



Thanks!

I wish to thank **everyone** for coming to the IBO Washington State Championship. I had a lot of fun hosting the event. I also thank **Cedar River** for all their help and hospitality, as well as **all the sponsors and supporters** of the event. I owe a very special thanks to **Kirk and Tracy Peot** of Tacoma, WA; Kirk for his understanding and for watching over his son while his wife lent a big hand. She was awesome! It just wouldn't come out as well without **everyone** chipping in and helping out. (I hope that Cedar River will allow us to return next year. I should know by the third leg where we will shoot next year.) I wish to thank **Linda Parker** and the wonderful people on the **WSAA board**, as well as the **OBH board** and their **range managers**. Their decision to work with the IBO scheduling of events in the coming years so we don't overlap our events is a welcome sacrifice! Please show them our **gratitude** when you see them.

Your Rep in the West Working For You,

Tim Blair

Sincere Apology

I need to apologize to a wonderful young man, Jerid Peterson. Jerid won our y trad'l class and for him there was not a trophy. He has been graciously willing to wait until the 2nd leg for his trophy to catch up with him. Jerid, I'm so sorry for being so negligent in not having a trophy for you; there's just no excuse on my part. When I saw you come up and there was not a trophy to give you, my heart just sunk to the ground. Thank you for being such a good sportsman about it. I'm so glad to see a young man of your caliber in the sport of archery. We need young men like you. I also wish to apologize to all the participants for the big goof I made on the yardage for the bear target.

Sincerely,

Tim Blair

If anyone is displeased with my services to you or IBO, please contact me at 503-390-6209 or contact IBO at 440-967-2137. They are thorough with resolving any issues. If you want to receive newsletters in the future, let me know or you can read them at bluelakenationalarchers.com.

Prizes

I feel the shoot off went quite well and for the most part was very fair. I would like some feed back at the 2nd leg or at my email address (archerytim@aol.com) as to what you think. Next year, I would like to add money dots and some other novelties. There will be a novelty for the future bow hunters.

Remember to pick up your prizes at the shoot May 21st and 22nd!

TARGETTING

The Youth

The youth shooters asked me about the silver trophies. I am still thinking about it; the reason for not giving them out to the youth is to help keep the participant fee down. If the event were larger, I wouldn't hesitate for a moment to give the same prizes out to the youth as to the adults. This is not a closed issue; please understand it is still being taken under consideration. I also had a request by the youth for them to be allowed to participate in a shoot off for State Champion against the adults, or maybe they could just have a shoot off of their own. I have given this much consideration and have reached the conclusion that the youth will have a State Shoot off. As to whether or not it will be against the adult classes has not been decided yet. I wish feed back from both adults and youth before a final decision is made as to how it will be done. If it turns out to be a youth vs. youth class shoot off, than there will be an IBO Youth State Championship Gold Cup. Don't hesitate to bring a friend along to shoot. Thank you for your input and expressing your feelings; good job youth!

Looking Ahead

Next year there is, I believe, to be an IBO State Championship in the following States. There will not be a residency rule at any of them; WA, ID near Boise, CA (still working on a deal with the club), NV. Nevada is expected to be in Las Vegas and is still in the works but looks good. I met with their board members recently and there most certainly is excitement there. There are two places to choose from in OR; so there will be one for sure. If we are not limited there may be another IBO shoot as well. There maybe one in Arizona but that's way up in the air. Bring a friend to the 2nd and 3rd legs of the NWTC. I think we have some exciting things coming up for IBO next year. Help your club join in and become a part of IBO. And for those of you who haven't had an opportunity to join IBO yet, I'll be at the 2nd leg with applications.