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*2018 STAR 3rd Annual International Mounted Archery Competition.
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Message from the Board

from Cody Lee Jones, MA3 Board President

Hello MA3 Members and Happy Spring!

It's been an exciting winter and 2018 is shaping up to be one of the most eventful in MA3 history! Since our last newsletter seven new chapters have joined our family! As you may also know MA3 has just had an election so please welcome our new board members: Membership Officer Celine Takatsuno, Secretary Leah Earle, and Vice-President Stacey Hornsby!

In other news the largest horseback archery competition to date on US soil has just wrapped up down in Texas and it looks like everyone had a blast! MA3 has four more competitions this year in Michigan, Alaska, Utah, and Arizona! That makes five for the year, our most active so far. Please see our website for more details on how to register!

Additionally, the International Horse Archery Association has decided to hold their first annual world championship this July in Hungary and we have selected our team to represent the USA and MA3! Congratulations to: Serena Lynn, Hadley Hudson, Greg Ogburn, Diana Troyk, Cameron Momtaz, and Joey Ogburn!

As you can see MA3 and the sport of horseback archery are growing in the US. As we grow we have to constantly evolve and adapt in how we administrate. Look for updates very soon on how we handle our memberships as we transition into the digital age, additions to the new chapter packets with great suggestions for your chapters, as well as updates to range and safety guidelines, and more communication between the BOD and membership. We are excited for what 2018 holds for our organization!

2018 STAR 3rd International Mounted Archery Competition

By Stacey Hornsby, Vice-President, MA3

The weekend of March 17th held the largest competition on American soil! The South Texas Archery Riders held their 3rd annual international competition and it was a huge success! There were 39 competitors from the US, Canada, and South Africa in attendance. Thankfully the weather held out for an enjoyable weekend.



Steve Dawson, Ground Zero Archery, 2018 STAR Competition

There were many newer MA3 members in attendance which was exciting to see! It was fun for members to meet other members they had never gotten a chance before now to meet and many lasting friendships were made over the 5 days.

This competition held the first ever serial qabak with 5 targets on a 150-meter course, and it proved to be everyone's favorite course as it was challenging and fun. The current IHAA postal match and a ranking was



Erin Troy, South West Desert Warriors, 2018 STAR Competition
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Range and Practice Safety

By Stacey Hornsby, President, Alpine Mounted Archery

With all the new clubs starting up, I wanted to write an article for the MA3 newsletter about safety considerations you might wish to implement. When I first started the AMA (Alpine Mounted Archers) over 2 years ago, we struggled a bit with safety, as all we had were the one-page list of range rules and of course knowing to never point a loaded bow in anyone's direction! We have learned the hard way, with exploding growth and sometimes having 15-20 members practicing at once, that we needed to sit down as club officers and determine better written safety procedures we wanted to have in place. The safety procedures we came up with were even added to our club's by-laws. I want to share with you all what we are doing in hopes it will help the new clubs starting up!



Erika Xochimitl, AMA VP, instructs member Andrea De Silva

When we have so many people at various levels practicing, along with ground target practice, the potential is there for safety gaps. We found it was hard for club leaders to practice themselves and coach at the same time. Also, sometimes new members needed way more individual time spend with them. Because of this, we require our new members to take a 4 to 5-hour introductory clinic so they get more individual attention and can learn the basics and learn safety techniques.

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also run concurrently, and many took part in all 3 events. This was a great way for our newer members to experience a competition and it was fun to see new horses and mounted archers coming together to share in their passion for the sport.



Serena Lynn, STAR, 2018 STAR Competition

Due to slick conditions and safety concerns, the polish course was not factored in to the overall standings since competitors were allowed to walk and trot (though arrow counts only counted if traveling at a trot or canter). The course proved to be challenging for some due to horse issues and for some horses and riders, this was their first taste of a polish course.

From the rave reviews, everyone is looking forward to next year's event!

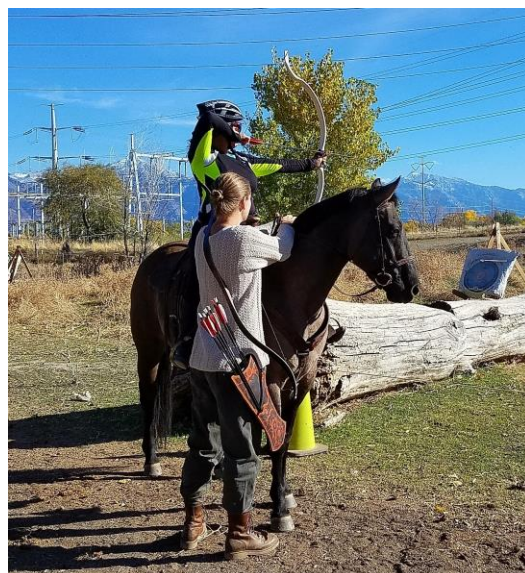


Tess Shelton, Hill Country Horse Archery, 2018 STAR Comp.

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the MA3 website.

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We try to have 2-3 club leaders there as the more eyes on new mounted archers, the better! Next, we broke our practices up into 2 sessions. The first hour or two is for beginners or those just walking. The next hour or to is for the more advanced members who are cantering. We did this to make getting through the run easier as there is no bigger frustration to an advanced MA'er then to wait while all the walkers take FOREVER to get through the run! It helps the newbies not feel like they are holding up the advanced shooters and it helps the advanced shooters not get impatient and enter the run before it is time. It also makes coaching easier when the group is split up.



Erika Xochimitl, AMA VP, instructs member Andrea De Silva

The most important safety protocol we implemented is having a designated ground safety officer. We split this task up between 2-3 different leaders and key members per practice so we all can have time to practice. We also have separate coaches that concentrate on the MA'ers form and shooting techniques. This ground safety person oversees watching the range and signaling when the next MA'er can proceed down the track (we have a bull horn) or to signal when the range is closed due to a horse/archer issue or when it is time to retrieve arrows. We have a crescent shaped run with trees in the middle, so it made it hard for the MA'er at the start of the run to see if the MA'er before them were out on the other end. Before we implemented the ground safety office, there were times that folks

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2018 Ranking Members

Congratulations to these members who have ranked in 2018! For a complete list of all MA3 members who have ranked from S1 to H5, please go [HERE](#).

Name	Rank	Date Achieved
Cameron Momtaz—CA	H3	Jan. 9, 2018
Joey Ogburn—AZ	H3	Feb. 26, 2018
Hadley Hudson—TX	H3	Feb. 28, 2018
Stephen Kendall—TX	S4	Feb. 1, 2018
Richard Harleman—WA	S4	Feb. 28, 2018
Jessica Gruebner—MI	S3	Jan. 8, 2018
Jessica Gruebner—MI	S2	Jan. 8, 2018
Noel Sherer—MI	S1	Jan. 16, 2018
Jessica Diller—TX	S1	Jan. 25, 2018
Barbara Barror—MI	S1	Feb. 16, 2018
Julie Webster—FL	S1	Feb. 16, 2018
Jada Landis—PA	S1	Feb. 28, 2018



Hadley Hudson, Hill Country Horse Archery, 2018 STAR Comp.

Upcoming Mounted Archery Competitions

- **Ground Zero Mounted Archers:** May 25-27; Niles, MI. Find more information [HERE](#).
- **Mat-Su Mounted Archers:** June 28-July 1; Wasilla, AK. Find more information [HERE](#).
- **Alpine Mounted Archery:** Aug 9-12; Spring City, UT. Find more information [HERE](#).
- **Desert Warriors SW Mounted Archery:** Nov 9-11; Scottsdale, AR. Contact Diana Troyk: magicdi69@cox.net

For more details about upcoming clinics, postal matches, and other horse archery events, please go [HERE](#).

MA3 Board Member Spotlight: Cody Lee Jones, President

Cody has been a member of MA3 and Broken Arrow Mounted Archers in Washington State since 2012. Since then he has competed around the US and Internationally in Poland and Turkey, as well as performed in numerous live demonstrations at Horse Expos and Renaissance Faires. Cody has studied with several World Horse Archery Federation (WHAF) World Champions and medalists and has written articles about the sport for Primitive Archer Magazine and TradArchers World. Most recently he has been spending most of his free time working on his farm and preparing it for Horseback Archery events and clinics.



Cody Lee Jones, MA3 Board President

New MA3 Chapters!

As horse archery continues its renaissance in the Americas we are very excited to watch MA3 membership grow and new chapters form! Please join us in welcoming the following chapters to the MA3 family:

- **Hill Country Horse Archers:** Wimberley, TX
- **Mystery Woods Mounted Archery:** Elizabeth, IN
- **Mat-Su Mounted Archers:** Wasilla, AK
- **Barebow Equestrians:** Syracuse, IN
- **Valhalla Horse Archers:** Buckley, WA
- **Rising Storm Mounted Archers:** West Branch, MI
- **Red River Horse Archers:** Van Alstyne, TX

For a complete list of MA3 chapters, and information about starting a chapter, please go [HERE](#).

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would start their run not realizing that due to a horse issue the MA'er before them stopped their horse in the run for training purposes and almost got ran up on by the next person because they assumed the run was clear and were concentrating on the targets and did not see they were about to collide with another horse. The important thing to remember is that no one is permitted to "chit chat" with the ground safety officer. It is too easy for them to become distracted, answering questions, starting to coach or just plain chatting with parents or members.

You may want to consider how you arrange your range and ground practice areas as well. Never underestimate how far an arrow can travel in the air if it glances off the top of a target! Give yourself at least 200-250 ft if you need to shoot in the direction of people, houses, or pets. Set up your ground area far enough away to not hinder those on horseback, and also designate a person to stay in the ground practice area to coach. We also do not allow minors or general members to "help teach" as this can cause safety issues as well. Members trying to help their new club member friends can get a bit overzealous and before you know it people are going off doing their own thing and it can get chaotic very quickly. As far as practice for our own coaches go, we either practice before or after a set practice or we schedule separate practices just for us!

The last thing we implemented was to have our key officers take the USA Archery level 1 and 2 Instructor Training Courses (our club paid half the fees) so we would be very well rounded, be certified and have more training as we feel coaching MA is very important and the safety risks are high. All in all, you will have to devise safety rules that work for the size of your club and range set up. Taking the USA Archery Instructor Course was an eye opener for us as far as the attention to detail on safety measures. Even though some of the shooting techniques are different from what we do in MA, there was lots we were able to take away from the training courses!

Some other considerations are to lead horses for new shooters and horses at the walk until you know that they are safe to walk on their own managing the horse

and bow, and that the horse is calm and unaffected by the shooting. If you have members who are also new to riding, make sure they seek riding lessons before they are allowed to shoot at any other gait but a walk. We do not allow shooters to trot or canter unless they can show us they can safely trot or canter in the run in full control of the horse and then also while carrying their bow and pretending to shoot. Also consider not allowing your members to knock their arrow until they are about to enter the range. Even if you carry your nocked bow pointing upward – there is an increased chance of an unintentional misfire if something should go wrong with the horse.

This is the information I wanted to share with you - good luck to all those new clubs that just started and above all else – be safe!



Jessica Diller, STAR, 2018 STAR Competition



Tyler Horan, Serena Lynn, and Julie Battenfield, STAR, Awards Ceremony, 2018 STAR Competition