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## MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER

By Oliver Austin



Greetings. We just had the most successful indoor season that we have had in many many years. Participation was wonderful. We had five sites for the 18 Meter and six sites for the Blue Face and the winners were spit evenly amongst the sites. We are looking forward to next year and are planning on adding a Vegas shoot as well. We would love to have more sites. Next year there won't be a long break between the start of the tournament and the last shooting date.

We have an election for Central vice president. To vote you must live in the central region or have your primary club as a central club. You can vote online, Email or paper. Ballots must be received to me Saturday a week before the state field so I can validate the ballots. David Ireland or Heath Baulac would appreciate your vote.

I've had a bunch of questions about the Sunshine State games. Archery is going to be held. I'm working with the Florida Sports Foundation and it is going to happen. It'll be held at Gator June 7 and 8. We will be offering 720, a 900, a field and a 3-D as usual. Florida Sports Foundation lost their director and then lost their replacement director. Emails will be sent out by them later this month.

To save on Motels, we have been offering one day shoots at multiple locations. We still want to have some single site shoots so we can see everyone (currently the Field, FITA Field and 900). Please let your officers know what you think.

The State Field is being held at Gator Bowmen. It is a one day shoot with a 14 Field and 14 Hunter before lunch. The Boy Scouts are serving lunch and they do a great job. After lunch we will have a 14 Animal. You can shoot on Saturday or Sunday. If this is too much shooting, if you need to and let me know beforehand.

You can shoot the 14 Field, take a break and shoot the Animal round after lunch and then shoot the 14 Hunter on Sunday. I plan to shoot both days by shooting a different age bracket on the second day. You are welcome to do the same. I know someone who will shoot release aid on one day and fingers on the other.

Saturday afternoon after the Animal round we have our annual scheduling meeting. Think about your club bidding on a shoot. I have been asked to run the Archery portion of the National Senior Games in Iowa. Hope to see you there.

I am also going to shoot the NFAA National Outdoor at Mechanicsburg, PA. It is the nicest archery range that I have shot. I call it the Augusta of archery ranges. They have 5 different 28 target ranges and you will shoot 3 of them. This year the National Outdoor is 3 days. This is what Mechanicsburg asked for.

Remember this is your archery organization. We run the shoots that we hope that you want to shoot.

See you on the range. Oliver.



## FROM THE EDITOR

By Alvaro Ubeda

### Florida Archery First Quarter Recap: A Strong Start to the Year!

The first quarter of the year has been incredibly active for Florida archery, with the indoor season moving along successfully. Our archery community has come together for some fantastic events, creating exciting opportunities for both new and experienced archers.

We kicked off the season with the FAA 18m Indoor Round, setting the stage for a thrilling competition. This was followed by the NFAA/FAA Indoor State and Sectionals, which saw great participation and enthusiasm from archers across the state. Additionally, we introduced the brand-new 4H Blue Face Indoor Challenge, which proved to be a major success within our youth archers, further expanding the reach and engagement of our sport.

Beyond the indoor season, we also shot the Central and North 3D Challenges, bringing even more excitement and diversity to our event lineup. These competitions continue to build momentum, offering archers a chance to test their skills in a variety of settings.

Our strategy remains focused on making our events more accessible and enjoyable for archers and their families. By strategically locating our events closer to participants and offering both one-day and two-day shoot options, we aim to accommodate the needs of our growing community.



This approach ensures that more people can experience and enjoy the sport of archery across the state of Florida.

Your support and dedication are critical to the success of these events, and we are truly grateful for the commitment of our archery community. Your participation and enthusiasm make a significant impact, helping to grow and strengthen the sport we all love.

As we transition into the outdoor season, we look forward to even more exciting competitions, including the 720 Round, Sunshine State Games, and other upcoming events. We can't wait to see you on the range and share another fantastic season of archery in Florida!

Thank you for being a part of our thriving archery community. Here's to a great outdoor season ahead!

# 2025 STATE EVENTS



[View Full Schedule at floridaarchery.org](http://floridaarchery.org)

**APR  
13**

## **FAA OUTDOOR 720 ROUND**

Multi Site event, Gold Coast Archers. Delray Beach, FL & Gator Bowmen, Gainesville, FL.

**MAY  
24-25**

## **FAA FIELD STATE TOURNAMENT**

Gator Bowmen, Gainesville, FL.

**JUN  
7-8**

## **2025 SUNSHINE STATE GAMES-ARCHERY**

Gator Bowmen, Gainesville, FL

**AUG  
30-31**

## **2025 FITA FIELD**

Gold Coast Archers, Delray Beach, FL.

**SEP  
20-21**

## **2025 FITA 1440 ROUND**

Fort Lauderdale Archers, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**OCT  
4-5**

## **2025 NFAA CLASSIC 600 ROUND**

Gator Bowmen & Gold Coast Archers

**OCT  
18-19**

## **2025 NFAA 900 ROUND**

Gold Coast Archers, Delray Beach, FL



**[Check the full schedule at the FAA website](http://floridaarchery.org)**



# 2025 18m Indoor State Tournament

On December 28, 2024, the Florida Archery Association (FAA) hosted a fantastic State 18m Indoor Tournament, bringing together archers of all ages from across the state. The event took place in Fort Lauderdale, Central Florida Archers, Lee County Archers. The event provided the perfect opportunity for athletes to compete, refine their skills, and prepare for the upcoming indoor season in January and February.

This tournament proved to be not just a competition, but a showcase of the FAA's new strategy: organizing events in close proximity to the archers, utilizing the structures of local FAA clubs. This initiative has been a resounding success, and it's one that is helping the FAA foster a more inclusive and engaging environment for archers statewide. The goal behind this shift is clear — to ensure greater participation, especially among youth archers, who remain the core focus of the FAA's new program coordination.

## A Growing Focus on Youth Participation

One of the standout aspects of this event was the incredible turnout from young archers, which speaks to the success of the FAA's new approach. By aligning events with local clubs, young athletes are able to compete more easily and gain valuable experience on their home turf, further igniting their passion for the sport. The strong participation from youth archers is a positive sign for the future of the sport in Florida, and the FAA is excited to continue supporting and developing these talented athletes.

The involvement of local clubs such as Central Florida Archers, Lee County Archers, and Fort Lauderdale Archers made this event feel even more community-focused. These clubs played an integral role in hosting and organizing the tournament, showing the power of grassroots efforts to drive success and participation. With a foundation built on local enthusiasm, the FAA's new structure allows archers to connect more directly with the sport, making their experience more personal and enjoyable.

## Looking Ahead

The FAA's new strategy is creating an atmosphere where everyone can participate and feel connected to the archery community. With the success of the State 18m Indoor Tournament, it's clear that the future is bright for Florida's archers, especially our youth athletes. The FAA is committed to continuing this momentum and helping archers of all levels prepare for a successful 2025 season.

We encourage you to check out the results of the event and celebrate the achievements of the archers who participated. You can find the results and more information about future events by following the link below.

**[Check the results of the Florida Archery Association State 18m Indoor Tournament here!](#)**



## NFAA Indoor National Championships

The National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Indoor National Championships concluded an exhilarating weekend of competition at Navy Pier's Festival Hall in Chicago, Illinois. Top archers from across the nation and beyond came together to compete for the iconic NFAA Silver Bowl national championship trophy. Nearly 900 participants from 48 states and 9 countries took part in the event from February 14-16.

The event saw fierce competition across multiple divisions, with elite professionals and rising amateur talent vying for national titles. The championship's signature two-day, 120-arrow format on the NFAA blue/white target face pushed competitors to the highest precision and consistency levels under intense pressure. One of the most thrilling moments came in the Men's Professional division, where James Lutz maintained his composure and emerged victorious after a dramatic 20-person shoot-off which included many of the top names in archery. In the Women's Professional division, Ella Gibson stood out as the only archer to score 120 Xs, earning her the outright win.

In addition to the competition, the NFAA Indoor Nationals featured an interactive archery tradeshow, where attendees explored the latest gear, innovations, and technology in the sport. The Meet the Pros and Pro-Am events were highlights of the weekend, providing amateurs the opportunity to connect with and meet many of the world's top professional archers.

When competitors weren't shooting, they enjoyed the many amenities that the unique Navy Pier has to offer. The stunning views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline were a standout feature. The Pier also featured a variety of dining options, from casual spots to more upscale restaurants, unique shopping opportunities, and family-friendly activities. Attendees enjoyed taking advantage of the close proximity of these amenities and many even commented on how it added to the overall experience, making their time at the event even more memorable.

With the NFAA Indoor National Championships now concluded, archers are setting their sights on the Vegas Shoot from March 5-9. There, archers of all skill levels will vie for top honors at the world's largest and most prestigious event of the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shared from the NFAA Website. Feb 25, 2025



## Central FL Vice President Election

Dear FAA Members,

We are pleased to announce the upcoming election for the position of Central Florida Vice President within the Florida Archery Association (FAA). Your participation is crucial in selecting a leader who will represent our region's interests and contribute to the growth of archery in Central Florida.

Candidates for Central Florida Vice President:

1. David Ireland (President of Citrus Archers)
2. Heath Baulac (President of Central Florida Archers)
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To have your vote counted, you must live in the Central region or have your primary club listed with the FAA Sec/Treas be a Central region club. Your membership must be current as of the State Field (May 22, 2025).

You may vote in the election using the link at the bottom of this page or you can send a printed ballot to Oliver (or hand it to a State Officer) when you see us.

Ballots must be received seven days prior to the Field Championship (May 17, 2025).

We encourage you to take an active role in this election by learning more about each candidate and casting your vote. Your involvement is vital to ensuring that our leadership reflects the values and aspirations of our archery community.

If you have any questions regarding the election process or need further information about the candidates, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Florida Archery Association.





## Central FL Vice President Election

David Ireland

Retired Aerospace Engineer with a lifetime of devoted service to the sport of archery. Served as Florida Archery Association Central Florida Vice-President since 2020 (under Bob Jones). Currently President of Citrus Archery Club. Earned 1st NFAA Club of the Year Award in 2023. NFAA and FAA Life member.

Cronologically, have been shooting since 1968 under the NAA. Attended the 1972 Munich Olympics 1975 Mexico City Pan-Am Games and 1980 IFAA World Championships. Supported the NFAA since 1975 and the IFAA since 1977. Served as Club Officer at numerous clubs and programs. (1974-present).

Manufactured scopes, power peeps and arrow rests in 1976 as Basic Concepts, Inc.

Became a Certified Coach 1978

NFAA certified judge

Since then, have been responsible for starting and maintaining many archery clubs and programs in NJ, PA, TN, SD, FL.

Served on State Boards in PA, NJ, FL

Trained under Alexander Karillov (1995-97)

Experienced manager dedicated to the growth and health of our archery community. Have performed all of the duties of the FAA central VP role to help grow our organization for our future which included supporting our transition from USAA (calls, conversations, discussions, contract reviews, advice.) In my tenure as Central VP, I have brought in 2 new FAA clubs, supported continuation for 2 other clubs, maintained club inspections, scheduling and filled in for other VP's when called upon.

Served as a National Sr. Games volunteer since 2019.

Locally, created a county summer youth program dedicated to our sport and developed a strong 4-H program.

It is my desire to continue in my role supporting the FAA/NFAA and helping us continue to grow as a sport in the state of Florida.

Thanks,  
David Ireland



## Central FL Vice President Election

Heath Baulac

Hi Everyone,

My name is Heath Baulac and I am running for the FAA's Central Region Vice President position. I am passionate about promoting the sport and fostering a supportive and inviting community among archers of all skill levels. I have not only extensive experience within archery as a competitor and bowhunter, but have also served other community organizations in various capacities, such as March of Dimes, United Way, Viste, Gospel Inc, and currently serve as the President of Central Florida Archers Inc. One of the goals that I have for serving as your Central Region Vice President, is to not only foster growth within the Florida Archery Association, but to build bridges with the other archery organizations in Florida, such as ASA and USA archery, and the various clubs throughout the state. The other goal is to once again see not just a surviving community of archers, but one that is thriving and ensuring a future for the next generation. I plan on accomplishing these through servant-based leadership that is focused on honest and transparent communication, planning, and execution that is open to new ideas from all of Florida's diverse group of archers.

When voting for a new Central Region VP, I kindly ask that you vote for me, and for the future of Florida Archery.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Heath Baulac

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[VOTE HERE](#)

# 2025 18m Indoor State Tournament

Style	L	Name	Club	Round 1	Round 2	Total	
4HCFFS	F	Lyric Heuglin	Ft Lauderdale 4H	224	247	471	1
4HCMBB	C	Zayden Knutla	Citrus	152	151	303	1
4HCMFS	C	James Miller	Citrus	513	523	1036	1
4HCMFS	F	Matthew Ryle	Ft Lauderdale 4H	164	193	357	2
4HCMFSL	C	Donovan O'Donal	Citrus	244	247	491	1
4HYAMBB	F	Anthony Berrio	Ft Lauderdale 4H	256	284	540	1
4HYAMFS	F	Tommy Hawes	Ft Lauderdale 4H	562	554	1116	1
4HYAMFS	F	Keefer Heuglin	Ft Lauderdale 4H	468	476	944	2
4HYAMFS	F	Lucas Ryle	Ft Lauderdale 4H	318	406	724	3
4HYFBB	F	Charolette Baez	Ft Lauderdale 4H	188	228	416	1
4HYFBB	F	Maia Horton	Ft Lauderdale 4H	127	160	287	2
4HYFBB	F	Jaelyn Fox	Ft Lauderdale 4H	42	41	83	3
4HYFBB	F	Emma Huckleberry	Ft Lauderdale 4H	0	25	25	
4HYFFS	F	Emily Berrio	Ft Lauderdale 4H	443	400	843	1
4HYFFS	F	Lana Bassett	Ft Lauderdale 4H	388	414	802	2
4HYFFS	F	Myka Heuglin	Ft Lauderdale 4H	140	98	238	3
4HYFFSL	C	Mikayla O'Donal	Citrus	186	142	328	1
4HYMFS	C	Bekem Papa	Citrus	536	522	1058	1
4HYMFS	C	Jay Archey	Citrus	464	366	830	2
4HYMFS	F	Jacob Ryle	Ft Lauderdale 4H	295	333	628	3
4HYMFS	F	Noah Chung	Ft Lauderdale 4H	314	285	599	
50FBBR	F	Michelle O'Donnell	Gold Coast	497	488	985	1
50FBBR	N	Melissa McAvoy	East River	466	457	923	2
50FBBR	F	Rosario Gonzalez	Tropical Troopers	360	327	687	3
50FBBR	L	Lori Arel	Lee County	255	326	581	
			Adventures				
50FCMP	T	Patricia Lee	Archery	540	542	1082	1
50FCMP	F	Shannon Ward	Brevard	550	531	1081	2
50FCMP	T	Heidi Ysa	Thunderstruck	533	536	1069	3
50FCMP	L	Debbie Phillips	Lee County	531	532	1063	
50FREC	N	Denise Campbell	East River	227	279	506	1
50MBBR	L	Michael Phillips	Lee County	459	470	929	1
50MBBR	L	Tim Gross	Lee County	419	418	837	2
50MBBR	F	Luis Rodriguez	Tropical Troopers	282	194	476	3
			Adventures				
50MCMP	T	Mark Beebe	Archery	571	571	1142	1
50MCMP	T	Matt Hall	Thunderstruck	562	567	1129	2
50MCMP	F	Joe Loureiro	Brevard	564	558	1122	3
50MCMP	L	Jim Fream	Lee County	554	546	1100	
50MCMP	T	Mikhail Nekorytnov	Thunderstruck	530	537	1067	

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50MCMP	T	Timothy Valentino	Thunderstruck	522	521	1043	
50MCMP	F	Jerry Hawes	Ft Lauderdale	501	532	1033	
50MCMP	T	Richard Ayers	Thunderstruck	490	422	912	
50MREC	F	Ali Gungoraydinoglu	Ft Lauderdale	522	528	1050	1
50MREC	N	Patrick Charran	East River	479	473	952	2
50MREC	F	Alan Antolinez	Lil' Abner	430	478	908	3
60MBBR	L	Robert Nichols	Lee County	482	513	995	1
60MBBR	L	Kurtis Galbraith	Lee County	488	471	959	2
60MBBR	T	Izak van der Merwe	Adventures	423	441	864	3
60MCMP	N	Frederick Cruz		562	566	1128	1
60MCMP	F	Mark Smith	Brevard	567	553	1120	2
60MCMP	T	Scott Samsoe	Sarasota	531	540	1071	3
60MCMP	T	Jerry Hoppe	OTOW	544	525	1069	
60MREC	L	Tim Walker	Lee County	531	547	1078	1
60MREC	C	Bruce Buckler	Gator	473	482	955	2
60MREC	T	James Hunsberger	Lake Park	454	455	909	3
70FBBR	L	Linda Noviello	Lee County	402		402	1
70FCMP	T	Patty Hoppe	OTOW	553	547	1100	1
70FCMP	T	Cheryl Waters	Thunderstruck	517	514	1031	2
70MBBR	L	John Lackey	Lee County	474	487	961	1
70MBBR	L	Erich Fallisch	Lee County	485	441	926	2
70MCMP	L	John Lackey	Lee County	548	554	1102	1
70MCMP	L	Charles Fritz	Lee County	534	534	1068	2
70MCMP	L	Sam Coffin	Lee County	525	516	1041	3
70MCMP	L	Rick DuBrueler	Lee County	475	499	974	
70MCMPF	L	Rick DuBrueler	Lee County	505	529	1034	1
80MBBR	L	Richard Manipole	Lee County	279	365	644	1
80MCMP	L	Jerry Marsh	Lee County	532	534	1066	1
AFBBR	L	Virginia Phillips	Lee County	461	500	961	1
AFBBR	F	Julie Leveille	Lil' Abner	341	358	699	2
AFBBR	C	EllyAnn Parker	Citrus	306	337	643	3
AFCMP	N	Haley Zvirblis		544	535	1079	1
AFCMP	T	BobbieJo Bordell	Thunderstruck	472	508	980	2
AFREC	F	Lisa Yamamota	Ft Lauderdale	436	457	893	1
AFREC	F	Sofia Rodriguez	Tropical Troopers	237	288	525	2
AMBBR	F	Hector Leon	Ft Lauderdale	506	505	1011	1
AMBBR	C	Pavel Vakh		498	498	996	2
AMBBR	L	Tim Gross	Lee County	441	428	869	3
AMBBR	L	<b>Sam Phillips</b>	Lee County	435	4	439	
AMCMP	T	Sean Schafer	Arrowhead	580	581	1161	1
AMCMP	T	Tristan Towers	Thunderstruck	576	580	1156	2
AMCMP	N	Devon Huff		572	564	1136	3

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AMCMP	T	Austin Hall	Thunderstruck	562	570	1132	3
AMCMP	F	Daci Breazu	Ft Lauderdale	565	565	1130	
AMCMP	N	Heath Baulac	Central Florida	563	563	1126	
AMCMP	T	Daniel Diaz	Thunderstruck	557	551	1108	
AMCMP	C	Bryan D Diaz	Citrus	553	549	1102	
AMCMP	T	John Garret	Thunderstruck	549	551	1100	
AMCMP	T	Lucio Reyes	Adventures Archery	551	545	1096	
AMCMP	T	Michael Gagnon	Adventures	537	546	1083	
AMCMP	T	Robert Lee	Adventures Archery	526	545	1071	
AMCMP	T	Giuseppe Manzella	Thunderstruck	542	525	1067	
AMCMP	T	Brandon Henrichs	Thunderstruck	487	445	932	
AMCMP	T	Mike Weyland	Thunderstruck	452	478	930	
AMCMP	T	Anthony Santiago	Adventures	454	406	860	
AMCMP	T	Mark Baksh	Thunderstruck	354	428	782	
AMCMPF	C	David Ireland	Citrus	9	9	18	
AMLB	L	John Burt	Lee County	449	461	910	1
P-50MREC	T	Christopher George (para)	Thunderstruck	216	272	488	1
P-AFCMP	T	Catalina Bustamante (para)	Thunderstruck	535	541	1076	1
P-AMCMP	T	Ryan Lindstrom (para)	Thunderstruck	370	319	689	1
P-U13MCMP	T	Franky Bailey (para)	Thunderstruck	145	129	274	1
P-U21FCMP	T	Rachel Britt (para)	Adventures Archery	517	500	1017	1
U10FREC	T	Farah Haddouche-Miranda	Thunderstruck	329	267	596	1
U10MPIN	T	Wyatt Manzella	Thunderstruck	439	466	905	1
U13FBBR	T	Chloe Matier	Thunderstruck	278	355	633	1
U13FBBR	F	Aisley Miller	Tropical Troopers	131	125	256	2
U13FCMP	T	Iman Haddouche-Miranda	Emma Weyland	482	536	1018	1
U13FPINS	T	Persephone Baksh	Thunderstruck	296	270	566	1
U13FPINS	T	Emma Weyand	Thunderstruck	212	165	377	2
U13MCMP	C	James Miller	Citrus	513	523	1036	1
U13MCMP	T	Zachariah Cruz	Thunderstruck	326	352	678	2
U13MPINS	T	Maxim Nekorytnov	Thunderstruck	479	535	1014	1
U13MPINS	C	Kaleb Diaz	Citrus	492	492	984	2
U13MPINS	C	Magnus Langehaug	Citrus	262	288	550	3
U15FBBR	T	Charolette Wilson	Thunderstruck	319	311	630	1
U15FPINS	T	Tessa Chamblee	Thunderstruck	471	508	979	1

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U15FPINS	T	Mackenzie Santiago	Adventures	260	329	589	2
U15MCMP	T	Nolen Baker	Thunderstruck	566	569	1135	1
U15MCMP	C	Bekem Papa	Citrus	536	522	1058	2
U15MCMP	T	Julian Marshall	Thunderstruck	477	489	966	3
U15MCMP	C	Christopher Nagy	Citrus	467	498	965	
U15MLB	T	Zachary Whitlow	Thunderstruck	355	325	680	1
U15MPIN	T	Noah Henrichs	Thunderstruck	498	512	1010	1
U15MREC	N	Dominic Tolentino	Easton Newberry	514	495	1009	1
U15MREC	C	Benjamin Preston		250	222	472	2
U15MREC	N	Nicholas DeGroot		122	167	289	3
U18FREC	N	Loni Sullivan	East River	462	491	953	1
U18FREC	N	Macey Campbell	East River	484	442	926	2
U18FREC	N	Livi Blackwell		438	438	876	3
U18MBBR	T	Salvador Ayers	Thunderstruck	310	287	597	1
U18MCMP	T	Daniel Guanzon	Thunderstruck	553	552	1105	1
U18MCMP	T	Zavier Cruz	Thunderstruck	548	548	1096	2
U18MCMP	C	Jay Archey	Citrus	464	366	830	3
U18MREC	L	Joey Arel	Lee County	514	487	1001	1
U21FBBR	F	Victoria Rodriguez	Tropical Troopers	213	285	498	1
U21FCMP	T	Sophia Bordell	Thunderstruck	526	529	1055	1
U21FCMP	T	Alexis Hall	Thunderstruck	458	440	898	2
U21FCMP	T	Grace Britt	Adventures	412	413	825	3
U21FREC	N	Kira Charran	East River	434	460	894	1
U21FREC	N	Nisha-Skye Dewdat	Central Florida	296	238	534	2
U21MCMP	F	Hayden Hawes	Ft Lauderdale	550	548	1098	1
U21MCMP	T	Joshua Kiper	Thunderstruck	527	542	1069	2



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# 2025 STATE 720 OUTDOOR TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS

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GOLD COAST, DELRAY BEACH

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# Bridging the Generational Gap



by: Richard Erschik

In an era where information is just a few keystrokes away, the younger generation often overlooks one of the most valuable and underutilized resources available to them today—seniors.

While the internet provides knowledge, seniors provide wisdom, and there is a chasm of fundamental differences between the two.

Growing up, many of us sought guidance from older individuals who shared their life stories, lessons, wisdom, and experiences with them. I know I did. I looked up to them, learned from their successes and failures, and used their insights to shape my own path. Yet, in today's fast-paced digital world, a curious shift has occurred. Younger people often seem hesitant, even resistant, to learning from those of us who have already walked the roads they are now traveling.

## The Fear of Expertise

One of the reasons for this disconnect is that younger generations, especially in the modern age of technology, often seem to equate learning with independence. They want to figure things out on their own, sometimes seeing external guidance as unnecessary, scary, or even intimidating. Even when it's the wrong information, the abundance of the information available online creates a false sense of self-sufficiency—why ask an elder when you can just Google it?

Yet, this mindset ignores an undeniable truth: wisdom is not just about information; it's about experience. Seniors have lived through real-life scenarios, faced challenges, made mistakes, and developed solutions that no search engine can replicate. When young people dismiss or avoid tapping into our reservoir of wisdom, they miss out on a kind of education that cannot be found in textbooks or in YouTube tutorials.

## The Value of Lived Experience

History books are a great reference to prevent us from repeating the mistakes of the past. The same applies to learning from those who have already experienced what younger generations are facing now.

· **Business & Career:** Young professionals can learn invaluable lessons from those of us who have built careers before them. From negotiation tactics to people management, to decision-making under pressure, nothing replaces the wisdom we have gained over decades.

· **Relationships & Life Decisions:** Seniors have witnessed and experienced life's highs and lows. We have seen relationships succeed and fail, careers take off and

crash, and personal decisions turn into lifelong regrets or successes. Our insights can help younger individuals avoid common pitfalls.

· **Resilience & Adaptability:** Life is unpredictable. We seniors have navigated wars, economic downturns, technological revolutions, and societal changes. Our ability to adapt and survive is a masterclass in resilience that kids can learn from if they'd just ask us.

**Closing the Generational Divide**

So how do we seniors bridge the gap and encourage younger individuals to seek out and embrace the wisdom of the older generation representatives around them?

**1. Create More Opportunities for Intergenerational Conversations:** Schools, workplaces, and community groups should encourage mentorship programs and intergenerational discussions where younger people can learn from us seniors.

**2. Reframe the Narrative Around Aging:** Instead of viewing age as a sign of decline, we should help the younger generation recognize it as an accumulation of valuable experiences. The perception that us older individuals are "outdated" needs to shift toward respect for our lived knowledge.

**3. Encourage Storytelling:** Wisdom is best passed down through storytelling. If younger generations take the time to listen to us, they will gain perspectives that they didn't even know, they didn't know, they needed.

**4. Seniors Must Be Willing to Adapt Their Teaching Methods:** While younger people need to be open to learning, older individuals also need to meet them halfway by learning how to use modern communication tools and approaches that resonate with them.



# Bridging the Generational Gap

Continuation

## Final Thoughts

In a world that celebrates youth and innovation, we must not forget the value of experience and history. Young people stand to gain immeasurable insights by listening to and learning from us seniors who have already navigated life's complexities. Likewise, we seniors must remain open, accessible, and engaged, demonstrating the relevance of our wisdom in today's world.

If we want a future that balances progress with wisdom, innovation with experience, and knowledge with understanding, we must all work to bridge the generational gap. The younger generation would be wise to remember: the best way to know where you are going is to learn from those who have already been there.

This writer has 28,886 days of experience and wisdom to share with anyone who is interested and ambitious enough to ask for it. Phone or Text 630-642-6500.

What Say You?

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# FL ARCHERS AT 2025 LANCASTER ARCHERY CLASSIC



Celebrating Florida Archers at the 2025 Lancaster Archery Classic

The 2025 Lancaster Archery Classic has come and gone, but the incredible performances of Florida archers will not soon be forgotten. As one of the largest and most prestigious archery tournaments in the country, the Lancaster Classic draws top talent from across the nation—and Florida archers were right there in the mix, competing with skill, passion, and determination. From the pages of the Florida Archery Association (FAA) release, we want to take a moment to recognize the outstanding efforts of our state's athletes.

Competing at such a high level takes years of practice, discipline, and unwavering dedication. Whether participating in the intense elimination rounds or simply representing Florida on the big stage, each archer put in countless hours of hard work leading up to this event. This year's competition showcased some of the best talent Florida has to offer, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

A special congratulations goes out to Lee Wilkins, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Archers, who made it all the way to the eliminations. Lee's precision, focus, and calm under pressure were evident as he faced off against some of the toughest competitors in the nation. His performance in this prestigious tournament is a testament to his skill and commitment to the sport.

Another standout performer from Florida is Kare Manresa from Ocala, who also made it to the elimination rounds. Kare's consistent training and passion for archery were on full display, earning her a spot among the best of the best. This achievement speaks volumes about her dedication to the sport and the Florida archery community as a whole.

Acknowledging All Florida Archers Who Participated

While Lee and Kare stand out for making it into the eliminations, we want to extend our congratulations to all Florida archers who competed in this year's Lancaster Archery Classic. Each one of you should be incredibly proud of your performance. Whether you made it to the elimination rounds or not, simply participating in such a competitive event is an achievement in itself.

The dedication and hard work of Florida's archers continue to inspire the next generation, and we are confident that many more will rise to the occasion in future competitions.

The 2025 Lancaster Archery Classic may be over, but it has surely fueled the ambition of Florida's archery community for the year ahead. As we continue to support each other and strive for excellence, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

Congratulations once again to all of Florida's archers who participated in this year's tournament. Your efforts make us proud, and we look forward to seeing you continue to represent Florida with strength, skill, and sportsmanship in future competitions.

**[Check the results of the Lancaster Archery Classic here!](#)**



## FAA SOUTH 3D TOURNAMENT

Style	Name	Club	Rd1	Rd2	Total	Awards
Hunter	Heath Baulac	Central Fla	138	152	290	
Master Senior	Mark Smith	Brevard	148	156	304	1
Men Open	Graig Corcoran	Sarasota	166	172	338	1
Men Open	Preston Moore	Lee County	166	164	330	2
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Men Open	Arthur Evans	Lee County	157	153	310	
Men Open	Daci Breazu	Ft Lauderdale	154	151	305	
Men Open	Ulysses Palmer	Lee County	148	152	300	
Men Open	Alex Freas	sarasota	144	148	292	
Men Open	David sweet	highlands	116	138	254	
Senior	Joe Loureiro	Brevard	164	160	324	1
Senior	Mikel Larowe	Lee County	152	158	310	
Trad	Timothy Gross	Lee County	122	105	227	1
Trad	Ralph Galatz	Lee County	90	128	218	
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Trad	Linda Payne	seabring	94	86	180	
Women open	Shannon Ward	Brevard	148	152	300	1



## FAA NORTH 3D TOURNAMENT

Style	Name	Club	Rd1	Rd2	Total	Awd
Hunter	Steve Hogaboom	Brevard	141	142	283	1
Master Senior	Jake Pettitt	Central FL	132	152	284	1
Master Senior	Mark Smith	Brevard	138	144	282	2
Men Open	Tucker Hanks	Gator	170	170	340	1
Men Open	Kevin Dukes	Gator	166	170	336	2
Men Open	Daci Breazu	Ft Lauderdale	152	151	303	3
Men Open	Doug Godfrey		121	127	248	4
Senior	Joe Loureiro	Brevard	160	150	310	1
Silver Senior	Rick Lyons	Gator	148	152	300	1
Silver Senior	Eric Thoburn	Gator	137	131	268	2
Trad	Tracy Francis		116	132	248	1
Trad	Bill Whitehurst	Gator	94	103	197	2
Trad	Penny Osteen	Gator	66	66	132	3
Women open	Patricia Gibson	Gator	154	145	299	1
Women open	Melanie White	Gator	148	148	296	2
Women open	Sandy Hogaboom	Bevard	145	144	289	3
Women open	Shannon Ward	Brevard	145	136	281	4



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# FAA 3D RIDGE ARCHERS

Style	Name	Club	Rd1	Rd2	Total	Awd	🏆
Cub	Gunner Hillman		135	135	270	1	
Cub	Grady Hillman		132	128	260	2	
Youth	Bristol Wooten	Ridge Archers	154	144	298	1	
Youth	Mykah Johnson	Ridge Archers	134	131	265	2	
Young Adult	Mason Stovall	Ridge Archers	131	156	287	1	15
Hunter	Heath Baulac	Central FL	134	146	280	1	15
Senior Hunter	Steve Hogaboom	Ridge Archers	134	139	273	1	15
Master Senior	Chip Bianchi	Ridge Archers	146	142	288	1	45
Master Senior	Harold Hall	Ridge Archers	136	140	276		
Master Senior	Jake Pettitt	Central FL	129	138	267		
Men Open	Craig Corcorn	Sarasota	160	166	326	1	70
Men Open	Bill Kelly	Arrowhead	158	156	314	2	40
Men Open	Jason Hillmann		144	151	295	3	25
Men Open	Brooks Maxey	Ridge Archers	143	145	288		
Men Open	Daci Breazu	Ft Lauderdale	145	139	284		
Men Open	Weston Marsh	Ridge Archers	126	149	275		
Men Open	Dustin Mayo	Ridge Archers	129	110	239		
Senior	Maurice Campbel	Ridge Archers	156	147	303		
Senior	Mike Parrish	Ridge Archers	128	154	282		
Senior	Mark Bianchi	Ridge Archers	143	145	288		
Silver Senior	Ken Conley		154	164	318	1	40
Silver Senior	Ed Griffin	TBSC Archers	154	154	308	2	20
Silver Senior	Terry Patterson		150	156	306		
Silver Senior	Frederick Cruz	Brevard Archers	140	150	290		
Trad	Tim Gross	Lee County	102	77	179	1	15
Women open	Jessie Viesta	Rudge Archers	130	135	265	1	15
Women Senior Open	Shannon Ward	Brevard	142	148	290	1	45
Women Senior Open	Sandy Hogaboom	Ridge Archers	139	145	284		
Women Senior Open	Tressa Boyer	Ridge Archers	125	150	275		
Rec	Joel Watkins	Ridge Archers			0		
Rec	Martin Watkins	Ridge Archers			0		
Rec	Walter Johns	Ridge Archers			0		





## Central Florida hosts 19th Hyundai Archery World Cup season opener

*Ludivine Maitre Wicki*  
*World Archery.*

The road to the 2025 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final begins this week in Central Florida, where the world's top archers gather for the opening stage of the 19th season of the sport's international circuit.

A new destination on the tour, Lake Myrtle Sports Park in Auburndale becomes the fourth US venue to host a World Cup event, joining Ogden, Salt Lake City and Yankton.

Archers have four chances to qualify for the circuit finale in Nanjing (China) in 2025, by winning a stage or collecting enough points to qualify on ranking. After Central Florida, stages take place in Shanghai (China) in May, Antalya (Türkiye) in June, and Madrid (Spain) in July.

James Lutz and Sara Lopez begin their title defenses at this event. Lopez has a record nine Hyundai Archery World Cup trophies entering 2025.

Li Jiaman is expected to return to the field for her home leg next month in Shanghai.

Korean selections are still ongoing but reigning Olympic Champion Kim Woojin looks in strong shape to return to the squad at stage two, too.

### Event schedule

Tuesday 8 April: Compound qualifying  
Wednesday 9 April: Recurve qualifying  
Thursday 10 April: Compound eliminations  
Friday 11 April: Recurve eliminations  
Saturday 12 April: Compound finals\*  
Sunday 13 April: Recurve finals\*

\*Teams in the morning, individual final fours in the afternoon.

### Who's competing?

These are the top-ranked archers competing in Central Florida:

- Recurve men: Brady Ellison, USA (world rank: 2)
- Recurve women: Casey Kaufhold, USA (world rank: 2)
- Compound men: Mike Schloesser, Netherlands (world rank: 1)
- Compound women: Ella Gibson, Great Britain (world rank: 1)

A total of 203 archers (66 recurve men, 59 recurve women, 44 compound men and 34 compound women) from the following 35 teams are registered to compete at the tournament:

Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, Türkiye, USA and the US Virgin Islands.

Competition in Central Florida starts with compound qualifying on Tuesday afternoon.



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