

Cowtown Bowmen Archery Club

Cowtown Cowpatty

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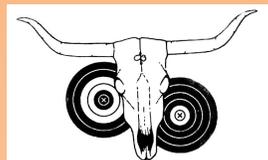
NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have started off very strong concerning membership for 2014 and that is in large part to our outstanding returning members who continue to promote our club and the sport of archery. Just to give you an idea, as of March 26, 2013 we have had 29 referrals for new members and new memberships are accounting for 48.7% of our current membership, which is currently 152. To give you an idea, last year we had 156 members as of June 18th, 2013. It also due to the amazing folks who take an active role in taking this club to the next level, whether that is thru volunteering for work parties, holding a position on the board, or just take an active role in voicing your thoughts on what is best for all of us as a whole. I would like to thank each and every one of you, no matter how much or how little you can do for the club, all of it is greatly appreciated.

We have some amazing things that have been implemented, or are under way for this year with the club. We have a Field Archery range that is coming along nicely and with a few final touches it should be up and running very soon. Around the first of Feb, we also were able to get online signups possible, thanks entirely to our awesome websmaster, Celeste. We also have added an online store so that you can get your Cowtown Bowmen shirts, hats, mugs and various other goodies. More designs and offerings will be added as time permits. The 'Bring a Bow Buddy' program continues to accelerate to another record breaking year, which translates into new faces in the club, new members, new archers to the sport, and continued growth to our archery family that we call Cowtown.

I just wanted to let y'all know how we are doing, tell you how much we appreciate all of you, and to let all of our wonderful members know that is if there is anything any of us, the club officers and board of directors, can do for you, please let us know. We make every attempt to govern the club in strict accordance to what you, the members, want, so please keep in contact with us so that we may continue to move Cowtown in this wonderful direction.

Thank you,
Chuck Hubbard

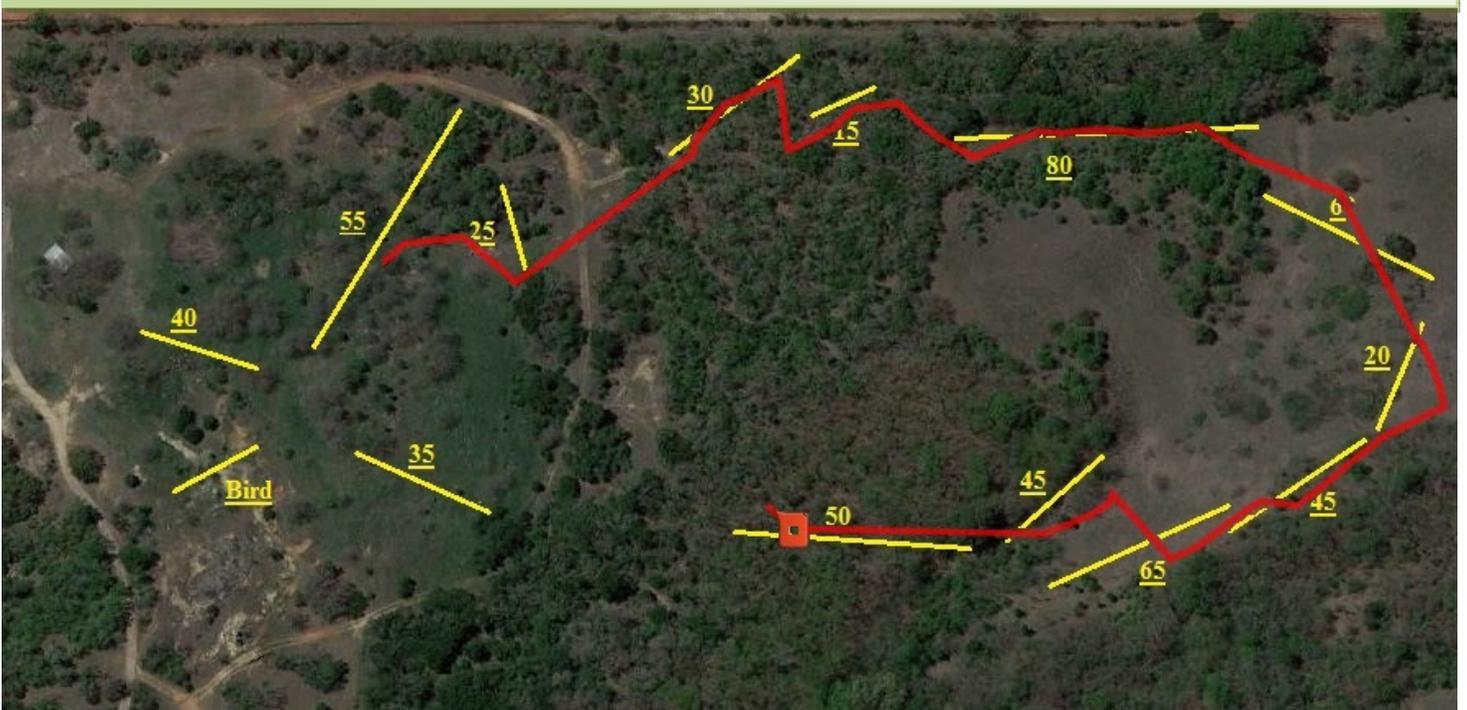


3D Practice Range now merged with Field range!!!

The 3D Practice Range is now back up and running and we have moved it to follow along the same path as the new Field Archery Range that is under construction. We have done this so that we can still offer a variety of shooting scenarios, allow our members to experience both field and 3D targets at the same time once the Field Range is completed, and this also allows for the absolute most effective way to provide the safest course for both without having to limit one or the other.

The 3D targets will begin on target #2 of the Field Range, so you will be able to park by the pavilion and the last 3D animal will be on target #13. We have done this so that we do not have any animals out in the open and visible from the main road in the hopes of limiting the likelihood that they might walk off. We will continue to rotate animals on the 3D range so that we will have a variety to shoot at.

We appreciate your understanding in the need for this change and also look forward to introducing all of our club shooters to a whole new slew of shooting lanes opened up by our very own Joe Crawford for the ASA State Qualifier we hosted in March. And this is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what Cowtown's potential is in terms of new and exciting lanes. Please contact me or another board member if you have any questions.

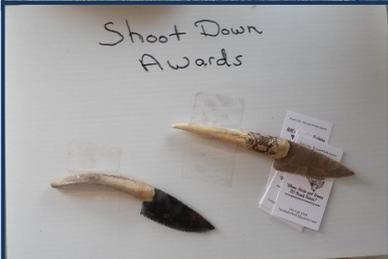


2014 ASA State Qualifier

On March 8th & 9th, 2014, Cowtown hosted the ASA State Qualifier shoot for our region. Although we only had 47 shooters come out Saturday to brave the chilly weather and the wind, we had a spectacular turnout Sunday bringing our total shooters to 205. We also had a Pro Style Shoot Down prior to awards on Sunday, with both men's and women's winner being awarded a flint napped knife donated by Joe Crawford. Both the scope and the pins ranges were raved about, again setting Cowtown as the gold standard for 3D events.

Much thanks to Mike and Tracy of ASA for all they do, and all of our Cowtown volunteers who came out to work, set up and tear down the event: Kevin Hubbard, Joe Crawford, Bob Combest, Jake Crawford, Art Crawford, Chuck Hubbard, Glenn Salsman, Tim Whitaker, Donnie Bowman, Faith Wheeler, John Nicholson, Roper Wall, Rhonda Wall, Chris Hansen, and Kevin Powell.





Chris	8	8 1/16	24	32	40	45
Enoch	14	8 1/22	32	42	56	66
Aemo	8	10 1/16	28	36	44	52
Ma	10	8 1/16	26	36	48	53
Danny	10	10 1/20	32	40	48	62
Julian	12	8 1/10	32	42	52	62



2014 Club Shoot Classes for Cowtown Bowmen

For 2014 we had some very good recommendations and the committee that oversaw the development of our club shoot series put in the hours to come up with changes we feel will make club shoots more competitive, easier to understand for new 3D shooters, and less confusing as well as open up some new classes tailored to attract new shooters to our sport.

We also have adopted the center 11 scoring method as the last few years we have had a lot of feedback that the old system of having half 12's n play sometimes and not other times was hard to understand to someone who is very new to archery. It was decided that we would make a change for a more simplistic scoring method in the hopes make it more enjoyable for all members, afterall that is what club shoots are supposed to be about, fun. :-)



Cowtown Bowmen Archery Club Level Classes

45 yard max - White Stake

Men's Open
Women's Open

40 yard max - Red Stake

Men's Hunter
Seniors 65+

30 yard max - Blue Stake

Men's Novice
Women's Hunter
Young Adult 15-17yrs

25 yard max - Yellow Stake

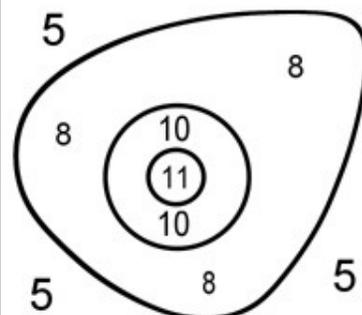
Traditional
Women's Novice
Youth 13-14yrs
Cubs 9-12yrs
Min-cubs 8 & Under

Awards at Club Shoot now too.....

Be sure to stick around as we will now be handing out awards at all club shoots, so stick around after to see if you won something. On weekend shoots, awards will be done Sunday after last cards turned in.

Also make sure you note that you need to compete in at least **THREE** of the four club events to qualify for the Club Championship titles.

Our Awards committee did a great job at budgeting and planning for our club format and we think it is going to be a great year at Cowtown Bowmen Archery Club.



Cowtown Center 11 Scoring

Cabela's Spring Great Outdoors Days

Much thanks to Kevin Hubbard, Rusty and Curtis Kidder, Tony Wooten, Geoff Klein for coming out and helping with the Cowtown Bowmen table at this event. ☺



Local Audubon Society visits Cowtown Bird Watching During Christmas Holiday

Bob/Kevin-

I've included a list of birds spotted on your property during the Christmas Bird Count. Our upcoming Spring Bird Count is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2014. I also included a few photos, they were not taken during the Christmas count, but taken during winter season.

Photo 039 is Carolina Wren, 159 is Cedar Waxwing and 383 is Northern Cardinal.

I will send you details and photos from the Spring Count. Thanks again for letting us have access to your property. It's a habitat for a variety of birds:

Blue Jay, Carolina Chickadee, Eastern Phoebe, Northern Cardinal, Tufted Titmouse, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Northern Mockingbird, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, American Crow, Carolina Wren, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, House Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, House Finch, Common Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture

Vicki Moore



COWTOWN BOWMEN NOW HAS AN ONLINE STOREFRONT



We are pleased to announce we have a new storefront with CafePress with our logo on various items. Please visit <http://www.cafepress.com/cowtownbowmen> and check it out. A portion of all of your purchases go to the club for more improvements to our facility.

COWTOWN BOWMEN CAN NOW TAKE ONLINE SIGN-UPS!!!!

Please go to the following website, <http://cowtownbowmen.com/Membership.html>, and make sure to fill out the membership application and submit it. This sends the form to Kevin, our Membership Coordinator, so he can mail you your gate key and membership card. Also be sure to go back to the page and submit payment via the Paypal button on the bottom of the page.

Please let us know if you have any glitches or issues signing up via the web and we will do all that we can to get your application processed as soon as possible.

Also huge thanks are in order to our wonderful webmaster, Celeste Salsman, for being able to get this done. I tried to figure it out myself, but it truly took her expertise to get it done.

Hats off to you Celeste, and thank you. :-)

COWTOWN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT CHANGES

The board also decided on a new format for determining our Club Championship. Last year we tried something new with the handicap format and we do feel it added some excitement to the club championship format, a side effect of that was fewer people in the running for our club title. This year's format was developed by a committee of members led by a board member and looks very promising to make the 2014 Club Championship a very exciting thing. Thank you all of those that volunteered for the committee and worked so hard on this format.

- There will be awards given out at Club Shoots, so be sure to stick around after the event to see who won and collect awards.
- Club Classes are as follow: Men Open, Men Hunter, Men Novice, Women Open, Women Hunter, Women Novice, Seniors, Traditional, Young Adult [15-17], Youth [13-14], Cubs [9-12] and Mini Cubs [8- under].
- Must shoot 3 club shoots to qualify for Club Championship running. Those three scores will be averaged and shooters will be arranged in 'flights' at Championship shoot which will have a shotgun 10am start time. The next four in each class will be arranged in 'flights' as well and so will the third group. Awards given will be a buckles and medallions for all classes young adult and above. Youth, Cubs and Mini Cubs will receive medallions.

FIELD ARCHERY RANGE UPDATE

Next Work Party – TBA

Ever since the club moved ranges, Field Archery has been one aspect of archery that we have not been involved in, and last year we invested in 14 back stops and brought on some experienced Field Archers to the board, Chris Hansen as Field Archery Director and Rhonda Wall as Field Archery Range Captain. With these two helping guide the club, and many others help, we plotted a range and are now ready to get it set up.

We have scheduled a work party to work on the Field Range for TBA. Please come out if you can, stay as long as you are able, and leave when you need to. Thank you.

Any questions, please contact Chris at fita1440@yahoo.com, or me at hubbace@live.com and we will do our best to address your questions.



COWTOWN BOWMEN CLUB Q & A

Email Questions to cowntowncowpatty@live.com

This is a new section of our newsletter that we will use to answer frequent questions regarding the club, meeting, funding for projects, volunteer opportunities, and range and facility rules. Please email all questions that you would like published to the above newsletter email account and we will do our best to get them in our next monthly newsletter.

Question: Is it alright for me to bring a guest to the range?

Answer: Yes, we encourage our members to introduce non-members to the club and it is ok to bring a guest to the range one time to show them the facility. We then ask any returning guest to join the club as we believe that we are very affordable and our family friendly environment is a great place to bring the family to enjoy the outdoors and archery. We are working to get a place to have extra liability waivers available and a mail box at the entrance of the range so that if you do bring a non-member to the facility, you have them complete the waiver and drop it in the mailbox. This is a requirement of our club insurance provider which is why all members should have signed the waiver on the back of their membership application at the time they joined the club. We are also working on a solution for those who sign up online and will advise as soon as this process is figured out.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact any of the Club Officers or Board Members and we will do everything we can to either answer your question, or find an answer for you.

2014 COWTOWN BOWMEN SHOOT SCHEDULE

- 01/19/14 – Cowtown Membership Drive Shoot
- 02/22-23/14 – Winter Traditional Championship
- 03/08-09/14 – Cowtown ASA State Qualifier
- 03/30/14 [Sun] – Cowtown Club Shoot #1
- 04/12-13/14 – Cowtown Club Shoot #2 [Weekend shoot, start 10am on Sat, start 8am on Sunday, cards in Sun at noon]
- 05/17-18/14 – Cowtown Club Shoot #3 [Weekend shoot, see above]
- 06/08/14 [Sun] – Cowtown Club Shoot #4
- 06/28-29/14 – Recurve Championship Shoot
- 07/20/14 – Cowtown Club Championship
- 09/07/14 – National Archery Day
- 12/07/14 – Toys for Tots drive fun shoot [more details as we firm this up]



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29th @ 9am – Setup Work Party for Club Shoot #1.

March 30th, @ 8am – Club Shoot #1, 8am start, cards in by noon.

April 12th @ 7am – Setup Work Party for Club Shoot #2.

April 12th & 13th – Club Shoot #2, Saturday start time is 10am, Sunday start is 8am, all scorecards must be in by noon on Sunday, Awards to follow.

April 21st @ 7pm – Monthly Club Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in Lake Worth on Hwy 199 just north of Loop 820

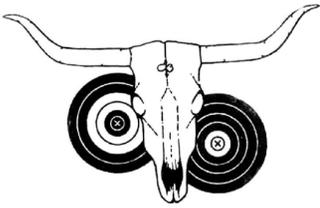


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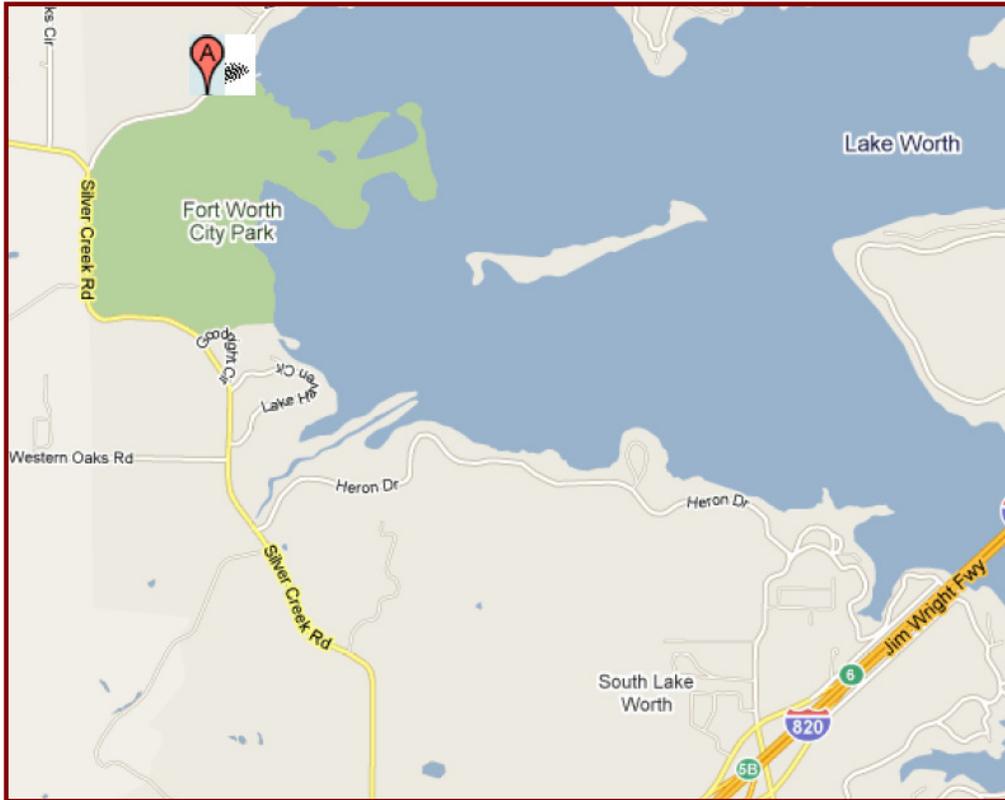
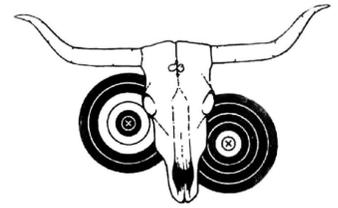
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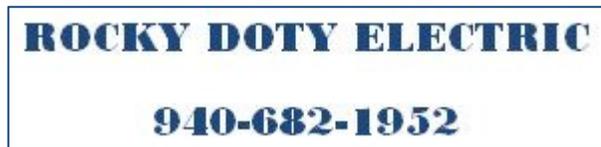


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