



# Anchor Point

Ohio Premier Archery and Sports



## Upcoming Events

### Spring Intermediate Archery Academy

We are running a 6-week archery academy for intermediate archers. It will be run from Sunday, April 11, 2021 to Sunday, May 16, 2021. For archers who already have some archery experience, Ohio Premier Archery and Sports 6-Week Intermediate Archery Academy provides the instruction and guidance to hone skills and improve form, focus, concentration and shot execution. The Intermediate Archery Academy class meets for 1-1/2 hour per week over a six-week period on Sunday mornings (10:00 am) at OPAS in Middlefield, Ohio at 14980 S. State Avenue. This creates a framework for further competition and develops strength and accuracy as well as confidence and consistency.

### OAA Marked 3D Shoot

#### May 30, 2021, Ashland Bowmen

The first outdoor tournament for 2021 is the Marked 3D Trail Shoot at Ashland Bowmen in Ashland, Ohio on May 30, 2021. It's a great day of shooting at 3D animals for the entire family. Cubs and PeeWees shoot at shorter distances. You must register online for this shoot. If you have any questions about this shoot use our contact form and we help you out.

<https://www.ohioarchers.com>

## Beginning Summer Hours

Starting in April, Ohio Premier Archery and Sport is changing our summer hours. We will be omitting Sundays from our schedule and closing at 5 o'clock throughout the week. Leaving our summer hours as follows:

**Tues-Fri: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

While we don't like the idea of decreasing our hours, this is something we need to do to ensure our customer service doesn't decline. Beyond our expertise, selection and indoor range, what has made this such a successful shop is our outstanding level of customer service. No matter who you are or how much money you are spending, we will take whatever time we have to make sure you're set up right. We won't sell you things you don't need and we take a tremendous amount of time and effort making sure your equipment will suit your needs and your shooting style. This is truly what separates us from most archery shops.

In order to maintain this caliber of service, we have determined that a decrease in hours during a notoriously slow time of year will set us up beautifully for the future. We are taking more time to train our employees as well as making sure people at the shop are still able to get out and enjoy the sport that brings us all together. Passion is a cornerstone at Ohio Premier Archery and Sports, and if our employees are too busy working to get out and shoot, it won't be long before they give it up. You take care of your people, and they will take care of you. Getting the chance to compete and play with their own setups give them an opportunity to see what others are shooting, to troubleshoot

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new problems and to fully understand the archery experience from the consumer side.

The future of OPAS is bright, and we are eternally grateful for all the support, donations and customer retention. We will never become so big that our service suffers. Big stores with sales quotas and uninformed staff have done a great disservice to the archery community and we are taking this time to ensure that will not be our fate. We have fantastic customers and you all deserve our best. Regular and possibly extended hours will resume once we get closer to hunting season. For now, enjoy the nice weather and check out your local 3d shoots!

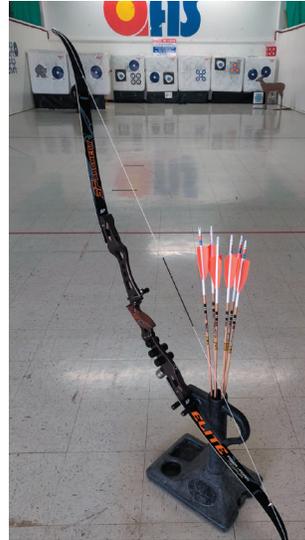
Thank you for your understanding,  
Luke Ostoyic, Manager  
Ohio Premier Archery and Sports Llc.



## Now Hiring

We are looking to add 1 or 2 part-time staff members to join our team. Experience not necessary as training will be provided. The candidate should have decent people skills and a strong work ethic. We need staff for our showroom, come busy season. We are absolutely slammed when hunting season comes around, which is why we're hiring now. If you're looking to cultivate a new discipline while actually being paid for it, keep this in consideration. Rates start at \$9/hr subject to increase based on performance.

## Single String League



We are excited to announce the beginning of our one and only summertime league! Single strings only! This is the only gear stipulation. Olympic recurve, traditional, barebow, whatever you have, run what you bring. This is a scoring league and scores will be handicapped, leveling the playing field from the olympic shooters

to the off-the-shelf traditional shooters. League nights are Thursdays at 6:30. We are very excited to see the turnout! No skill required. There is no pot to shoot for, we are playing for something much more valuable ... bragging rights. Cost is \$10 per night.



## Featured Archer



The featured archer for April is Rachel Flack. If you've been in the shop within the last year you probably know who I'm talking about. She has been what you would call a "permanent fixture" here at the shop even before hiring her onto our crew a few weeks ago. It has been an absolute pleasure having Rachel at the shop and seeing her growth as both an archer and as a human being.

Some time early last year, Rachel came into the shop with her father looking for a recurve. Born from boredom, she came in to pursue a new hobby. After running around town looking for a shop, they found what they were looking for. After purchasing a recurve and all of the beginning equipment, she jumped right into a lesson with Luke. Eager to learn, Rachel wanted to set up weekly lessons immediately. Luke urged her to shoot the bow for a bit on her own, and once she decided it was something she wanted to pursue, then lessons made more sense. Archery is a very difficult discipline to dedicate yourself to and it is a long hard road. From the first lesson, Luke was impressed, to say

the least, with the dedication and focus that Rachel brought to the table. Being a college musician, she was no stranger to the way of delayed gratification, patience and discipline. Rachel was ready to go to work. Luke ate his words and lessons ensued.

It wasn't long before Rachel outgrew her beginner takedown recurve in no time flat, picking up olympic style recurve and buying a nice ILF setup to take her to the next level. Never at this shop, have we seen such dedication. Rachel shot an average of 6 days a week, shooting about 200-400 arrows a day. This level of practice is what is expected of archers training for the Olympics. One of the most noteworthy aspects of Rachel's shot is her form; "robotic" would be an apt descriptor. When her recurve game fell into a little bit of a lull, our lead technician, Evan came up with a great idea. Seeing her form and her discipline, he suggested we put her into a compound bow with a resistance release. Holy crap. Rachel has taken compound (which she initially determined was too complex and would take all the fun out of archery, lol), and runs away with it. She picked up compound halfway through our 5 spot league as a total beginner, she ended the year with a personal best of 297 with X counts as high as 44. Finding her stride indoor was one thing, but now her concentration has shifted. Rachel is currently focusing on shot execution and transitioning her indoor game to the 3d course. You'll find her competing in all state level ASA competitions as well as anything her demanding boss lets her get away with.

This has been a year of growth for Rachel in all facets.

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When first coming into the shop, she was a double major at Akron with a strong focus in music. She was a very by-the-book, type-A individual that planned every aspect of life and relied heavily on those plans. For better or worse, this shop has rubbed off onto her. The

go-with-the-flow Rachel Flack that exists now is okay with a nebulous future, taking each moment for what it is and not getting too caught up in the picture-perfect planning of things. Hiring her was one of the best decisions we've made in our young shop. She has renewed our shop's spirit in her unending work ethic, inspiring dedication, kind gestures and fantastic desserts. Rachel's favorite part of working at OPAS is on the service side of things, tinkering with bows. She is a huge believer in trying something and failing in order to succeed, failure is the key to information retention and Rachel might as well be a computer with her level of information retention. Keep shooting Rachel! We are blessed to have you on board ... officially.

## Royal Rangers

Last month we had the privilege of hosting the Royal Rangers. The Royal Rangers are an activity-based, small-group church ministry for boys and young men in grades K-12 with a mission to evangelize, equip and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders. So far, we've been able to work with the older group of kids and it was an absolute blast. Each kid, as well as the leadership, received a bow, arrows, tab and custom string. Then we gathered at the shop after hours to put on a traditional archery clinic. If you were to see these kids shoot, you'd have assumed that they were the ones running it. At the end of our second week together, we set the stage for competition. We were blown away with the talent that we saw. Every archery, new or experienced, was shooting water bottles at about 17 yds. A very impressive feat for traditional archers. Not only was their behavior exemplary, but their interest and aptitude for the sport was as pure as it gets. Keep it up gentleman, you have a great future ahead of you. God bless!

