



WSAA FITA Field by Ed Forslof

This past weekend, August 13 & 14, we set a lot of records for a State Championship. Evergreen Archers hosted the WSAA FITA Field Championship and those individuals who participated had a very exciting time.

The weather was in the mid 80's on Saturday and high 70's on Sunday with a moderate wind that provided good cooling. Evergreen's Chris Bohr and Ed Gomez set up an amazing course, none of which was on any of our NFAA Field shooting lanes. The set up consisted of a 24 target course through the woods, using our 52" diameter foam butts on a very ingenious wood frame. Saturday was unmarked distance with a 55 meter maximum, using 4-target face sizes (20,40,60 & 80cm). Sunday was marked distance on the same 24 target course but with adjustments to the shooting stakes, to 60 meters with the same faces. Three arrows per target scoring 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & hopefully 6.

It is a very fun round to shoot, very similar to NFAA Field but with the metric twist and the unmarked course on Saturday. Chris and Ed were able to incorporate some near vertical shots, making ranging very tough.

Well enough about all of that... You missed a very exciting weekend of shooting! Hopefully next year you can put all the excuses away and try it out. If you have questions about this round talk to Ed Forslof, Wade Moore, Bill Young, Paul Tucker, Wyndell Wilhelm, Wes Wilhelm, Mike Miller, Katelyn Keelen, Eva Hevesi and Paul's dad Dale Tucker. Every one of these shooters set both one day and two day records, and headed home with first place plaques; each and every one of them! Oh, by the way, they were the only ones who did not have an excuse for not being there. Give these 10 folks a bow, scrape the ground and commend them.

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From the President



August is over, which means you will probably throw this newsletter in a pile somewhere and read it in October when hunting season is over. But anyway, here goes:

In August we held the first FITA Field Championship. It was not a very good turnout at all. But, Chris Bohr, Ed Gomez and Gary Joyce did a great job with the course layout. It was a lot of fun and I would encourage anyone to give it a try next year. It is a unique and challenging format, and I now can say that it is my personal favorite tournament format.

We also held our annual club championship. We had great weather, a great group of people, and thanks to the club chef Gary Thoreson, great food. You can't have a better day than that.

With August behind us, that means the month we have been waiting all year for, is finally here.

I know that most of us are good hunters that use ethics, common sense, and good judgment when we are afield

participating in the sport that we all love so much called archery. We all know there are those out there that lose their better judgment with an animal in their sight and adrenaline running through their body. This is the time that all three come into play. You must remember when bowhunting, you not only represent yourself, but all archers when hunting. When you see that arrow hanging out of a deer or turkey in an odd place on the news, because

of some archer's lack of ethics, common sense and good judgment, it makes all archery hunters look bad. So take the time to tune, practice, and only take those high percentage shots. And hey, don't forget to have fun while you are out there, that's what it's all really about anyway.

Good luck and I hope everyone can fill their freezer. If you run out of room, feel free to give me a call, chances are I will have plenty of room in my freezer! Be safe and good luck!

Wade Moore, President, EAC

Wade's Quote Of The Month:

Some people can do better with one bow and some with another, and in the long run it is "the man behind the bow" that counts most.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

*"Hunting in the Cattle Country" in Hunting in Many Lands
(the word rifle and gun was replaced by the word bow for this newsletter)*

Look for the Club Championship results Next Month!

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EAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ 8/21/2011

- Meeting called to order by President Wade Moore at 12:23 PM at the outdoor range.
- Present: Wade Moore, Bill Young, Gary Joyce, Steve McDaniel, Heath Harmon, David Nixon, Chris Bohr, Ed Forslof, Tom Bell, CJ Bohr, Rob Hamilton, JB Barr, Ed Gomez, Trevor Gomez, Fred Lear, Bob Hall, Andrew Casey, Thomas Casey, Gary Thoreson, Troy Lourdeau, Frank Winsper, Tim Mann, Bill Harris, George Postlethwaite, Brandon Peterson, Del Casper.
- Old minutes read and approved. Passed unanimously
- Treasurer's Report read and a motion to accept Treasurer's Report moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.
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- **OLD BIZ:**
- Motion to allow target sponsors - Tabled
- "No Broadheads" signs completed by Chris Bohr
- All 3D target repair for 2011 completed.
- Jeff Gratz and Wade Moore have tried to contact Brian Fritts regarding the status of our lease with the property management company that owns part of the range. Neither have been able to reach Mr. Fritts and will continue to try.
- Wade Moore needs to get club checking account amended @ Numerica to include his name.
- Club seeks Awards Chairman. Bob Hall volunteers.
- FITA chairpersons Wade Moore and Chris Bohr. Work parties August 2nd & 4th. Completed.
- Range needs to be mowed. Members encouraged to mow practice range. Tim Mann offers to donate mower to reside at the range.
- Heath Harmon moves the club allow newsletter advertising. Motion seconded and passed pending By-Law review. NOTE – By-law review completed and Motion approved.
- State Convention October 21-23 in Puyallup needs 2 additional delegates.
- Club Championship August 21st.
- **NEW BIZ:**
- It was brought before the club that a brown llama named Dolly has gone missing in the area and spotted at least once at the range. If any member sees Dolly, they're asked to contact Pat Meier at 509-336-9303.
- Gary Joyce campaigned for members to vote Chris Bohr Male Archer of the Year.
- Ed Forslof moves the club give memberships to the four area pro-shops (Camo'd Arrow, SVA, Whitetail Plus & Bargain Hunter) and add them to the mailing list. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Chris Bohr moves the club explore a winter league Vegas 3-spot one day tournament competing against local Washington and North Idaho archery clubs. Competing clubs proposed: Sandpoint, Cda, Tri-Cities & Walla Walla. Research will follow.
- Wade Moore presented tentative dates for three EAC shoots in 2012: Snow Shoot – February 9th, IBO Triple Crown – April 2nd & 3rd, Lilac Invitational – May 12th.
- Wade Moore presented an opportunity for archers to influence the WDFW regarding hunting regulations. WDFW is holding a meeting September 24th at the Lincoln Center in Spokane.
- Chris Bohr thanks those members that have been replacing target faces on the practice range. Ed Forslof asks that those members move the target faces around the bale to prevent pass-throughs.
- Brandon Peterson asked about the availability of EAC apparel. Heath Harmon will research online apparel companies ie. CafePress.
- Ed Forslof has 1.5 tons of grass hay stored at his house. Club recommends Ed dispose of the hay. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Heath Harmon asks the members to submit photos of hunting and shooting this fall.
- Motion to adjourn. Seconded and passed unanimously.

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"Gary, I knew I shouldn't have let you bring that new bow. If you shoot any more of those 747 size mosquitoes we won't have any room in the canoe for the moose! I don't care if they DO taste good BBQ'd! No, I don't think the club will want to use them for the Club Championship BBQ."

The first concern on a trip like this is taking care of the meat (that'd **MOOSE** meat, for the record). We have to keep it cool. The folks in Alaska use a citrus spray product that helps control the PH of the meat so it last longer while you are in the bush. When you lower the PH it makes it harder for bacteria to grow, and since we could be spending up to 10 days on the river we need to be prepared to take care of several hundred pounds of quality meat. When using the citrus spray it is important the meat air dries and stays cool. This helps form a protective layer around it that reduces problems from flies and bees as well.

The weather in mid September is usually quite cool. With the meat in the canoe, the water will help to keep it cool. When we stop for the night, we'll need to build a meat pole to let air circulate around the meat. I have done this in the past and it worked really well. The most important thing in taking care of any game animal is to keep the meat dry, cool and clean. We can lay a large tarp over the meat when it is in the canoe, as long as the air can circulate.

Once we reach the village of Circle we'll need to find a place that can cut and wrap our meat. Another option is to take the moose and have it processed in Fairbanks and then shipped home. That would add additional expense, but it may be necessary. I'll do some calling and handle this before our trip. I'll also need to see if they'll process all those mosquitoes that Gary is planning on shooting!

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Is it possible to do with two mature bull moose in a canoe for 10 days?

I know some people who put the meat in coolers and pack it with dry ice and wait till they get home to cut and wrap. More things I need to research. I've done this with deer and elk from Wyoming, however this trip is much longer and the thickness of the meat is greater.

I'm glad we are not heading out on this adventure until next fall. There are sure a lot of details to handle first, especially the need to see if there is a limit on the number of mosquitoes that you can harvest. Gary, be sure to bring your bifocals so you can field dress all those little guys. Make sure you bring lots of those little game bags for each one, too. This should make for a very unique "photo op". ::

Stay tuned for more! Coming soon!



BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We had great volunteer turn-out for the WSAA FITA Field work parties! Thank you again to everyone that made it out!

Evergreen Archery needs two volunteers for the WSAA Convention October 21st 22nd and 23rd hosted by Skookum Archers in Puyallup. Please contact Wade if you are interested in going.

The convention is a great time with clubs from all across the state in attendance. You will be fed, your room paid for as well as your fuel costs. There are a couple of meetings and seminars to attend and the clubs will be voting on which club hosts which shoots throughout the year.

It's your club, here's your chance to get involved!

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Attend club events and preserve the memories for use in the newsletter, on the website and other promotional materials. If you're qualified and have your own equipment, get your club volunteer hours and some photo credits at the same time! Contact Heath @ mhharmon@comcast.net or 509-385-1437.



“Since you're missing the “Overnight Pass” I'm afraid I'll have to fine you...”

Adventures in Bowhunting

Season Three WITH Heath Harmon



Never before have I been so prepared, so *completely* ready for a hunting season, as I am for the upcoming 2011 archery opener. I've spent months honing my body and mind for the challenges before me. No deer that might cross my path will be safe from the hunting monster I have become.

Over the last 3 months I've trained for battle by getting as much as 5 hours of sleep per night. I realize that might seem like overkill, but when it comes to mental preparedness, you can't get too much sleep. Most days I alternate between a frazzled nerve and lethargic lump, spurred on by my rigorous exercise regimen that has seen me progress from a svelte 250 pounds to my current, well, AHEM, that number isn't important. We'll pretend no additional pounds have been added, though the burgeoning waistband on my trousers may speak to a different conclusion. Any additional fat that may or may not have been added will only help when the temps plummet into the high 70's during early archery. I find it beneficial to sweat like a lathered horse and gasp for breath while hunting whitetail. It really fools their senses, like a cover scent and snort/wheeze in one!

And all of this preparation would be for naught if it weren't for the time I've spent on the range, honing my shooting prowess. So diligent have I been about shooting that I've been to the range twice since May! It should be noted though, that one trip out I forgot to bring my bow, opting instead for an accessory filled bow case only. My bow remained safe and sound, hanging on the wall in my basement, away from the harsh elements at the range. No sense in exposing precision equipment to bright sunny days more than absolutely necessary!

With less than a month to wait before opening day, on which I will surely find the deer of my dreams, it seemed like an opportune time to do a bit of scouting. Armed with two trail cameras, apple flavored corn and a strange concoction cleverly named "Stump Licker," the family and I ventured north to my chosen hunting grounds. It must be noted that this area has been upgraded to a trophy unit, boasting a 4 point minimum antler restriction! I should be rolling in monster bucks in no time!

The first item of business was to take down my ladder stand from last year. It was too close to the road, and while positioned on a heavily used game trail, resident canines kept the deer moving almost exclusively at night, and often at a run with dogs nipping at their heels. I like a challenge, but

that was a bit much! With sap coating every inch of steel and fabric, I gingerly unhitched the tether straps while perched 14 feet above the ground. You've heard the old saying, "If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound?," well, all I could think of was the updated version, "If a fat man falls in the forest, will anyone miss him before the weekend's over?" Once safely on the ground and after restarting my heart from a halfway-down-tipping scare, I set about positioning a camera over a bag of the apple/corn feed. There still appears to be a lot of deer activity in the area and I need to know if dogs and time are still working against me. A fresh 32 gig memory card should reveal the results in a week or so.

When approaching the second camera location, I was surprised to find 3 yearling deer standing guard over my unopened bag of flavored corn. They showed little concern for me or my 4 year old daughter as we approached to set the scene, backing off only around 30 yards. With the corn spilled and camera set, I set about searching for a suitable stump to

administer the Stump Licker. A likely candidate was found and the entire gallon was dispensed within camera view. Any bets as to how many pictures I get of these three little deer?

At this point, around 7:30 pm, the mosquitos I battled last year reasserted their position

that the woods belong to them and them alone, forcing Anya and I to beat a hasty retreat. When I return to check the camera, I will not be unarmed against these bloodthirsty savages.

All this preparation begs the question, "Why am I trying to get so much sleep and train my body to be such a perfect hunting machine?" Fantastic question, dear reader. As fate would have it, my wife and I decided, in a move of blinding intelligence(?) that we should procreate again! The result is a terribly beautiful baby boy, one whos' life has been an interesting story unto itself. Born in early May, Shawn Harmon arrived 2.5 months before she scheduled due date of July 21! Two months in the NICU at Sacred Heart will make for some great dinner conversation, if we're ever able to go have dinner with other adults again! Starting at 2 pounds 9 ounces, Shawn hit 8 and a half pounds by his due date. He has lots of camouflage outfits for the coming year, and his big sister already talks about teaching him to shoot! Ah, family. Gotta love it, right? RIGHT?! PLEASE... TELL ME IT GETS BETTER! ::

Stay tuned for more, coming next month!

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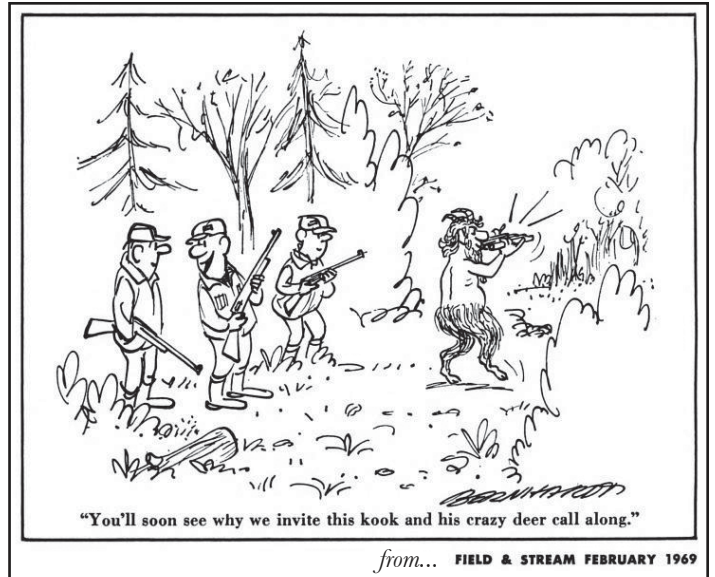
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