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The Archer's Paradox

The Monthly Newsletter of Wa-Xo-Be Archers

By Les Sandler

Don't be left out...Last year, I started taking names for registration and kitchen duty earlier than I had in the past. It was so successful that I included the entire year's calendar in the newsletter, with an eye towards doing the same thing this year. After the past two days, I can make a suggestion – get here fast! After making this announcement at the meeting, two people signed up. Another one the next day.

Once in a lifetime...I'm thrilled to announce Ken Bagala as our newest Honorary Lifetime Member. When Lyn nominated Ken, he mentioned Ken's long membership and service to the club. I'd like to expand on that a bit. There was a time not all that long ago when we didn't have indoor plumbing. Just a Porta-a-John outside the door. Wonderful! We had been talking about getting the bathroom in, but little was done. During his first year as president, we were going in style! Ken's devotion to the Navigators is great and he's committed to making them the best archers he can. That they keep setting records is testament to his skills. Congratulations, Ken!

The check is in the mail...After the logjam that ensued while Ivett was fielding the new members and the renewals for existing ones, we realized a change was needed. Annual dues will be due prior to the February meeting. They will no longer be accepted on the day of the meeting. By the way, the combinations will be changed after the March meeting

Wa-Xo-Be welcomes...Student members – Kamalina Sengupta, Akshat Gupta, Luiyi Rodriguez and Bridget Kochoogian; junior member – Chaitanya Bhimineni. Adult members – David Liang and wife Theresa join daughter Cybthia, Dominick Quagliato, Bertrand and Karine Roy, Andrew Stillwagen and John Palumbi. **Correction:** In the last newsletter, we welcomed junior member Nina Chor. The correct spelling is Nina Chhor

WiFi? We're this close...Well, its installed. Now we're just deciding how best to make the password available to all of you. Stay tuned.

Of all my bad habits...Not checking my email is the worst. The easiest way to reach me is by sending a text to 732.261.3079

Congratulations to Katie Sutphen...Katie shot her first ever 300 round. Great job Katie!



Kaye's Korner... Well, I like the ring of that! Here's another profile from Kristina Kaye.



**Presenting
Dr. Brandi Megan
Granett**

Brandi has been a member of Wa-Xo-Be for probably 11 years now ... she's not sure just how long, but assures me her

membership is at least that long. She shoots everything! Indoor, outdoor, DOTS, 3D whatever! Along with her husband Avram they travel anywhere to shoot.

She is competing in the USAT ranking tournaments this year. That means she is shooting the Arizona Cup, Gator Cup, Southern California Shoot Out, USA Archery Nationals and the Buckeye Classic.

Quite a busy schedule. Next year she mentioned she'll be going to Cancun and Nimes in France.

Brandi shoots a Hoyt Podium 37 with spiral cams spined to Easton 2312's (arrows) indoors and X-10 Protours outdoors.

Education wise, this young woman might be what you would call overqualified! She has an MFA in Fiction from Sarah Lawrence College, an M. Ed from Penn State in Adult Education and Distance Education and a PhD in Creative Writing from Aberystwyth University in Wales! She is currently an online English Professor and creative writing mentor. She has written several books, the last being one she describes as a steamy romance! Ask her for the title the next time you see her at the range. She is currently writing another book that has not yet been named. The premise is about an archer who inherits a financially insecure summer camp.



Brandi states that she is an archer because of her daughter Megan. It seems that Megan wanted to be either in the Olympics or a Renaissance Faire.

Jon Bach of X-Ring Archery in Lambertville, NJ talked her into taking lessons with her daughter Megan thus changing the course of her life forever. Megan didn't continue in Archery but look at how Brandi has progressed.



Like many of us, Brandi started her career with a Recurve Bow. She obviously has a ton of talent as she almost immediately, after starting, reached a very high tier in archery. In 2010 she represented the USA on the World Field Team in Hungary. She won the Challenge Mondial at the Culmination of her first indoor "World Cup" series of combined events of Nimes and Vegas. In 2012-2013 she stopped competing with her recurve due to nerve damage in her string fingers of her left hand. Brandi switched to compounds shortly thereafter. Another setback was caused by Lyme disease which sidelined her until 2017. Currently she tries to compete in one state or nationally competitive event each month. Just recently, at the 2018 Las Vegas Shoot, Brandi came in 2nd in her flight to bring home an award of \$250.

Brandi joined the Jersey Girls league here on Tuesday nights at Wa-Xo-Be in October 2017 and after the first 2 weeks of the season we knew she had no competition! 10-300's and 2-299's made her the cream of the crop for 2017. Then I was very fortunate to recruit her as my partner for the Team Trophy League that started in January 2018, as my prior partner Jean Habrukowich was unable to compete because of physical problems.



Brandi is currently the top female archer in Wa-Xo-Be. There are several upcoming contenders, some of which will be highlighted in the next issue of this Newsletter. From Brandi's

perspective, it is good to be the Queen! Remember... don't take Brandi for Granett!!! (I can hear all the groans way over here in Cranbury!) **Kristina! Don't do this again!**

Wa-Xo-Be will be entertaining...The Princeton Social Club on Monday, April 2nd. Members are welcome to shoot with the session line. Any questions, please call **Bill Ward at: 908-208-9536.**

We are sad to report...The passing of John W. Ahern, 91, formerly of Dunellen and South Plainfield on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Whispering Knoll Assisted Living in Edison. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, John served with the Army Air Corps from 1944-1946 during WWII.

John was a 5th grade teacher at Stelton School, then became the first principal of Benjamin Franklin School. He later served as principal of Woodbrook School until his retirement.

John was a member of Wa-Xo-Be Archers and was a state champion. He was also an amateur magician and a model railroad enthusiast. Throughout his life he loved animals, especially dogs. A donation will be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in his name.

The great indoors...Joe reported on the cold. If you were at the range any time over the 1/6, you froze your (oops! Family paper). At one point it got down to 38 degrees. No one had to hit us over the head over this. We will be installing a third thermostat to keep the range from getting too cold.

Oh captain, my captain...Matt announced that several (5) 3D inserts need to be replaced. He's also ordering some new animals. Stay tuned... Work party information is posted in two locations at the range and also appears in this newsletter. The whole year is covered. There will be a work party on 3/24 to prepare and clean up the outdoor range in anticipation for the new season. A separate notice will be sent.

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

League(al) notices...as of this writing, the **Trophy League** and the **Joe Natale Senior League** are winding up their seasons. A "Mulligan League will be starting next week. The **Traditional League** is currently shooting 27 yards indoors. If you're curious about this, get a long stick, an appropriately sized piece of string and at least 6 shorter sticks and join them. The **Money League** abides.

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. This is a tough job! Every time Tony thinks he's ready, he receives another name. Kinda like trying to climb a steep sand dune on water skis.

One more safety thing...There is a harness attached to the tree stand. Please use it! We've been hearing horrific stories about hunters who either didn't have or felt there was no need to use one.

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.

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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