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May ITBA State Championship

Well, another state shoot is in the books. I saw and talked to almost everyone in the club, so if you were one of the few that had to miss, you missed a great one. Everything worked out perfect; the food, the weather, the course, and the good company. It was probably the best event of its type that I've ever been to.

The range and set were beautiful, thanks to the hard work of the officers and volunteers. One pleasant surprise was when a group of visiting dignitaries from the great state of Arkansas decided to spend the day Saturday. They were up here to shoot the IBO shoot in Bedford. A finer bunch of gentlemen you'll never meet, and good shooters each one.

The Trade Blanket that Redtail ran was smaller compared to last year, but the items were impressive none the less. I suppose the most valuable one was Tim's mystery fur quiver. There were guesses of everything from ermine to sable, but it looked like an Airedale to me.

The highlight of the whole thing for me was Saturday night, sitting around the campfire with John, Jim, Tim, and Dale. Not to imply that those guys are old, but they are very, very experienced bow hunters. I listened to every word as they joked around or told of past hunts and shoots from the days when the buffalo roamed.

One note, Ron McD was with us the Saturday before the shoot trailblazing and weed eating, cutting, etc. Later he was shooting his bow and had chest pains. He went to the hospital and had to have a stent put in. He wasn't able to shoot but came up Sunday to visit. He said he was feeling good, and was sorry to miss the state championship. I've seen Ron shoot and I'm sorry he did all that work, and had to miss. I believe he was going to take Billy down a notch or two. We'll see next year.

Congrats to all the winners whoever you are but also to all the shooters that made it such a special time. From the new targets, the good friends, the 10 rings and shattered

arrows, Dale's gift bow, Tom and Steve's clay shoot-off, and all the soft drink bets I had to buy, I can't wait till next time.

(Thanks to Dennis for the shoot Commentary)

ITBA State Champ Shoot Results **5/17 & 5/18, 2008**

Men's Recurve

561 Billy Ashby
532 Danny Clark
509 Mike Hitzman

Men's Longbow

504 Tom Anderson
492 Jim McGowan
477 Dave Wallace

Mens Primitive

456 John French
398 Gary Miller
391 Paul Pyle

Women

423 Carolyn Bolen

Youth

411 Dustin Reynolds
333 Douglas Vaughn
295 Aaron Issacs

Cub

525 Austin Vaughn
506 Devon Bolen
447 Ty Kellar

Overall High Score

1,588 Billy Ashby
1,401 Brad Reynolds
1,347 John French

Coon Shoot

117 Ron Nixe

Smoker Round

9 Billy Ashby

Upcoming Events:

ITBA - June 21st

KTBA - June 7th

Cloverdale - June 13th - 15th

Go to ITBA.org for complete schedules

From Your Newsletter Crew:

As a reminder come early and stay late to help manage the targets. This can turn into long days for the folks that set the targets. They can always use your help.

Any items you wish to see in this newsletter get them to me and I will get them in.

Best regards,

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