

Hi Everyone;

10 of us met on Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 to discuss Archery and what we can do to get our group active as soon as possible. We had three new participants come to the meeting. I'll highlight our discussions and decisions for all those who could not attend.

A) We need qualified teachers for our youth programs (i.e. JOAD etc.) The 4H folks are all ready to start and so far there is one instructor. In the past we have talked with the 4H leader of the Flaming Arrows and he is capable of training some of us as first step instructors. So, if anyone out there is interested in becoming an instructor or are already qualified then **please get in touch with me.**

B) Range Safety Rules; We talked about this for our club facilities. I'm going to use the 4H Rules as a starting template and will add a few specifics to our club. These must be submitted to the clubs "Standard Operating Rules" committee.

C) Membership; We covered the requirements of membership for any activity at our club. Membership will include a membership in NRA. The fee schedule is listed on the club's WEB site. I informed everyone that anyone who wishes to participate in events will be charged a fee unless they are club members. Some events may even include a fee for members but at a reduced rate. **In general we decided that anyone who wishes to use the club facilities and is not a club member will pay \$5.00 per day.** This does not include special groups such as 4H or youth groups like JOAD. These group activities will have fee's considered on a case by case basis.

D) Regular Meetings; We decided to hold regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every Month at 6PM. We will keep our meetings short so we can go shoot on the 50yd line following the meeting. I need approval from the Board of Directors to be put on the calendar but that should not be a problem. So, come on out Tuesday, March 11th at 6PM and don't forget to bring your bow's.

E) 3D Range Development; *This Saturday, March 1st, 2008,* some of us (anyone is invited to attend) will meet at our property just south of the Ranges to do lay-out work for the shooting lanes and stations for our new 3D Range. We will meet at **9AM** and bring small brushing equipment with us. We have access to some heavy equipment and will follow this lay-out work with site preparation. So, please come on Saturday and provide your input in designing our 3D range. *Off of Clear Creek road turn East on Innovation way, the dirt road just South of the landscaping business, go through the gate and up the hill.*

F) Bows and accessory equipment: We have on order, 10 recurve bow's and associated accessories. We will make this equipment available to the 4H and any other youth group (JOAD) that we develop at the club. We can also use this equipment for organized training and practice periods. The bow's are various sizes and poundage's, mostly aimed at youth use. Please contact me about use of this equipment.

G) Use of clubs 25yd and 50yd Ranges: Lighting has been added to these ranges. The club members who wish to shoot firearms are going to be encouraged to use these ranges on Thursday night's. Other nights of the week the Ranges are available for Archery use. Again, membership is required for after-hours access to the club property unless we have scheduled activities. It looks like Wednesday nights will be taken by the 4H groups and of course as mentioned above the second Tuesday of every month for our Archery meeting and fun shoot.

H) Public Use of Club Facilities: We want to make the club available to the public. However, we need to do this in a safe and controlled manor. So, for now the general public will only be allowed to use the clubs facilities during organized periods. In the future we would like to develop

a program where we can have a club member present at pre-determined times for general access by the public. As mentioned before, the general public will pay a \$5.00 fee for use of any facilities.

I) **Grants for Archery:** We are going to be writing a grant for the Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife grant program that is due to be turned in before April 1st, 2008. Anyone with grant writing experience please get in touch with me if you wish to help. I will be getting support from another club member who has grant writing experience but welcome anyone's participation. We will also be developing a grant proposal for the "**Friends of NRA**" grants that are awarded every year. ***By the way, the "Friends of NRA fundraising dinner will be held April 26th at Olympic College. Your support of this dinner will support many youth activities in Kitsap County.***

J) **Advertising:** We recognize our need to get out the word. So, please tell your interested friends to get involved. I'll be working on "Free" type of advertising with the local news paper's and poster/signage at the local retail stores. Also, Archie Silcox, "The Sign Man" has volunteered to make any signs we need.

Well, I think that's all for now. Things are starting to move so please jump on board and contribute any effort you can to make our efforts a success.

PS; feel free to forward this mail to anyone you think would like the information. Please encourage them to contact me to be put on our mailing list.

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