

Granite Mountain Archers Newsletter

April 2010

Happy Spring Everyone!

We've started off this season with a bang! Or should I say a whoosh! Under Scott T's leadership at the work parties we got the club into excellent shape for the season. While the list of accomplishments are many, some of the highlights include; getting the clubhouse painted, cleaning out the 3-D sheds, spreading wood chips around the grounds, getting brush cleared from around the clubhouse and the roads, making room for more parking and a new road was cut on course #3. However, the most exciting accomplishment is the addition of a new 3-D course (#1) for the members. I haven't shot it yet but am definitely looking forward to getting out there when I get my secretary work finished.

During the March 27th meeting the club members in attendance voted to build a shade structure on the practice range. Construction will begin on this project in about 2 weeks (the end of April). We also voted to purchase tee-shirts and hats with the GMA logo. Beth Steveson is heading up this project and we had some really nice shirts available at the Silver Arrow last week. These will be available throughout the season and we will hopefully have ball caps available by the Outlaw shoot as well.

We had a great turnout for the Silver Arrow Shoot. I don't have the official numbers but I'm pretty sure we had in the neighborhood of around 80-90 shooters for the weekend. We had more than one comment over the weekend about how many kids were at the shoot. It's wonderful to see the future archers of GMA and the archery community having fun and honing their skills.

I would like to personally thank all the members who came out for the Silver Arrow to help set up and get things ready for our first shoot. In particular I would like to express my gratitude for the members who helped us out with registration. Those of us serving on the board appreciated being able to show up a little later and being able to go shoot a round or two with our friends. We still have many spaces available for those of you interested

in lending a hand at registration. You can sign up by calling me, or sign up sheets will be available at the Outlaw Shoot.

Well folks, our Webmaster is retiring. Monty Cook helped up put together a beautiful website but now he wants to take it easy. **So, anyone out there in the club who knows how and is interested in managing our website please call us ASAP (Carolina or San).** Monty has agreed to continue helping us until we find someone but he is anxious to move on.

A couple of changes regarding our shoots and fees were voted in at the meeting of April 18th. The first is that we will adopt a “Negative Scoring System” for the Big Game Shoot in August. This means that hitting the target animal anywhere but the scoring rings will result in a -5 on your score card. Many of the members thought that this is excellent training for the hunters before opening season. A number of our members tried it out at this first shoot (Silver Arrow) just for fun and found it interesting and challenging. The second change is that we will now allow folks to shoot extra rounds at our events at the rate of \$5.00 for each course they want to shoot. This fee will help cover the use and abuse of more arrows in our targets. The shooter will be required to turn in their original scorecard before proceeding to shoot extra courses.

We will be ordering new targets after the Outlaw shoot in May and would like to extend the opportunity to our members to purchase 3-D targets through us. The more targets we order the better price we get from the distributor. If you would like to find out more about pricing and the deadline for ordering, please call or email Scott Tarlip.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone that our “working club” is flourishing because so many of you are participating and helping out. Thank you. There are still a few members who need to contact me for Range Duty assignments and/or other duties that can be counted as part of your membership requirements. Don't forget **May 22nd and 23rd for the Outlaw Shoot.** Call one of the Range Captains to make arrangements to get out there and help set up.

See you in May,

Carolina
GMA Secretary