



2013 Shoot Schedule & Maps

April 6th

Claylick Bowhunters

Newark, Ohio

May 4&5

Ross County Bowhunters

Chillicothe, Ohio

June 1&2

Blackhoof Bowmen

Jamestown, Ohio

July 13&14

Rushcreek Sportsmen

Kenton, Ohio

August 3&4

Hocking Valley Sportsmen

Athens, Ohio

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

Willard Conservation Club

Willard, Ohio



Fellow Archers,

A little about myself since some of you do not know me. I was born in 1965 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and have lived in central Ohio since I was a teenager. I currently live in Centerburg and I do most of my bow hunting on local farms and Tar Hollow State Forest with the annual Christian Bowhunters hunt. My wife of 6 years is Diane and we have 6 kids between us from previous marriages ranging from 17 to 27 years old and a granddaughter who is 4. I work in the metal recycling industry and spent over 20 years in the automotive manufacturing industry. I am not much of a fisherman but I hunt deer and small game with the bow and arrow. I shoot and hunt with both recurves and longbows and enjoy both with no preference. I do not own a compound or crossbow but have nothing against them or those who hunt with them. Along with OSTA, I am a member of the Ohio Bowhunters Association, the Christian Bowhunters of America, the Professional Bowhunters Society, the NRA, and the Gun Owners of America.

A new officer usually means changes of some kind. I hope to make the transition in leadership as painless as possible. I have an idea of what can strengthen OSTA for the future and that is a growing membership of quality folks like we have now. I hope to expand OSTA's membership and presence in Ohio and maybe beyond our borders over the next couple years. OSTA used to be the only traditional club in Ohio but now there are others proving there is a need of some kind for what OSTA is about. I would ask that we as members would be ready to greet and take in new comers when they show up at shoots. If they feel welcome they will come back. OSTA has a family friendly atmosphere and if folks will come a time or two they will feel it.

The OSTA website and facebook page is going to become an important source for information for OSTA members in 2013 and beyond. I realize not everyone is computer literate or even owns a computer but these things are cost effective for us to use as a club. I will be leaning OSTA into more use of the website and such in the near future and less using the mail saving OSTA some funds. The newsletter with shoot schedules will only be published and mailed out once a year after the banquet. This newsletter will be the only one you will receive with this years shoot schedules. There will be a mailing about the State Shoot and the banquet before these events take place. Mike Rowley has assured me the website will be updated promptly after the shoots with standings and scores and any info needed. The website address is www.tradarchers.org and from there you can join OSTA's facebook page. Both of these are also readily available from your smart phone and many of you are already on board.

What the previous group of officers did with the OSTA constitution was landmark and very much needed. They built on the foundation of previous officers and updated the constitution to take and protect OSTA into the future. You might not realize it but our constitution guides this club much like the U.S. Constitution guides this country. I appreciate Jamie, Dan, Joy, and Jan's concern and sacrifice.

In April, we are having a one day "Band-Aid" shoot at Claylick Bowhunters in Newark. This is not a fun shoot with no fee's that we occasionally have but one to raise funds to make up for losses in 2012. Please plan on coming. This will help get OSTA prepared for the coming shoot season. There you have it, my first message to you. I gave you a birds eye view of what I hope to bring to the table. I am also open to ideas and suggestions but not all will be used. The success and continued growth of this club is top priority for me and all suggestions will be taken with that in mind.

Jim Suttinger. OSTA President.



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