easily be avoided. Let me give you some suggestions that may help you be better prepared than I was.

Practice Practice Practice, There was practice time available on Thursday night but I really felt I didn't need it. I was feeling a little under the weather and There was an hour available for practice prior to my round in the morning I assumed that would be plenty of time to get ready. Well, after the flight the broken case the big stage ... I simply was not ready. I really needed some practice to gain confidence again with my equipment and to settle down. I got to the practice area twenty minutes before it was

scheduled to open. Unfortunately I found a line of 100 archers waiting for only 50 spots. The tournament committee quickly realized they had a problem and opened one of the main halls to allow practice there. Because this was not an expected practice session they didn't have the Public announcement system working yet so they limited you to only three arrows per practice round. With at least 100 archers shooting a lot of time is burned on waiting for slow shooters and pulling arrows and coordinating people back and forth. I was only able to shoot about 15 arrows in that hour. It quickly became obvious that I had a disaster on my hands, nothing was going well despite my intense focus to all the details I simply could not get my arrows to group. Half my arrows flew 3 inches high and the other half were flying 3 inches low and I had two of my arrows flew so high they wouldn't even score on a three spot. Keep in mind this was out of only 15 arrows. The frustrating problem was they all felt like great shots from the line. I was dumbfounded but everything was going crazy. I had no confidence that any of my shots would find the mark and you know what, because of that, they didn't. I was shooting consistently above 270 on my practice rounds at home and most were in the 280's. The disaster that was my first round of the tournament ended up being a 235. It's quite a dejecting feeling after spending so much money and time in preparation to watch it all swirl down the crapper. My goal for the tournament soon became trying not to be last.

First order of business was to figure out what was going on. I was pretty sure it wasn't equipment related there just didn't seem to be anything loose and well it had to be me. I went straight to the practice facility and shot and shot and shot. Slowly the inconsistencies went away and my standard groups started to reappear. At the point when I left the range I was feeling pretty good that I could once again hit what I was aiming at. I'm still not sure what I was doing that was inconsistent but clearly there was something. My best guess is that I was collapsing before the shot. I have to believe that practicing on Thursday night would have given me the time needed to work out the problems or at least felt more comfortable with the limited practice opportunity afforded us in the morning. So as the saying goes practice, practice, practice.

They had record attendance at the shoot this year and I don't think they really were prepared for the demand for practice time. They had setup an outdoor facility but as it turns out the high winds that were prevalent all weekend destroyed the backstop netting and they were never able to get it repaired. As a consequence the indoor facilities were always packed and in high demand. My suggestion is to fight the crowd get in there and get some repetitions in, it's important!

Another factor that I think many people overlook, I sure did, is understanding how you'll shoot early in the morning. When was the last time you woke up at 5:00am showered ate breakfast with coffee and with a minimal amount of practice try to shoot a killer score. For some people their brain just doesn't work as efficiently in the morning. Let's be honest most of our practicing happens in the evening after we have completed all of our other tasks. So to be prepared, try shooting some rounds in the early morning right after your coffee so you know what to expect.

After the practice rounds I checked out the scores which are posted every day in the lobby. In my division I was third from last

place. The scores that were behind me were so bad I was certain they must have had some sort of equipment failure. The next day I shot with the same group of archers I had the first day and at the same target. My score was in the low 260's which was still a bit disappointing but after the first day it was a relief. The Third day of the shooting they move you around and put you with shooters that have similar scores. Because of the first days score I was shooting with the other bottom dwellers. Lets just say the low scores were not due to equipment failures. These folks just lacked the skills necessary to post high scores. I applaud them though they came out and competed and they were having fun and there is a lot to be said for that. Despite this lack of focus on accuracy by my fellow competitors I shot a 269 which was only one point off what I had originally thought would be my lowest acceptable score, funny how your expectation change. I plan on going again next year and if I do I know I'll be better prepared and hopefully I shoot better too.

There is a whole lot more to the event than the tournament. It's a real archery spectacle. It was actually kind of surreal there were people carrying compound bows and arrows everywhere in the complex. You would go into the restaurant and there would be bows sitting in the booths with the patrons. In the Casinos next to the slot machines and poker tables it just all seemed so out of place. My wife commented that it was the land of ball caps because everyone was wearing some sort of archery related ball cap (myself included). In addition to the people watching, there is an archery trade show as well. All the big names were at the trade show but certainly not the small ones. This was actually a little disappointing to me. I expected this to be a bigger part of the festivities but I felt like I had seen everything the trade show had to offer after the first two hours of the first day. I think this part of the event could be expanded even if it had to spill over into another venue. At any rate it was still a whole lot of fun and I highly recommend it for everyone at least once in your life. It's just nice to say you've done it! Anyone interested in going halves' on a hotel room next year let me know ☺

July Calendar of Events:

5/6	Rinehart R-100	Capitol Hill Bowmen	3-D
10	CRB Board Meeting		7:30 p.m.
	<u>All members are invited to attend</u>		
11/13	JOAD Nationals	Oklahoma City, OK	JOAD
12	Big Game 3-D	WCW	3-D
12/13	WSAA 3-D	Silver Arrow	3-D/W
	Star FITA	WCW	FITA
19	Wash. State Games	Skookum-Puyallup	TGT
19/20	Rendezvous	KBH Archers	3-D
	Extreme 3-D	Evergreen Archers	3-D
	NFAA Unmarked 3-D	Yankton, SD	3-D/N
21/25	NFAA Outdoor National	Yankton, SD	F/N
26	Bowhunter Warm-up	Lewis & Clark	3-D
26/27	Bownanza Cedar River Bowmen		3-D
26/27	Bowhunter Challenge	Custer Sportsmen	3-D

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 July 25th, 26th and 27th 2008

- **Tournament:** 40 targets four courses Saturday and 30 targets four courses Sunday. One arrow per target. Must shoot both days for awards. Both days' scores count towards total score. No laser sights, range finders, or broadheads. Binoculars OK, (8X Max). All Cedar River Bowmen rules apply.
- **Money Dots:** Over **\$1,000** in Cash. There are no additional fees to shoot the Money Dot Shots.
- **Money Shoot:** IBO Pro Format, **\$20.00 extra fee with 100% Payback, high score wins.**
- **Novelty Shoots:** "21" Shoot, 3 arrows for \$2 high hand wins. Long Range Orange Dot Shot, \$1 per arrow. Novelty shoots split 50/50 with Club. Kids balloon shoot each day. Ping Pong ball shoot, arrow must hit and penetrate ball to win. Water Jug Shoot, drain the jug the fastest, single elimination until there is a winner. Novelty shoots continue throughout the weekend.
- **Smoker and Coon Shoots:** Friday and Saturday, Coon Shoot after dark, 10 targets on 1 course, \$5.00 fee, high score wins, split 50/50 with club. Smoker Round, 10 very difficult animal shots \$10.00 fee, only one arrow allowed per shooter. Two highest scores win 50/25/25 split with club.
- **Moving Targets:** Running Deer, Teeter Totter, Beavers on the Carousel, Bouncing Ball & Spinning Turkey.
- **Prizes:** Over **\$8,000** in Door and Raffle prizes on Sunday. Must be present to win.
- **Camping:** We offer **FREE** limited, primitive camping (first come first serve basis) for RV's, Trailers and Tents.
- **Concessions:** Kitchen opens at 6:30 a.m. serving breakfast and lunch. Friday Night: All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner includes Salad & Garlic Bread \$7.00 per person. Saturday Night: BBQ Steak dinner \$12.00. Dinner includes baked potato, salad, watermelon, roll, and desert.

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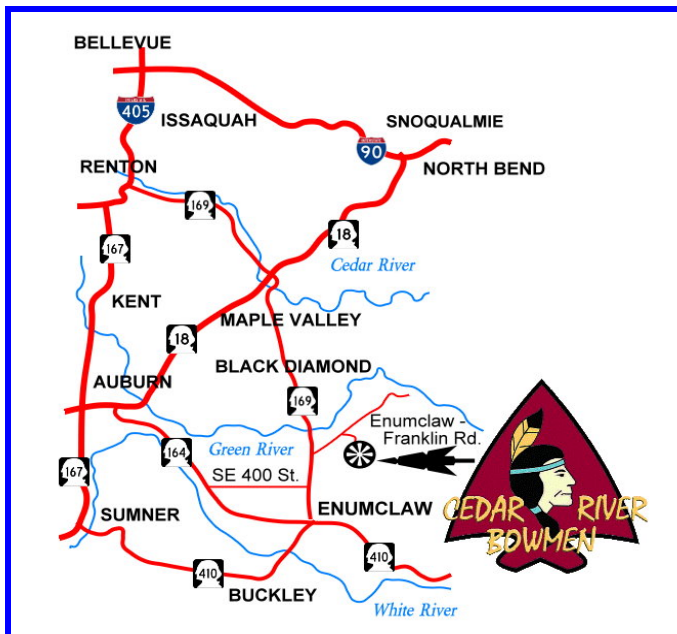
Adults:.....18 & over...\$25.00 (1 day)*\$35.00 (2 days)*
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 Youth:.....13-14.....\$12.00 (1 day)..... *\$15.00 (2 days)*
 Cub:.....9-12.....\$5.00 each day
 Future Bow Hunter:.....(Under 8 years of age).....Free
 Family Maximum:.....\$75.00

Tournament Hours:

Friday.....5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Saturday.....7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday.....7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Raffle.....3:00 p.m.
 Awards & Door Prizes Sunday.....3:30 p.m.

You may begin shooting on Saturday and Sunday at first light if you are registered or immediately after registration.

**Must be paid by Saturday* "No Exceptions"*



Directions from North: From Maple Valley go south on SR 169 through Black Diamond to the Enumclaw-Franklin Road. Turn left on the Enumclaw-Franklin Road and go about 1/10 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Club is about 1/8 mile beyond the gate.

Directions From South: From Enumclaw go North on SR 169 to the Enumclaw-Franklin road and turn right. Go about 1/10 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Club is about 1/8 mile beyond the gate.

Tournament Information call: Mike Garrett at 360-886-0809
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Bownanza is a Belt Buckle Qualifier Tournament. *See our website (Bag-a-Buckle Flyer) for details*

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