

Flint Bowmen spring 3-D leagues start Tuesday, April 23, with registration from 10A.M. until 12P.M., Tuesday-Thursday, 4P.M. until 7P.M. The cost for members is \$10.00 and non-members \$12.00 per week. (Discounts for kids and senior members over 62.) Bring your friends and family members and have some fun in the woods.

What is a Flint Bowmen 3-D League?

“A 3-D league is 8 weeks of hunting without the dragging or getting your hands dirty.”

The Flint Bowmen 3-D leagues utilize our four 3-D courses on our 28 plus acres. We have at multiple elevated platforms that simulate hunting opportunities on each of our courses. We set up different animal targets at twenty locations for shooters to test their skills. Each shooter gets one chance to make the best shot they can for score. If you miss though, you do get a zero so make your shot count. The league runs for eight weeks, rain or shine!

All of our leagues are open to the public. Many men, women and kids enjoy these leagues every year. We have several classifications to accommodate many shooting styles. Some shooters have no interest in hunting, but still enjoy the challenge of shooting at the animal targets in the woods.

We do allow all kinds of bows because we have classifications for all of them. We want people who shoot long bows, recurves, compounds and cross bows to come out and enjoy themselves in the woods with whatever they want to shoot.

The 3-D leagues at Flint Bowmen use a multi-stake system. We have white and purple stakes for the kids and beginner adults, but if those stake are too far, please move up to where you can shoot comfortably. All of our animal targets should have backstops behind the animals in case the shooter misses.

We have many additional stakes for the adults. The orange stake is considered the bow hunter stake. It is meant to represent a shot one might take while bow hunting. The distance is usually from 5 to 30 yards.

We have other stakes to test the advanced archery shooter who would want a more challenging 3-D shot. These shots **could** be anywhere from 5 to about 50 yards.

All of our leagues use a handicap system to make things fair no matter one's skill level. We also use a 'flighted' system so shooters will, in the end, only be shooting against shooters of their own skill level. If the shooter is good enough or lucky enough to win, they will be rewarded with a plaque or trophy at a banquet at the end of the league.

Over the years, we have had many members and non-members credit their hunting success to the experience that our 3-D leagues have given them. By shooting the 3-D league, you will be well practiced in just about every shot that could happen when you see the real thing in the fall.

**Don't forget the Spring 3-D league begins
Tuesday, April 23.**

THANK YOU

If you got this newsletter by email or regular mail, THANK YOU for paying your annual dues and for being part of the one of the oldest archery clubs in Michigan.

No written President's report from Jeff this month.

Jeff has been extremely busy this month with his family obligations and dealing with Flint Bowmen so he did not write a report for March.

Newsletter Articles

If you have been reading these newsletters for the past three years, you might have thought you have read some of the articles before. Well, you would be correct. I do reuse some of the articles from time to time because our membership is constantly adding new members.

Every month, we get new members. So while some people may have read about something I put in the newsletter last spring, this spring we might have 50 new members who have not read it. That is why I reuse articles. As far as hunting stories, I have never reused those stories.

Mike Alexander-Editor

Monthly Newsletter

The Bowmen Newsletter goes out every month. It usually goes out between the 20th of the month and the end of the month. If for some reason you do not get one, please reach out to me at 810-240-1338 or lealexander@comcast.net and I will get you a copy. As we all know, when group emails go out, sometimes they don't go out correctly as it might go to peoples spam.

Editor-Mike Alexander

ATTENTION

There is a notebook behind the membership applications that needs to be filled out by anyone who signs up a new member. This will help the membership coordinator know when a new members joins.



SPRING 3D LEAGUE

Front Gate

We have done something different with the lock on the front gate.. We are trying a weather proof box that will keep the lock from freezing.

This is an ongoing process of trying to do things to make it easier to get in. Please be patient with us as we work through this.

New Website

Our new website is up and rolling. Our new webmaster, A.J., is doing a great job getting it together. He will be keeping it updated with a lot of cool stuff. I did notice he is putting a link to see the Newsletters so that is a different way to read the newsletter. We are all excited to see what AJ can do.



Sunrise BOOTS
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Newsletter Contest

Once again in 2024, I am going to have a little lottery draw game to see who reads the newsletter. Each month I will ask a few questions about what is in the newsletter, and you will need to email me your answers at lealexander@comcast.net or text me at 810-240-1338 to be entered. Since everyone likes and can use cash, I will give away \$25 of my own money to the winner at the Annual meeting in January.

Rules are simple.

All questions for the contest must be answered correctly to qualify.

Answers must be sent to lealexander@comcast.net or text me at 810-240-1338 before the next issue has been sent out.

Only one person per family will be eligible each month.

A member can only submit answers once per month.

Every member with correct answers will have their names put in a jug with one winner drawn at the Annual Meeting in January. So, the more months you enter, the better your chances of winning.

I want to THANK all those who sent in your answers to last month's contest. Thanks for reading the newsletter!

February Newsletter Contest Questions:

1. When is the Spring League?
2. How many shooters was at the IAA Shoot in March?
3. Who helped at the Genesis shoot in March?

Want to get out of the house for a few hours this Spring?

We have some things that need to be done at Flint Bowmen that hopefully you can help with. One thing we need help with is getting the rocks that used to be in the parking lot back into the parking lot. Our snowplows pushed some rocks into the lawn and we need them raked back into the parking lot before we mow. Please bring your own rakes and shovels from home, or we can make arrangements for you to use the club's if needed by contacting Jeff at 989-239-8577 or our workday coordinator, Dan, at 810-875-5354

We also would like someone to clean up the kids play area by the clubhouse. A little raking or a leaf blower would be needed.

We need the sticks picked up around the few trees we have in the back of the practice range. We also need the sticks in the woods at the end of the parking lot picked up because we mow those woods.

We also would like to have someone take responsibility for our landscaping in front of the building so we know it will get done. This person would take care of cleaning out the leaves, making sure the weeds are sprayed, taking care of the flowers and doing whatever it takes for it to look nice all year long.

If you need info on these jobs, contact Jeff or Dan.



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EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM ABOUT 3 PM to 8 PM

DO YOU NEED TO GET IN YOUR WORK HOURS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED AT FLINT BOWMEN, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW?

We started the Monday work nights in 2005 to offer the membership a set time to come out and get some hours in if it fits their schedule. It started out a being called **Monday Evening Work Days With the President** because the President of Flint Bowmen at the time was there every Monday to help with everything that needed to be done. Seven years after that member stepped down as President, so now it is just called **The Monday Work Crew**.

We will be working from about 3 PM until 8 PM. Feel free to come out for part or all of the time. They happen every Monday until Oct. except when it falls on a holiday or long weekend. Some of the guys get there early about 3 PM, some come about 5 PM, some leave at 7 PM. Nobody cares how long you work, we just “Piddle” on jobs that need be done around the club. Some of the people come every week, some only come once in awhile.

We will be doing all kinds of odd jobs that need to be done. Bring boots, work clothes and some warm clothes, because we need some work done outside when the weather cooperates. Most of the work is worker friendly, not too strenuous. Some of the jobs are more fun than others, but it is all work that needs to be done. We have a saying that if you are sweating you are either working too hard or you're under the heater!

This is also a great time for new members to get to know some other members. While we don't care if kids come out to help, please be aware this group is mostly made up of guys so we can't control what might come out of a guy's mouth.

We almost always try to have a snack, (for most of us, it is our Monday dinner) for our break time around 6 PM, and we might have an adult beverage at this time also if you enjoy those. We have been known to get the grills fired up to eat some wild game. For more information, contact Mike Alexander at 810-240-1338 or at lealexander@comcast.net.

I do want to Thank those who helped so much in 2023. Here is a list of most of the people, but I am sure I have missed some, and I apologize.

Jim Maes

Billy Bryant

Joe Aidif

Dave Dremer

Bill Guith

Rob Halsey

Jeremy Tanner

Tom Brasseur

Kenzie Brasseur

David Bregand

Mike Messer

Roger Thompson

Sam White

Mike Bregand

Bruce Shinabarger

Do You Need Work Hours But Don't Know How to Get Them?

When you join Flint Bowmen you are told how much it will cost and if you work 20 hours your dues the next year will be \$50. That is a great deal, being a member for the next year for less than it takes to fill up your gas tank! But then you get into the reality of how to get in work hours.

The hardest part is figuring out what you want to do and then make the commitment to do it. Doing the tasks are always easier than deciding what to do. Our President Jeff DeWyse does a wonderful job sending out emails to let the membership know where help is needed. We get very little response, if any, to these requests. Most of our monthly workdays get only one or two volunteers, if we are lucky. Most of the time, the only people who show up are Dan and maybe his kids.

If you still need hours or just want to be a bigger part of Flint Bowmen, we have a lot of events coming up later this summer and going into the Fall where it will be easy to get your hours. We still need some help with the Spring League that will be starting April 23-25. We need people to do registration, and we can always use help with setting up and tearing down. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway by the restroom.

The next event we need help with is the ASA Shoot on June 7-9. Contact Jeff at 989-239-8577 or jdwyse@gmail.com to get more information.

Another event we need help with is Fall Leagues. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the hallway by the rest rooms or once again contact Jeff for more information. I'm sure we still need registration help, set up target help, and take down target help.

We will also be hosting an IAA Shoot on July 19-21 and will need help that weekend.

The one weekend of the year where you can easily get all your work hours is August 10 & 11 at our Fall Shoot. There will be a big sign-up board at the club by the lockers for this event. This weekend is a lot of fun and an extremely easy time to get volunteer hours.

The Saturday Kids League that will be starting Saturday, September 21, needs lots of volunteers for two different classes, one at 9 AM and one at 1 PM. Kitchen volunteers and volunteers who can help the kids shoot safely on the line are needed for both of these classes.

As you see, we have the opportunity for you to get your work hours in! This list does not even include helping on the ongoing Monday nights we work at the club for 9 months from 3 to 8 PM. You just need to decide when and what your want to do. Trust this Editor, volunteering is very satisfying to the soul. It feels good to give back.



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2024 Genesis Shoot and Chili Dinner Recap

On March 2 we held our 9th Annual Genesis Fun Shoot and Chili Dinner. We want to THANK everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening. Twenty-six shooters had fun shooting the Genesis bows and around fifty people enjoyed several kinds of chili or soups that we had to eat.

A big thank you to Tim and Tracey Kelly, Laurie LaLonde and Cathy Akers-Jordan for all their hard work in the kitchen supervising the chili part of the night. In addition to chili, they had a big salad and delicious corn bread. I want to THANK my wife, Maggie, for making three different kinds of sheet cakes for dessert, along with two chilis for the event.

The kitchen brought in over \$400 for the 3-hour event, so that's not bad. I also want to thank everyone who made chili for the evening. There is always a wide variety, and this year did not disappoint. There were the traditional style chilis, a fantastic rabbit chili that was absolutely delicious, and a white chicken chili that is fabulous. I don't mean to not mention the other chili's, but I filled up on those two!

I also want to thank Joe Aidif for all his help setting up people with Genesis bows for the evening. He got blindsided by this because I needed serious help and Joe stepped right up and took care of it for me. I also want to thank our Webmaster, AJ Deal, for helping with registration. I was needed on the line helping people shoot, so these two individuals were a godsend on the evening.

I want to congratulate all the winners on the evening. Our overall winner was Ethan Shaw who shot our first ever perfect round of 150 in this event. Second Place went to AJ Deal and Rocky Cummins came in third.

In the female group, Cathy Akers-Jordan won first place, Kaylie Purdy took second and Rishika J took third.

In the kid's division, we had three kids who had never shot before take home the medals. First place was Shy Howard, second place was Shawn Howard and third place was Maxwell Sweers.

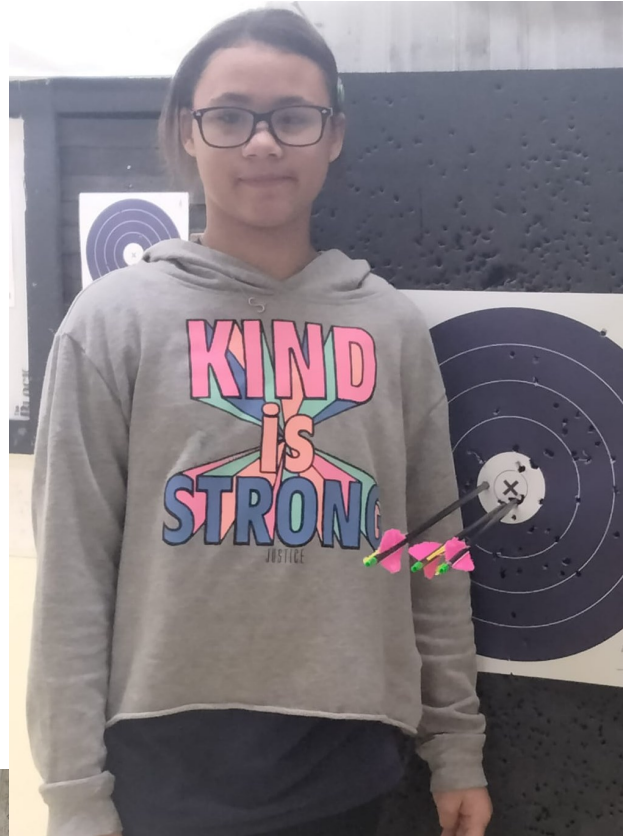
This shoot is just meant to be a fun evening out playing with the Genesis bows and enjoying some different chili. These bows are fun and easy to shoot but hard to



master (unless you are Ethan Shaw). If you missed out on the fun this year, we will do it again next March so plan on attending then.



Pictures from the 9th Annual Genesis Shoot



Scores from the Genesis Shoot

Adult Male		Adult Female	
Ethan	150	Cathy	102
AJ	145	Kaylie	97
Rocky	136	Rishika	81
Jim	134	Dora	69
Pete	125	Kathy	50
Dan	123		
Mike	121	Youth	
Adam	121	Shy	98
Bill	116	Shawn	96
Doug	116	Maxwell	93
Leland	113	Brody	87
Jeremy	110		
Jacob	100		
Anthony	41		

Guest Shooters

When you bring a guest out to shoot at Flint Bowmen, please make sure they pay the guest fee. Just inside the front door is a box to put the money in. Adults \$5 and kids \$2. Everyone must also fill out a waiver PLEASE!

2024 BOARD MEMBERS & CONTACT INFO

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If you use the back door, please remember to lock it when you get done. At this time of the year, moe people go outside to shoot, so we need to make sure the building is secure.

Amazing Shooters of Flint Bowmen

Through the years, Flint Bowmen has been blessed with some amazing archers and hunters. Having been a member for over 30 years, I have witnessed some fantastic shooters practice on our property. Over the years, the equipment has changed a lot, but the thrill and challenge of shooting has always been there.

I am going to risk upsetting a few people by mentioning some of the excellent shooters I have witnessed since I have been a member. I apologize if I have forgotten you or missed some. Please feel free to remind me and I will list them at a later time, this can be an ongoing story.

When I first joined, the person to beat was Ron Mast. Ron was not just a great finger shooter, he was also a great hunter of everything. Then I experienced Audey Witt! Never bet against Audey. For years, Sandy Menosky was the top shooter when it came to targets. When it came to recurve, back in the day the best at Flint Bowmen was Jim Maes.

Right before I joined Flint Bowmen, the great shooters in their prime were the likes of Don LaDuke, Russ Hagler and Ann Hagler

Then as the years went by, we had a guy named Jim Beasley who was really dam good. Don Baxter was right there with Jim. Of course, we don't want to forget our Olympian Joe Bailey was an amazing shot and is still not too bad. For a couple of years, Bob Pringle practiced so much, he was amazing with whatever bow he shot. I also don't want to forget to mention Dennis Templeton who was incredible in his prime.

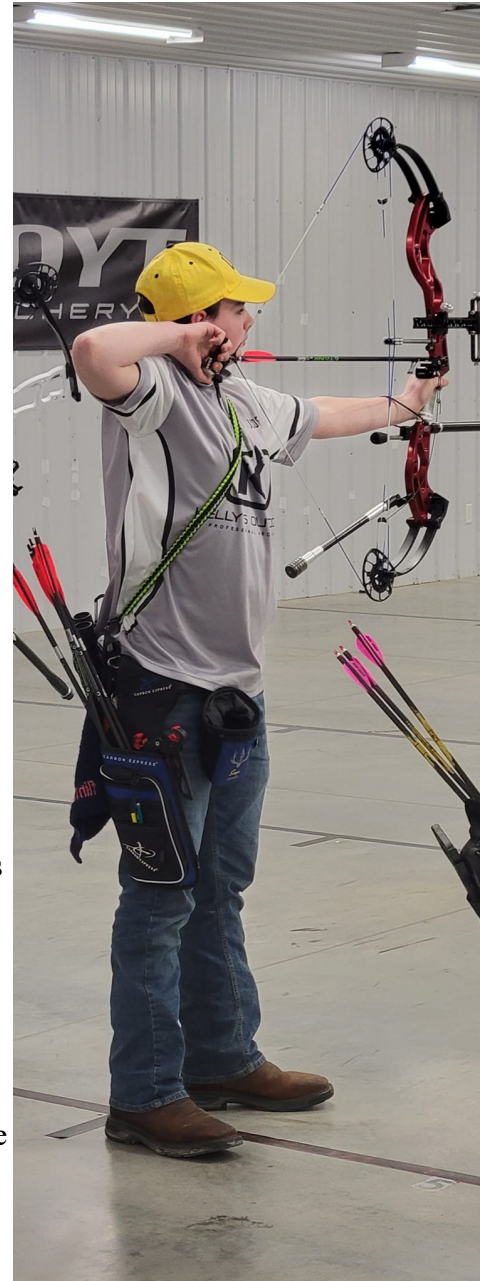
We are blessed at this time to have a lot of fantastic shooters. Rocky Cummins and Jason Birchmier are simply amazing . It seems like they never miss. Steve Oakley is a wizard with his re-curve for only being in archery a relatively short period of time. Julie Kaufman is one of the best female shooters in the state.

We have had some great youth archers too. Kyle Preston was a great youth shooter. Allie Prentice is fantastic and Rocky Cummins Jr is one of a kind as a young adult.

We have a lot of great shooters currently shooting at Flint Bowmen who might be our next amazing shooter. It might be Jacob Groth or his dad Dan Groth. Josh Borrow is right there along with our President Jeff DeWyse. Bill McGlinchey is another one who is right there.

The one thing all of these fantastic archers have in common with the rest of us is the love of archery. The difference between them and the rest of us is probably the amount of time they practice to hone their skills. Nobody can be great without practice, practice and more practice. Shoot your bow when you can, join a league to make that obligation of shooting at least once a week and try to fit in a few practice sessions during the week so when you shoot in the league, you are ready.

Mike Alexander Editor



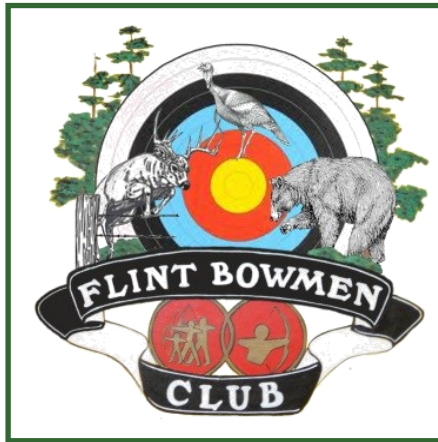
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Upcoming Events:

For more info, go to www.flintbowmen.com

April 2024

- 9th Membership Meeting Tue 7pm
- 17th *Beginners Lessons Wed. 6pm
- 23rd-25th *Spring 3-D League Tue 10-12am, Tue– Thursday 4-7pm 8 (wks)

May 2024

- 4th Work Day-All ranges closed 9am-??? (Until it is over)
- 14th Membership Meeting Tue 7pm
- 15th *Beginners Lessons Wed. 6pm

June 2024

- 7th-9th *ASA Outdoor 3D State Qualifier
- 11th Membership Meeting Tue 7pm
- 12th *Beginners Lessons Wed. 6pm
- 29th Work Day-All ranges closed 9am-??? (Until it is over)

July 2024

- 9th Membership Meeting Tue 7pm

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