



The Archer's Paradox

The Monthly Newsletter of Wa-Xo-Be Archers

By Les Sandler

An invigorating influx of new blood...On December 11th, we held our annual vote for the Executive Committee. We have a new president (**Dominick Araco**), vice president (**Ivett Benkovics**), indoor range captain (**Joe Crisanti**) and two trustees (**Kristina Kaye** – 3 year and **Tony Bennett** – 1 year).

The club owes a big debt of gratitude to Doug, Jean and Phil for their tireless efforts in making Wa-Xo-Be one of the best archery clubs in the state. I cannot overstate the value of having Jonathon Scharff and Glenn Parson as two of our trustees. Whether you agreed with them or not, their insights were always extremely helpful. Glenn's term has expired, and Jonathon has decided not to continue as a trustee.

A good idea?...Only time will tell but, I've included a complete calendar of events for Wa-Xo-Be and other venues. It includes some new information: Monthly meetings and dates for Club Night. Someone (anyone), let me know what you think.

Time is money...Please check the work hour book before December 31st. Any discrepancies must be reported to Jean Habrukowich at: jhabrukowi@comcast.net. Otherwise, you may be billed for unfulfilled work hours.

Wa-Xo-Be welcomes...Student members – Vanessa Moore and Yolanda Jin; junior member – Hannah Reimer. Adult members – Renjun Yang, Nick Adornati, Spero Tsoanos, Richard & Allison Sia and Christopher & Jaida Hollis.

Once upon a time...When I first started writing this newsletter, I put out a request for articles and items that would be of interest to our members. After a few items (including one great venison recipe)...So, I thought it was great when Kristina asked if she could submit

something. Here's her profile of new president Dominick Araco:



Taking over the helm of the Waxobe Archery club at the January 2018 meeting will be Dominick Araco, a longtime NJ resident and competitive archer. He was born Frank Dominick Araco (but prefers to be called

Dominick) in Elizabeth, NJ from immigrant parents, which makes him a first generation American.

He lived in Rahway until he married at age 28, when he then moved to North Edison. He build a beautiful home from scratch on Sourland Mountain in Hillsborough where he currently resides.

He takes occasional trips to Italy where the majority of his family lives. He loves to explore his Italian heritage, which he is extremely proud of. He's been to Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Monaco and all of Italy. He mentions that the Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Capri in Italy are by far the most beautiful places in Italy. Currently most of this traveling is confined to the USA and Canada. His current hobbies include Bow hunting, Duck and Bird hunting and Fly-fishing. Competitive archery is at the top of his list. He told me that hunting is all he thinks about, day in and day out. He thinks he's addicted to it and will

travel almost anywhere within reason to do some hunting.

Over the years he has had a successful competitive career. This year he won the 2017 SFAA NJ Bowhunter Championship and a few second and third places. With his fellow Waxobe club member, Bob Kalatari, he took First Place in the 2017 Rinehart 100 in the 2 man team event.

He has an immense respect for all who serve in any branch of the service. At one point he signed up for the Marines, but after some very serious soul searching he decided to stay here and eventually started a business 3 years later.

Since 1989 his main business has been the sale and service of tractor trailer, farm equipment and passenger car tires. The archery shop (Woodbridge Arms and Archery Corp - WAAC) grew out of his passion for the sport that he's been doing for over 18 years. His business started as he tuned and set-up bows for his friends.



That led to many referrals which in turn led to his starting this business. Both businesses are located along side of each other at 23 Queen Road in Iselin, NJ 08830.

His sales are currently mostly from PSE, Prime and Darton. Dominick is of the opinion that he doesn't have to sell the bows, they should sell themselves. His initial encounter with the PSE



sales rep was what dreams are made of. Originally the rep and he could not see eye to eye. The rep started to leave but before making it to his car turned around and said ... we want you as a dealer! I can just see the smile that must have been on Dominick's face! Currently he shoots all Field, 3D and Indoor comps within a reasonable distance. He doesn't shoot any national events. His family of a wife, 2 girls, a son in college and 2 full time businesses prevent that from being practical.

Oh, did I mention...that Kristina is a photographer – **loves** to take pictures!

Wa-Xo-Be will be entertaining...Milltown Scout Troop 33 at the range on Monday, Dec. 18, from 4-6 PM. Members are welcome to shoot with the Session line. Any questions, please call **Bill Ward at: 908-208-9536**.

Important notice(s)...Phil wants to rebuild the indoor butts. He's planning a work party for January 20th. I'll send out an email prior to. Please familiarize yourself with the bowpress by referring to the printed instructions or visit: LastChanceArchery.com. Please don't high draw! Phil is not a fan of patching arrow holes in the ceiling. If you're looking to pick up a few additional work hours before year's end – pick up a broom or vacuum (both in the furnace room) – an easy half hour.

Oh captain, my captain...Matt has completed most of the work needed to open the range for the winter season. A list of 3D targets to be replaced is being prepared. He also advised that the chain should be put up at target 1 if you're shooting longer than 60 yards. (Does this sound like last month's update? Hmmm...)

The search begins (again)...Tony Sansone will not be able to continue as our Federation Representative. If you are interested in the job, please contact me at 732.261.3079. It's not a difficult job, and you get your work hours.

Constitution(ally) speaking...Don't forget, a copy of our revised constitution is available on our website.

Rough shedding...Talks of replacing the shed are shuffling along. It seems that some of our original ideas were too expensive. One of the problems we're encountering is that our current shed is built on wetlands. An idea has surfaced about possibly replacing the shed with a shipping container. Stay tuned...

League(al) notices...The Jersey Girls will wrap up their current league on 12/15 and the Joe Natale Senior League will be done on 12/22. The **Trophy League** starts on January 2nd (all spots are currently filled), the **Traditional League** on January 3rd. The Money League starts on January 4th. If you're interested in shooting in this league, you must contact **Jose Cuevas** at: **732.841.8003** asap. Slots are limited.

A word of caution...There seem to be a lot more deer on the roads these days. Accidents are becoming too common. Please be especially watchful. Thanks (and thanks to **Jim Farr** for bringing this to our attention).

Memorial Plaque...Tony Bennett continues to compile a list of names for be included on a memorial plaque for former members. If you know of anyone who should be included, please contact Tony at: plugh@optonline.net.

Good sports...Not us. In past years, we manned a booth for the SFAA at the Sportmen's Show, held annually at Raritan Center. We found there was little benefit to the SFAA and none to Wa-Xo-Be. As of this writing, Black Knights will be manning the booth.

CJAN! What's a CJAN?...Central Jersey Archery News. If you're interested in hearing more about archery around central Jersey, contact Gene Grodzki at: ggrodzki@optonline.net. Gene edits and distributes the newsletter and will be happy to include you on his mailing list.

WiFi? Wi not? (pt. trois)...It seems that it may be more expensive than we originally thought. Still investigating.

Don't shoot at anything other than a standard target!

This isn't brain surgery. It's common sense. Shooting at cans and other non-standard targets is dangerous. Maybe not for you, but for the person who gets cut on the shard that breaks off in the butt it can be. If we catch you, you'll be disciplined! Also,

Wear your membership card! Without it, you may be asked to leave!

If you are the last one to leave, please make sure the lights are put out (and PLEASE – lock the door).

Don't use the new bowpress unless you know how. You will find printed instructions for its use near the press or view a video at the LastChanceArchery.com website.

Wa-Xo-Be is not responsible for any damage to your bow.

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www.waxobe.com

The next page...has my new calendar. Thought it needed a little tuneup. It's a step. Let me know if I got it right.

Wa-Xo-Be Calendar of Events*	
Saturday's times Noon – 3PM	Navigator Practice
Saturday's times 3:30PM – 7PM	JOAD Practice
January 7 th	Vegas 600 (registration: Craig Taylor)
January 8 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
January 19 th	SFAA Meeting (range closed during meeting) – 8pm
January 28 th	NFAA 300 (registration: Tiffany Reed)
January 30 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
February 11 th	Vegas 450 (registration: tbd)
February 12 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
February 25 th	NFAA 300 (mid preps) (registration: tbd)
February 26 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
March 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	NFAA Indoor Mids Sectional (registration: Doug Joyce, Les Sandler)
March 12 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
March 26 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
April 9 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
April 20 th	SFAA Meeting (range closed during meeting)
April 21 st	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
April 22 nd	3D (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
April 30 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
May 14 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm

May 19 th	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
May 20 th	F/H (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
May 28 th	NO Club Night
June 9 th	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
June 10 th	The Red Hawk Shoot – marked 3D (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
June 11 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
June 25 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
June 30 th	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
July 1 st	3D (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
July 9 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
July 20 th	SFAA Meeting (range closed during meeting) – 8pm
July 21 st	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
July 22 nd	F/H (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
July 30 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
August 11 th	Outdoor Work Party (8am to noon) – ranges closed
August 12 th	F/H (registration: tbd, kitchen: tbd)
August 13 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
August 27 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
September 10 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm

September 21 st	SFAA Meeting (range closed during meeting) – 8pm
September 24 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
September 30 th	TANJ – St. Jude’s Benefit 3D (registration : tbd, kitchen : tbd)
October 7 th	Vegas 450 (registration : tbd)
October 8 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
October 28 th	NFAA 300 (registration : tbd)
October 29 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
November 11 th	Vegas 450 (registration : tbd)
November 12 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm
November 16 th	SFAA Meeting (range closed during meeting) – 8pm
November 26 th	Club Night (7-9pm)
December 2 nd	Vegas 450 (registration : tbd)
December 10 th	Monthly Meeting – 7:30pm and Annual Elections
December 16 th	NFAA 300 (registration : tbd)
December 24 th	NO Club Night

* Indoor registration at 9:00AM for a 10:00AM start. Outdoors starts around 8:00AM

** Members are invited to shoot (space permitting). You will be asked to “shoot along with the line”. Coaches should adjust training times accordingly. Please contact Doug Joyce or Les Sandler with any questions re: Rutgers.

***Ranges will be closed except for scheduled events.

NOTE: Indoor and outdoor ranges are closed during work parties. To volunteer for an outdoor work party, please contact Matt Mancuso at: archermjm300@aol.com or 732.983.8533, indoors, contact Phil Habrukowich at: philhab@comcast.net or 973.432.1903.

Events at Other Venues	
January 7 th	Vegas 450 at Wo-Pe-Na
January 14 th	NFAA 300 at Black Knight
January 21 st	Lancaster (Prep) 600 at Wo-Pe-Na
January 21 st	NFAA 300 at Garden State
January 26 th , 27 th & 28 th	Lancaster Archery Classic
February 4 th	NFAA 300 at Wo-Pe-Na
February 4 th	Vegas 450 at Garden State
February 9 th , 10 th & 11 th	The Vegas Shoot, Las Vegas, NV
February 17 th & 18 th	NJAA State Championship – FITA at Wo-Pe-Na
February 18 th	NFAA 300 at Black Knight
February 25 th	NFAA 300 (Mids Prep) at Wo-Pe-Na
March 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	NFAA Indoor Mids Sectional at Buckshorn and Wo-Pe-Na
March 10 th & 11 th	NFAA Indoor Nationals at Cincinnati, OH
March 11 th	NJ NFAA 300 (State Prep) at Garden State
March 17 th & 18 th	NJ State Indoor Championship at Buckshorn, Garden State and Wo-Pe-Na
April 8 th	3D Marked at Black Knight
April 15 th	Chili Cook-off at Garden State
April 29 th	F/H at Buckshorn
May 6 th	F/H at Buckshorn
May 20 th	Championship Warm-up at Black Knight
May 27 th	F/H (Animals) at Buckshorn
May 27 th	F/H & 3D at Garden State

June 2 nd & 3 rd	NJ State Field Championship at Black Knight
June 17 th	F/H & 3D at Garden State
June 23 rd & 24 th	Mid-Atlantic Outdoor Sectional
July 8 th	F/H & 3D at Garden State
July 15 th	Big Foot 14F/14H & 30 3D at Black Knight
July 25 th thru 29 th	NFAA Outdoor Nationals at Mechanicsburg, PA
July 29 th	F/H & 3D at Garden State
August 4 th	3D Unmarked NJ State Championship at Black Knight
August 5 th	3D Marked NJ State Championship at Black Knight
August 19 th	F/H & 3D at Garden State
August 26 th	F/H & 3D at Black Knight
September 9 th	Vegas 450 at Wo-Pe-Na
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December 9 th	NFAA 300 at Garden State
December 16 th	Vegas 450 at Wo-Pe-Na
December 30 th	Vegas 450 at Black Knight

Next Meetings: 1/8/2018 & 2/12/2018

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