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## Annual Bend Bowmen Super Shoot at Ogden Campground draws NW Archers

By T. Myers

For years, longtime Chamber member the Bend Bowmen, a nonprofit organization of over 200 members once again, hosted its premiere event. The Bend Bowmen Super Shoot is one of the leading archery competitions in the western United States and it is critical to advocating for archery programs in the Bend community as well as the Central Oregon region. Each year the Bend club hosts nearly 400 archers who come from all over the northwest at the Ogden Campground in the Newberry Caldera.

The two day competition on Saturday and Sunday every Memorial Day weekend features events for all ages and opportunities for novice and experienced archers alike. (You will not see anything cuter than when the tiny archers take the stage for their young archer competition!)

Their Mission: The Bend Bowmen Archery Club is dedicated to the promotion of the sport, safety and love of archery and bow hunting through our community as a holistic, lifelong learning connection to self and nature. We advocate and facilitate archery for our youth and support youth programs such as National Archery in Schools Program. Through continued support and involvement with our community, local and state sporting organizations, we instill confidence, safety, and knowledge in our members and future members to ensure the preservation of archery and bow hunting. We continue to promote the importance of conservation of our natural resources, fisheries and wildlife for the enjoyment of all generations current and future members, hunter and non-hunter alike. Moreover, we support Fairchase.

- Bend Bowmen is an organization that has a 200 + membership that continues to grow.
- They are supportive in youth and women's programs.
- They have continued involvement in local and statewide organizations.
- They promote a family friendly atmosphere with very active members who foster archery education and promote life-long learning.

The event was open to the public. Anyone interested in developing an outdoor range please contact Jason Gillette @ 541-390-5248. For other event information contact: Jim Doyle @ 541-390-6571 jmdoyle77@gmail.com



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