

WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG TO THE ABA?

WHY JOIN THE ABA?

The "Arizona Bowhunters Association" is a non-profit organization whose goal is to "Foster, Perpetuate and Expand Bowhunting and Bowhunting Ethics in Arizona." There is currently a board consisting of 28 board positions. This board is composed of, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicist, Game and Fish Liaison, Editor, and Bowhunter Ed.; Plus regional directors representing every region in the state with hopes of representing all archers interests state-wide.

ABA AWARDED CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2003 BY THE ARIZONA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT. THEY ALSO AWARDED THE ABA MAGAZINE, "THE ARIZONA BOWHUNTER", MEDIA OF THE YEAR FOR 2003.

During 2002-06 the ABA donated over \$37,000.00 to many projects and programs including contributing to the water hauling efforts in northern Arizona, provided shared funds for the rebuilding of the Sowatts Water Tank on Kaibab Plateau, contributed nearly \$6,000.00 to Game and Fish for the development of the Walt Collins Water Catchment, provided two scholarships for students furthering their education in a field of wildlife management, provided over \$6,000.00 dollars in grants and donations to affiliated archery clubs in Arizona to help them continue to grow, and because a portion of every dollar brought in by the shooters fees at the Bowhunter Happening and the Western States Triple Crown, the ABA has contributed over \$25,000.00 to the IBO Bowhunters Defense Fund.

You can see that because of an organization, run by volunteers, who gain nothing more for themselves than knowing that they made an effort, many people and hopefully much wildlife benefits. Then again, that is what we all should be doing, giving back to what is dear to us so that it makes a difference for someone, maybe down the road. Maybe even your children!

A large number of the ABA's membership is derived from participants at the BHH. The shooting fees for the BHH cover expenses for the shoot, but also include your annual membership. The annual membership fees are used to support the numerous activities that the ABA conducts in support of the

Arizona Bowhunting community, such as; The "Bowhunter Happening", supporting wildlife and habitat and bowhunters defense fund. For example, over the past year, the ABA has:

- *Attended AZGF meetings throughout the state to support Bowhunting and worked to promote further studying of the North Kaibab archery hunt issues.*
- *Donated \$5700 for the "Walt Collins Memorial Waterhole" project with the AZ G&F.*
 - *Donated \$4300 to AZGF to haul water during the drought.*
- *Provided two, \$1000 Scholarships to Arizona College students furthering their education in wildlife related curriculum.*
- *Donated \$500 to the Mohave sportsmans club for a youth fishing derby.*
 - *Donated \$250 for Eagle Scout project at Usery Park.*
- *Donated \$1500 and helped with the "Benson Spring Water Catchment Project".*
 - *Donated over \$3000 to charities for youth and handicapped.*
 - *Sponsored the Western States Triple Crown.*
 - *Holds the annual Membership Awards Banquet.*
- *Sponsors the Western States Triple Crown 3-D Archery Championship.*
 - *Holds the ABF annual Membership Awards Banquet.*
 - *Has a "shooting range sponsorship program" where several thousand dollars in materials and equipment are donated.*
- *Sponsors and runs an Archery Booth at the annual Expo in Phoenix where children can be introduced to archery and learn to shoot a bow and arrow.*
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The A.B.A. is always looking for volunteers to help with our various projects and events. Currently the ABA is looking for volunteers to help with several projects statewide.

*Thank you for your support,
The Arizona Bowhunters Association
Board of Directors*

The ABA needs people like you!