

Granite Mountain Archers Newsletter

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Hello Granite Mountain Archers,

We are a little more than half way through summer and we have just one more event scheduled for the season-so far (more on that later). Attendance at the shoots this year has been phenomenal. We averaged more than 100 shooters per event and this last weekend we had 160 registered archers for the Van Clark Memorial. I'm sure this is due to the level of enthusiasm and participation and the increase in our membership. We should give ourselves a big "high-5" for the amazing teamwork that made it all happen.

On that note, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to all the new members who have joined in the past few months.

Those of you still waiting to hear about the Game and Fish Grant we are sorry to say that we did not receive it. San will be meeting with someone from the department next week. He will hopefully find a new source of funding for some of our projects that we identified earlier this year.

During the meeting held on May 31st the members in attendance voted and agreed to purchase \$4,000 worth of new 3-D targets. At the meeting on July 12th VP Scott T. informed us that those targets have been ordered and should arrive soon.

A number of changes and upgrades have been introduced at these last two meetings. They are listed here in no particular order; 1) the addition of e-mails on the website for "to-do" lists, comments and suggestions, etc., 2) potential upgrades of prizes/trophies for our shoots, 3) the restructuring of one or more of our shoots to include a "shoot off" for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and 4) separate drawings for our raffle prizes.

These changes/upgrades are being explored and details are being ironed out. Some of these changes will be implemented without further discussion by the club members (i.e. website changes), while others will be brought before the members at our next meeting.

Now for some more fun. Our illustrious and “wild about archery” VP Scott T. wants to add one more shoot to our schedule this year. The members in attendance on July 12th agreed and voted that we will have another shoot sometime in November (weather permitting). This will be a one day shoot on a Saturday with two courses. There will be no kitchen-so bring your own lunch. And, there will be no awards. Scott will pick the date-sometime between hunting seasons and we should have a flyer and more information available by the Big Game Shoot in August. Be sure to check the website for updates.

Hey folks speaking of the Big Game Shoot, those of you who need to make up some time to fulfill your working membership requirement this is your last chance. Give the range captains a call and make arrangements to get out and help. If setting up targets is not your cup of tea we can always use help at the registration desk. There are a number of tasks that need to happen before, during and after every one of these events. Give us a call and we'll get you pointed in the right direction.

Most importantly come on out and shoot. Have some fun and get to know your fellow club members. I had a number of people from out of town approach me during the last shoot to let me know how much fun they had being here and shooting at our club. And don't forget, if you help out you get to shoot for free!

See you in August!

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