



Colyak Campfire



Website: <http://www.colyakbowhunters.com>

JOIN THE FUN!

New members are always welcome to join. For membership application and other information, please visit our website.

“Colyak Bowhunters is the sole archery club in the Columbia Basin.”



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EDITORIAL

As the new editor for Colyak Bowhunters, this is my initial issue of the club's newsletter, so let me introduce myself. I am from Asia and have lived in the U.S. for seven years. Although not an archer, I registered as a member to join my husband. I work on call, volunteer now and then, love travel, writing, photography, and designing websites with Jeff.

Our club offers archery and other activities that caters everyone — young, adults, seniors, and families; the skilled, novice, or for fun shooters. The camaraderie among members is enticing that we decided to be more active by managing the club's website, creating a new design and format.

I am honored to be the incoming editor of Colyak Bowhunters and be of help in whatever possible way I can.



Ellen at the Sportsman's Show
January 16-18, 2009

My special thanks to our president, Jerry Hill, for his prompt updates and Jodi Wheeler, our outgoing editor, for her tips on how to get started on the job.

I encourage all members to submit personal story, tips, or any material of value related to archery so we can publish our newsletter on a quarterly and regular basis. Your piece will be highly appreciated.

To the friendly officers and members of the Colyak Bowhunters, Jeff and I extend our thanks for the trust and appreciation you accorded us.

For those who want to be a member of an archery club, we welcome you to join us and be a part of the Colyak family.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jerry Hill

On behalf of the officers and board members of Colyak Bowhunters, I am pleased to announce the success of the events we sponsored early this year - Sportsman's Show and Sage Brush 3-D Shoot. Thanks to all the members who shared their time and effort.

We thank our valued sponsors and donors whose generosity and support made it possible for the club to realize its goals in providing archery activities for everyone to enjoy.

Our thanks to the participants, families, friends, and guests who joined us on our events.

Special thanks to our SPONSORS and DONORS for their generosity and support.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

Rob Evanson

The Sportsman's Show held on January 16 to 18 was a big success with 18 new members signing up during the show. Our club did great in promoting what Colyak Bowhunters and archery stand for. The 3-D range looked great, and with 170 bowmen who participated; it was a pleasure to see shooters and guests at the indoor 3-D targets having fun.

The children's balloon shooting area was busy as always, and it is fulfilling to watch the kids shoot with enthusiasm and a big smile.

To all the club members, your cooperation and hard work made the success of the Sportsman's show and made my obligation as VP Tournament an easy task. Again, thank you.

SAGE BRUSH 3-D SHOOT

Jerry Hill

The success of the Sage Brush 3-D Shoot held on Feb. 1 at the Colyak's outdoor archery range in West Richland was very encouraging. There were 288 shooters who participated, and guests came to have fun.

Please be informed that our 3-D tournaments offer forum for all ages to practice their archery skills. The forum also

provide hunting situations to help shooters acquire the knowledge to determine different distances for ethical hunting skills, skills necessary for a good and safe shoot.

Please take note that the Traditional 3-D Shoot is scheduled on March 28 and 29. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Visit our website for complete information. Hope to see you there.

HARVEST STORY

Jerry Hill writes: "My hunt with friends Troy and Larry started on Sept. 1, north of Spokane. Larry got a nice white tail doe on the second day. I had to pass a nice doe on the same day because she had two fawns with her.

The buck's head was covered with some brush, and I was confident he would not see me. Troy's range finder calculated our distance to the buck at 43 yards. The buck went about 50 yards and fell in the middle of the trail that we had came up. I harvested a nice three by four white tail."



Buck, 140 lbs, Spokane, WA, Sept 2, 2008

"I harvested a nice three by four white tail buck."



White Tail Doe
Lower Tucannon, Dayton, WA
September 6, 2008

Robert Gerhard writes:

I hunted alone in the lower field Tucannon by Dayton, WA where many people hunt. The doe of average size was by the river, and I made a good shot of her with my bow and arrow successfully harvesting a white tail doe.

I had a good time and hunting will always be fun.

Larry Gabaldon writes:

"Thirty minutes before dark a nice white tail doe walked out of the timber about 20 yards from me. I made the shot count, a perfect shot right through the boiler room. The doe went about 20 yards back into the timber, and then expired. Jerry and Troy helped me clean the doe so it was an easy task."



White Tail Doe
Spokane, WA
September 2, 2008

"My daughter didn't harvest her deer, but we had a great time together..."

David Wilson writes:

"I was hunting with my daughter Erin on the Tucannon. It was my second year and her first. I used my Martin Jaguar that I really like, and I shot this doe at 20 yards about 15 minutes before the end of the day.

My daughter, also a member of the club, didn't harvest her deer; but we had a great time together this year."

Doe, 150 lbs. Sept. 16, 2008
Marengo Area Columbia, WA



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21/22, 2009
20th Annual Tucannon Shoot

March 28/29, 2009
Traditional 3-D Shoot

May 16/17, 2009
Fishhook Ranch 3-D Shoot

For more information, visit:

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NUGGETS OF HUNTING

"Night Time is The Right Time"

"In Summer, mule deer, badgers and sidewinder rattlesnakes are often active only in the early morning, late evening or at night. They escape the sun by spending the hottest hours resting in the shade or underground."



"Chill Out The Wapiti Way"

Every spring, elk shed their winter coat-made up of woolly under fur and long outer hairs—for a sleek summer version that's five times cooler. The velvet, (fuzzy skin) on bulls' antlers is loaded with blood vessels. Bulls shunt blood to the velvet where it cools before returning to their heart.

Elk climb high in the mountains where the air is cooler. They drink lots of water and often wade, swim and splash in lakes and rivers. They feed at dawn and dusk, and lie around in the cool, shady forest the rest of the day."

Source:
Stay Cool, Lee Lamb Bugle, July-August 2007

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