**The United Bowmen of Philadelphia**



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**The Oldest Archery Club in the United States**

The Illinois Target Archery Association will be hosting its 3rd Annual United Bowmen Round on Sunday June 8, 2014. This international “postal” tournament will be held at the Wheaton Rifle Club, which is located at 27W040 North Avenue, West Chicago, Illinois. Practice will begin at 8:00 AM and scoring will begin at 9:00 AM.

The United Bowmen Round historically is one of the oldest archery tournament formats on record. It consists of a total of 84 arrows, all shot at a distance of 80 yards. Using the 122 cm FITA target face, it will use 9/7/5/3/1 for scoring rings.

The ITAA will compile results for compound, recurve, and traditional longbow/barebow. The top four scores in each shooting category will be submitted to represent the ITAA in this international year-long event. The recurve team the ITAA has submitted the past two years (**2012** – Alex Wifler, Gabe Querol, Tom Havel, Dennis Timpanaro **2013** – Querol, Havel, Timpanaro and Chris Gutsell) has taken first place, and we look forward to continuing to be strong contenders. I know there are great compound and longbow shooters in Illinois, and hope you can join in the competition. One more interesting note…Alex Wiffler set the world record for recurve for this tournament in 2012, and then followed up by setting the world record for compound in 2013.

On a local level, individual top scores will be recorded for recurve, compound, and traditional longbow/barebow categories, and travelling trophies will be awarded. Travelling trophies will also be awarded to the “high allowance” or most improved score from the previous year in each category.

Also, local clubs can assume bragging rights by putting together a 3 member team for a particular shooting category and also claim a travelling trophy.

The day promises to be a lot of fun. Many of the participants in the past have donned the traditional “whites” to capture the spirit of this historical round. Refreshments will be served at “half time”.

To participate, please pre-register at [www.illinoistargetarchery.org](http://www.illinoistargetarchery.org) There is a $10 shooting fee.