

HMABC News



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SPECIAL NOTICE: THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL 2-DAY FALL HARVEST SHOOT, USUALLY HELD AT GARDNER CANYON, WILL BE HELD AT OUR RANGE ON FT HUACHUCA ON 11 - 12 OCTOBER.

2008 SCHEDULE

Events for the rest of the year

SEP 13/14 - HMABC Range

OCT 5 - HMABC Work Day

OCT 11/12 - Ft Huachuca

NOV 9/10 - HMABC Range

DEC 13/14 - HMABC Range

FLYERS FOR THE 2-DAY FALL HARVEST SHOOT CAN BE FOUND INSIDE THIS MONTH'S CLUB NEWSLETTER. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.huachuca-archers.com

PLEASE CONTACT BOB FORD OR GARY LINENDOLL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Saturday Shoots...

Did you know that our monthly shoots are now held on Saturday **AND** Sunday?

Shooters can shoot one or both rounds on Saturday, when the course will be set up and ready to go from noon to 5:00 p.m. This is **in addition to** the normal Sunday times of 7:00 a.m. - Noon.

There will be cold drinks and snacks on Saturday, but hot food will only be available on Sunday.

Club Officers for 2008

President: Bob Ford
Vice President: Gary Linendoll
Treasurer: Cheryl Linendoll
Secretary: Randy Oliver
Sr Field Captain: Matt McMillan

Field Captains:

Jaime Carrasco
Jessy Cates
Jeremy Lurette
Jim McCreery
Dennis Steinour

Start time for monthly shoots is noon on Saturday and 7:00 a.m. on Sunday from April through October. Scorecards must be turned in by noon, unless we deem there is not enough time for shooters to safely complete the course. We will post the finish time at the shack where you turn your round scores in.

Remember: Hot food, drinks, and snacks are available on Sunday - drinks and snacks only Saturday.

Don't forget - there is always a club meeting right after the shoot.

Club Officer Vacancy:

The Army needs our Senior Field Captain, Conrad Sheley, in Ft Lewis, WA. He will be leaving prior to our Fall Harvest Shoot.

Conrad has been a vital member of the Club and his hard work and dedication will be sorely missed.

Matt McMillan will fill in for Conrad as Senior Field Captain until our club elections in February. This opens an opportunity for another member to step up to Field Captain - any volunteers?

Reminders:

To shoot competitively at monthly shoots you have to go around the course twice - there is no "double staking" or shooting both rounds at once. Options are: shoot both rounds Saturday; both rounds Sunday; or one round each Saturday and Sunday.

Scorecards turned in after the posted end time for the shoot will not be counted.

There is always a monthly Club meeting after the Sunday shoot. Stick around and have a say.

June 7/8, 2008

230 Extreme/ 200 Express

1. Carlos Villegas - 334
2. Ralph Parker – 330
3. Conrad Sheley - 318

Open Male

1. Jim McCreery – 340
2. Charles Dotson - 308

Unlimited Male

1. Adam Wolf - 319
2. Steve Shasteen - 302
3. Bill Hooper – 279
4. Brad Cottrell - 271

Limited Male

1. Jessy Cates - 271

Barebow Male

1. Michael Bednorz - 246

Traditional Male

1. Tom Morriss - 187

Traditional Female

1. Pat Morriss - 162

Senior Male

1. Cecil Chavez – 326
2. Jack Szilaski - 265

Youth

1. James Turner – 257
2. Dakota Saska – 248
3. Cahan Saska – 147
4. Ethan Oliver – 103

Cub

1. Logan McNeil – 249
2. Miranda Shasteen - 224

Hunter Male

1. Bill Glessner - 346
2. Matt McMillan - 324
3. Tim Saska – 318
4. Art Mead - 312

Hunter Female

1. Jodi Saska - 322

July 12/13, 2008

230 Extreme/ 200 Express

1. Ralph Parker – 407
2. Bob Ford – 388

Open Male

1. Charles Dotson - 309

Unlimited Male

1. Tommy Shamp – 326
2. Steve Shasteen – 305
3. Joe Calderon – 304
4. Brad Cottrell - 298

Limited Male

1. Jessy Cates – 295

Traditional Male

1. Tom Morriss - 214

Traditional Female

1. Pat Morriss - 203

Senior Male

1. Jack Comaduran - 322
2. Jack Szilaski - 302

Youth Male

1. Dakota Saska - 231

Cub

1. Adam Munoz - 274

Hunter Male

1. Matt McMillan – 398
2. Charlie Gordon – 394
3. Glen McNeil – 373
4. Bill Glessner - 369

Hunter Female

1. Margarita Castineira - 102

August 9/10, 2008

230 Extreme/ 200 Express

1. Bob Ford - 350
2. Carlos Villegas - 345
3. Fred Bennett - 340

Open Male

1. Denver Horine – 335
2. Jim Morgan – 319
3. George Arrieta - 195

Unlimited Male

1. Jason Jackson - 343
2. Tommy Shamp - 308
3. Charles Dotson - 304

Limited Male

1. Jessy Cates - 220.

Traditional Male

1. Brad Cottrell - 179
2. Tom Morriss - 147

Traditional Female

1. Pat Morriss - 137

Senior Male

1. Jack Szilasi - 312
2. Cecil Chavez – 302
3. Jack Comaduran – 291

Young Adult

1. Cody Merrick - 397

Youth Male

1. Dakota Saska - 237

Cub

1. Miranda Shasteen - 277

Hunter Male

1. Jimmy Temples – 363
2. Matt McMillan – 335
3. Charlie Gordon – 314
4. Randy Oliver - 314

Hunter Female

1. Jodi Saska – 297

Pee Wee

1. David Temples - 108

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here is something for us all to consider, and make every effort to live up to – the Bowhunter's Promise:

"I am a Bowhunter, and as a Bowhunter I make this promise to the game I hunt: I promise that I will not take a shot that is beyond my personal range. I promise that I will only take shots that I am confident I can make. I also promise that I will pick a spot and execute a good shot that will result in a fast, humane harvest of my quarry."

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

We just finished up another Hunter Education/Bowhunter Safety Course. The class was full, and there was a good mix of ages and experience in attendance. When you get a chance, take a kid hunting or to the range. They are the future of hunting in America, let's start them off right.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The archery deer season has begun! For those of you who are heading out, good luck and shoot straight. A nice young Coues buck offered me a quartering away shot at 27 yards in January, so I'll have to sit on the sidelines until next January. I guess that's OK...there aren't any snakes out that time of year!

We've had a pretty decent monsoon, so archers will have to deal with high grass, weeds, and shrubs, as well as those lovely little mosquitoes. And is it just me, or are chiggers everywhere this year? Arrgghhh!!!

If you are able to get out and chase the deer around, please keep safety your number one concern. Bowhunting continues to be one of the safest outdoor sports – let's do our part to keep it that way.

TECHNICAL TIP (Presented by Matt McMillan, from www.Hoyt.com): Tony Tazza is a decorated target shooter, a well-known Hoyt Pro Staffer, and one heck of a bowhunter. When he offers shooting advice, people stop and listen. You should too. Here are his thoughts on judging distance.

Woods Walking

When I'm unable to practice with McKenzie targets I'll take my rangefinder for a walk. Walk in different types of woods and in different lighting conditions. You'll be shocked to see how much lighting conditions effect your judging (I usually over-judge in low light and under-judge in bright conditions.). As you're walking around, judge the distance to a specific tree, bush or rock then shoot it with your rangefinder. When you miss the yardage, shoot some items between you and the target and see where you missed. This will help hone your depth perception and help you perfect your ground judging. To mix things up and keep you from getting bored, try to stop 20 yards from a given object then check yourself. Do the same for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 yards. I like to keep a notebook while I am doing this to see if there is a pattern to my mis-judges under certain conditions.

A Hunter's Prayer

O Lord, I am a hunter
And life I seek to take
But let me not attempt the shot
Beyond my skill to make

For Lord they are your creatures
Given for our use
But each one falls within your sight
They're not for our abuse

A clean kill or no kill, Lord
Such is my heart's desire
Give me the skill to make it so
Or let me hold my fire

And when I loose my arrow
Please guide it swift and true
Or let it miss completely, Lord
That pain be not undue

And when my time upon this earth
The days they are fulfilled
Grant that I may die at least
As clean as those I killed



ANNUAL OVERALL WINNERS: Remember that this year the Overall Winners for each shooting category will be based on total points accumulated by shooting through the year. Points will be awarded for first through fourth place at the monthly shoots; the one with the highest score at the end of the year is the Overall Winner. Also, assisting with set-up/tear-down of the Monthly and 2-Day shoots, and for work days, is considered in determining special end of year volunteer awards/prizes. We welcome and appreciate all your help!