

TO: MEMBERS AND SPONSORS OF THE GRAND COUNTY ARCHER'S ASSOCIATION

DATE: May 31, 2024

FROM: LEADING BOARD MEMBERS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL SPRING REPORT

Dear Archers, Sponsors and Members,

In lieu of monthly meetings, we have used this letter to report on the status of your organization and to update you with any changes for our future. We hope you had a good winter and are ready to hit the range like we are. This message comes to you from the GCAA board members.

Sponsorships

First, we need to take some time to acknowledge and thank all of our 2023 Sponsors! The donations we receive from these generous people and local companies are the financial backbone for the GCAA. In 2023 they provided 40% of our operating budget for the year. Truly without their continued financial support our 3D range would not be possible. We once again thank all our sponsors for your generosity and help in fulfilling GCAA's mission of promoting archery. As always we are accepting new sponsorships again this year, \$300 for new sponsors and \$200 for existing sponsors. Sponsorships come with 1x Family membership, 1x metal sign on the 3D course and branding on our website. Reminder, GCAA is now a 501 (c)(3) Non profit organization and donors may deduct contributions under the IRC Section 170. 501 (c)(3) # 85-1050179.

Opening Date

Based on the Winter Park Ski operations, and weather depending, we are looking at Saturday June 1 for full opening of the 3D range and the Parking Lot sight-in range.

GCAA Member Shoots

The proposed 2024 3D shoot dates are as follows:

June 1 *Spring Cleanup

July 6

August 3

August 24

October 5 **BBQ and Takedown

*June 1 will also be the date for the annual spring cleanup. Spring cleanup is a self guided activity, we will have trash bags for you at the parking lot sign in. As you walk the course please pickup any trash you may find. There is a trash can located in the parking lot typically, if not please bag everything and bring home with you to discard. We really appreciate it.

**Oct 5 will also have a member BBQ and course takedown event. The takedown for the whole range should take only a few hours if we have a few volunteers stay after the shoot. Food and beverages will be provided for all.

3D Shoots

In 2023, we had another safe and successful year at the range. We had 4 GCAA Member shoots and awarded over \$320 in prizes and pots. All the 3D shoot scores from last year are listed on our website and will continue to be posted each month. This year again we will be awarding a custom GCAA 3D Champion belt buckle to the highest scoring shooter. The shooter with the highest gross score from all 5 member shoots wins the buckle.

Finances

Our sponsor and membership donations continue to pay for all our expenses each year and we are operating in the green. In late 2023 the GCAA was awarded a Shooting Range Development grant from CPW! We are in the process of purchasing the following new targets with this grant: Bedded Stone Sheep, Giant Mule Deer, Bedded Buck, Cougar, Bear, Big Ten Buck, Turkey and 5 inserts for existing targets. Along with the new 3D targets and inserts, we will also be buying new bag targets with metal stands for the parking lot sight in range.

Here is a breakdown of how our funds were spent in 2023:

New Targets 80%

Club insurance and charter 15%

Website/POS 5%

Projects

For 2024, we have several other range projects we will be working on. We are planning on building new bow hanging racks for the first 14 target stations, expanding the new broadhead pit in the parking lot, lengthening a few target tee boxes, and installing new hay backstops behind every 3D target.

Range reminders

Anyone using the range must complete a waiver. This can be completed online or at a sign-in/donation box located on the range. There is NO smoking or drinking while on the range. Use only target or field points. Judo points and/or broadheads are not allowed on the 3D range. The new broadhead pit in the parking lot will be the only place to practice with broadheads. Please DO NOT shoot the bag targets with broadheads. Watch out for

wildlife, bikers and hikers. We have had a few instances where hikers and moose have been encountered on our course path.

Attached is the new 2024 membership application and waiver. If you would like to renew for the year you can either print, sign and mail to the GCAA PO box or you can renew your membership online [HERE](#). Regular Credit/Debit Cards can be used, Paypal is no longer required but is still a payment option.

Anyone interested in helping with the club this year, please reach out with an email to grandcountyarchery@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support! We hope to see you all at one of the shoots this year.

Leading Board Members

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