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AND WORLD MEDALS

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AND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Sunshine State.

2026 Fall Season Events



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2026 UPCOMING EVENTS



**Aug
29-30**

Florida Archery Assoc. State FITA Field

Gold Coast Archers, Delray Beach, FL

**Sep
19-20**

FAA FITA 1440 State Tournament

Fort Lauderdale Archers

**OCT
3-4**

FAA Classic 600. Outdoor Target Tournament

Gator Bowmen, and Gold Coast

**OCT
17-18**

FAA / NFAA STATE 900 AND SECTIONAL

Gold Coast Archers, Delray Beach

**OCT
24-25**

FAA / NFAA STATE 900 AND SECTIONAL

Gator Bowmen, Gainesville,

**OCT
25**

FAA / NFAA STATE 900 AND SECTIONAL

Lee County Archers, North Ft. Myers

**NOV
7-8**

FAA/ IFAA Field International Round

Lee County Archers, Ft. Myers, FL

**DEC
5**

FAA - FLORIDA SENIOR GAMES

Pasco County , FL



MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER

By Oliver Austin



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This is Your Archery Association. We offer shoots for your enjoyment and participation. I have had a suggestion that I want to bring to you and see what you think. It has been suggested to remove the State 1440 and replace it with a 720 on Saturday and an elimination match on Sunday. Please let me or another state officer know what you think. This would be a single site shoot maybe rotating it between Gator, Gold Coast and Orlando (all depending on target butts etc).

Lee County is going to be another site for the State/Sectional 900 on Sunday Oct 25 along with Gator (Oct 24-25) and Gold Coast (Oct 17-18). Gator and Gold Coast are shooting both Saturday and Sunday.

We had our 2027 scheduling meeting at the State Field. Dates are tentative since we will move our shoots for other shoots if necessary.

Dec 26-27 2026 18M Indoor Ft Lauderdale, Adventures, Lee County,

Jan 16 South 3D Gold Coast

Jan 23-24 / Jan 30-31 State Indoor Ft Lauderdale, Adventures, Citrus, Lee County, East River

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Feb 13 Central 3D Central Florida

Feb 5-6-7 NFAA National Indoor Memphis, TN

Feb 27-28 State Vegas Shoot Ft Lauderdale

Mar 6-7 State Vegas Shoot Adventures, Drop Time

Mar 11-14 Vegas Shoot Las Vegas

Apr 11 FAA 720 Gator Bowmen / Ft Lauderdale Archers

Apr 4 North 3D Gator Bowmen

May 15 State Championship 3D Ridge Archers

May 29-30 FAA Field Gator Bowmen - FAA Scheduling Meeting

June 12-13 Sunshine State Games Gator Bowmen

24-26 July Not set NFAA National Outdoor Darrington, WA

Aug 28-29 FITA Field Gold Coast Archers

Sep 18-19 Fall 720 with elimination rounds on Sunday Gold Coast Tentative

Oct 2-3 Classic 600 Ft Lauderdale Archers / Gator Bowmen

Oct 16-17 FAA 900 Gold Coast, Gator Bowmen (Sat or Sun) Lee County (Sun)

SE Sectional Target will be offered as well

Nov 6 Safari 3-D Sarasota Archers

Nov 13-14 International Round Lee County - FAA Meeting

Dec 4 Florida Senior Games Pasco County



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We have been offering shoots on Saturday and Sunday to accommodate archers who can only shoot one of those days. You are welcome to shoot both (for a modest registration fee) either in the same style in a different age bracket or shooting a different style. We do not allow mulligans.

Just finished with 6 weeks of radiation (5 days a week). The Oncologist is waiting for my blood numbers to rise (red, white and platelets are really low) before putting me on a chemo pill. Already looking forward to the side effects. Been told to carry Imodium with me and that I can take up to 9 a day. Joy.

I am attending the NFAA National Outdoor followed immediately by the IFAA World Field. Eight days of shooting, we will see how I do. I am IFAA USA Team Captain and am in the middle of picking the team. We will have two Floridians on the team – Rick DuBrueler and Colton Walters. I also get to do bow inspections.

See you on the archery range, Oliver.



NFAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Mike Spence



Greetings fellow FAA members. This year, the NFAA has certified two new national judges from Florida. Bobbie Jo Bordell and Daci Breazu. Bobbie Jo completed her certification at the NFAA indoor national championship and Daci completed his at The Vegas Shoot.

Congratulations to both of you. It is good to see FAA members registering for the IFAA World Field Archery championship at the NFAA headquarters in Yankton. Dates are: July 25th – August 2nd. If you are interested in competing in this tournament, there is still time to register, but the deadline is approaching fast. Information can be found on the NFAA website. This tournament is not scheduled to return to the USA until 2038.

The new "Modern Bowhunter" style was officially recognized January 1st of this year. Participation has not been what was expected in the Southeast Section states. New styles typically have high participation the first couple years from archers wanting to try something new.

Starting this year, there will be an NFAA outdoor target Sectional championship. This Sectional championship will be held in conjunction with the FAA 900 championship.

And finally, archery in the Summer Olympics has expanded with the addition of a compound bow division, on a limited basis (mixed team event only). The debut will be at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, followed by the 2032 Olympics in Australia.

My contact information is on the FAA and NFAA website should you have NFAA related questions or suggestions.

Regards,
Mike Spence



PAST TOURNAMENTS RESULTS



2026 State 720



2026 North 3D State Tournament



2026 Ridge 3D Championships



2026 FAA State Field Championships



2026 State and S.E. Sectionals Field



2026 Sunshine games Field



2026 Sunshine games 720



2026 Sunshine Games 900



2026 Sunshine Games 3D





FORT LAUDERDALE ARCHER COLTON WALTERS SHATTERS RECORDS, CAPTURES NATIONAL TITLE AND WORLD GOLD MEDALS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (August 3, 2026) — The Florida Archery Association is proud to announce that local archer Colton Walters, representing the Fort Lauderdale Archers club, delivered a historic performance at the combined NFAA National and IFAA World Field Championships held from July 24 through August 1, 2026. Facing top international and domestic competition, Walters claimed a national title, earned two world team gold medals, and set multiple national and world records.

At the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Championship, Walters secured the NFAA National Title after setting unprecedented score records in both the Hunter and Animal rounds.

Carrying that momentum into the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championship, Walters anchored two American victory efforts. Posting the highest point totals in his division, he led both the Champion of Nations team and the Bowhunter Style team to Gold Medal finishes.

In individual world competition, Walters earned the World Silver Medal, highlighted by a perfect score in the Animal Round and a newly established World Field Round score record. "To deliver a perfect round under world-championship pressure while simultaneously leading team competition demonstrates extraordinary focus and dedication,

said representatives of the Florida Archery Association. "Colton's accomplishments reflect the remarkable talent and strength within Florida's archery community."

Walters' achievements capped off a strong statewide showing, with multiple Florida athletes competing across all divisions during the eight-day international tournament.

For more information about the Florida Archery Association, upcoming competitions, or local club programs, please visit www.floridaarchery.org.

About the Florida Archery Association

The Florida Archery Association (FAA) serves as the official state charter for the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) in Florida. Dedicated to fostering sportsmanship, athlete development, and community engagement, the FAA supports local clubs, hosts state championships, and prepares Florida archers to compete on the national and global stage.





SUNSHINE STATE SHARPshooters: FLORIDA ARCHERS SHINE AT THE 2026 OUTDOOR NATIONAL FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The rugged hills of Yankton, South Dakota became the proving ground for America's finest field archers this July — and Florida arrived ready to make noise. Across youth, senior, and silver-senior divisions, the Sunshine State delivered one of its strongest national showings in recent years, claiming multiple podium finishes and two national titles at the 2026 Outdoor National Field Championships.

Florida's athletes didn't just participate. They set the pace, claimed the podium, and showed the nation what Florida archery is made of.

Young Adult Brilliance: Colton Walters Takes the National Crown

In the Bowhunter Freestyle Young Adult Male division, Colton Walters delivered a performance that will be remembered for years. With a blistering three-round total of 1,627, Walters dominated the field from start to finish. His precision in the Field Round, consistency in the Hunter Round, and explosive finish in the Animal Round secured him the National Championship title.

Walters' 71 Xs and 15 21s showcased not only accuracy but maturity beyond his years — a rising star whose name Florida will proudly carry into future national events.

Barebow Excellence: Melissa McAvoy Captures Senior Gold

Florida's momentum continued in the Barebow Recurve Senior Female division, where Melissa McAvoy claimed another national title for the state. Her composed, disciplined shooting earned her a total of 1,301, highlighted by a commanding 489 in the Animal Round.

McAvoy's victory was a testament to experience, focus, and the quiet intensity that defines elite barebow competitors. Her gold-medal finish adds another chapter to Florida's growing legacy in traditional archery.

Silver Senior Strength: Austin and Dubrueler Double Up on the Podium

Florida's veteran archers proved just as formidable. In the Freestyle Limited Silver Senior Male division, the Sunshine State secured two podium positions:

- Oliver Austin – 2nd Place A steady, disciplined performance capped by a powerful 531 Animal Round.
- Rick Dubrueler – 3rd Place A gritty comeback anchored by a strong closing round of 516.

Their combined effort delivered a Florida sweep of the silver and bronze positions, reinforcing the depth and resilience of the state's senior talent. The Florida Archery Association celebrates these athletes not only for their medals, but for the pride, sportsmanship, and dedication they bring to our sport.

USA set new records on their way to 31 medals at the Pan Am Youth and Masters Championships



MEDELLIN, Colombia — It was a case of quality providing quantity as the United States topped the medal table at the 2026 Pan American Youth and Masters Championships, with a haul of 11 gold, nine silver and 11 bronze, while also setting new standards along the way.

Mark Williams and Janis Grellner set a new world record in recurve 50+ mixed team, shooting 1239, before marching on to win gold. Williams finished with three gold medals, taking top spot in individual recurve 50+ men and then winning recurve 50+ men team alongside Ali Gungoraydinoglu and Mark Hainline.

"Medellin has been fantastic," Williams commented. "They've put on an amazing tournament. Team USA has been very successful. It has been an honor to represent the USA. What a privilege to be here. Thank you USA Archery for organizing this for our team."

Grellner also won individual bronze in recurve 50+ women, with teammate Jamie McCarrison taking the gold. Grellner added, "'All competitors shot well and the host country did a wonderful job! I'm grateful for the achievement of the recurve 50+ mixed team world record. I'm honored to represent our country and to earn the world record!"

Gungoraydinoglu, Hainline, and Williams set a new Games and Continental record in recurve 50+ men team with a combined total of 1897.

The USA claimed 12 of the 14 medals up for grabs in the barebow division, including a silver for Nathan Lee in U15 men and women. His qualification score was 621, yet another Games and Continental best for the outstanding USA.

Find a full list of the medals [here](#), plus all the [scores and results](#) from the 2026 Pan American Youth and Masters Championships.

Original Article in USA Archery Website.



1440 STATE TOURNAMENT



SEPTEMBER 19 & 20



FT. LAUDERDALE, FL



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MEDALS RUN IN THE FAMILY



Medals run in the family!

Fort Lauderdale Archers, Tai Miller (Barebow 50+ Men) and daughter Aisley Miller (Barebow U15 Women) both brought home silver medals at the Salt Lake Summit.

Aisley, just 12 years old, matched her dad's accomplishment in the same division style, at the same event, and with the same color medal, one week apart!

Congratulations to both on an incredible showing for Florida and Fort Lauderdale Archers. We can't wait to see what's next for this father-daughter archery team!



2026 Sunshine State Games Archery Ignites Gainesville



RESULTS



After an unexpected pause last year, the highly anticipated multi-discipline event returned to the wooded trails and pristine ranges of Gainesville, Florida. Archers from all corners of the state gathered with renewed passion, shaking off the hiatus to deliver some of the most competitive and thrilling rounds we've seen in years. From seasoned veterans to rising youth stars, the atmosphere was a perfect blend of intense focus and a joyous community reunion.

Hosted in coordination the Florida Sports Foundation with the Florida Archery Association (FAA), this year's tournament put competitors to the ultimate test across four major, distinct disciplines: the rugged terrain of the 3D Course, the technical precision of the Field Round, and the grueling endurance of the classic 720 and 900 Target Rounds.

Celebrate the Comeback — View Full Results Now!

The return of the Sunshine State Games is a massive win for Florida's archery community, and it's clear the sport is stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Want to see how your favorite local archers placed, or check out the complete division-by-division breakdown? Head over to the official Florida Archery Association Website to view the full, official results. www.floridaarchery.org

Thank you to all the volunteers, judges, and athletes who made this historic comeback weekend possible. See you all on the range for the next leg of the outdoor season!



STATE CLASSIC 600 TOURNAMENT

NFAA Outdoor Target Round



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October 3-4, 2026

Gold Coast and Gator
Bowmen archery clubs

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CHAMPIONSHIP

— WATCH LIVE ONLINE —

 18 TO 20 JUNE, 2026

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NASP Championship Completes One of their Strongest Tournament Seasons In Daytona Beach, Florida

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) wrapped up its 2025–2026 tournament season with the NASP® Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida. Held at the Ocean Center, the event drew over 3,100 student archers from 40 states and one Canadian province, competing in both traditional Bullseye and NASP®3D disciplines.

Key event highlights included the annual NASP® Scholarship Shoot-Off and the recognition of academic excellence via the NASP® Academic Archer program, where six students received Easton prize packages. Additionally, the event introduced the inaugural NASP® Grand Champion Award for the top overall male and female archers combining scores across all major Bullseye and 3D events. The titles went to 10th-grader Callan Hignight (AR) and 8th-grader Isabella Caplinger (OH).

NASP® leadership credited the season's massive success to the continuous support of sponsors, conservation partners like the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, local volunteers, coaches, and families. Full tournament results can be found online at nasptournaments.org.

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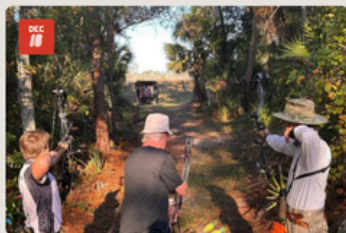
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2025 NORTH AMERICAN FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS – RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

The 2025 NAFAC concluded a compelling weekend of competition on December 13-14, 2025, at the scenic Lee County Archers range in North Fort Myers, Florida.



HITTING THE MARK – ARCHERY SHINES AT LAND O' LAKES

The Florida Archery Association hosted an archery competition held at the scenic Land O' Lakes Recreation Center Soccer Fields in Land O' Lakes, FL.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FLORIDA ARCHERY ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 FAA State International Championship was hosted by the Lee County Archers on November 8-9 with 27 archers in attendance.

The Florida Archery Association has the most active Sectional Page on the NFAA website. We invite you to visit the page to access articles and results of the events organized by the FAA.

[Read More](#)

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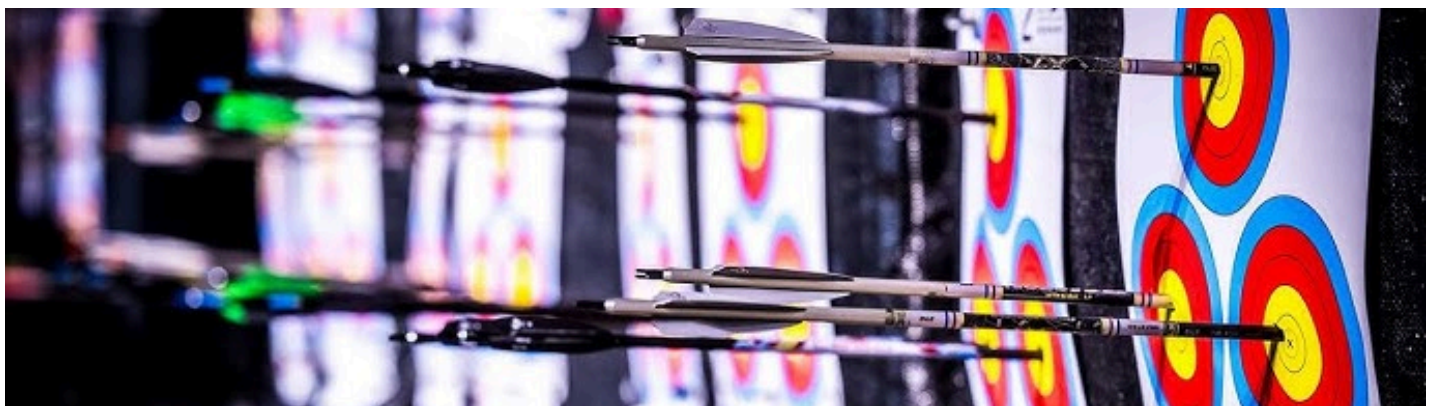


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