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Collegiate Archery

Springtime is when the collegiate outdoor season begins.

The big tournaments for the collegiate divisions are U.S. National Indoors, which must be attended in order to qualify for all-American and U.S. Archery Academic teams, and U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships (USIAC), which are held in May each year. The USIAC tournament is required as the second requirement to qualify as an All-American. The two scores, indoor and USIAC, are combined and the top ten men/women qualify as All-Americans, except in women's compound, where the top eight qualify.

To qualify as a member of the U.S. Archery Academic Team, an archer must finish in the top 25% of their division at U.S. National Indoors and maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher. In 2005-06, there were 22 collegiate archers who qualified. Seventeen of those were also among the 38 All-Americans.

This year the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) hosted the USIAC tournament. It is the first time in the history of USIAC that the tournament was held there. The participation level was the highest level ever at the USIAC. I expect the participation level to continue to climb for this tournament since there have been many new clubs formed in the past year.

There are other tournaments that have collegiate divisions. According to the Collegiate Archery Handbook, each region is expected to host a regional collegiate championship. Collegiate archers who attend the Arizona Cup shoot in the Men's Senior Division, but then a separate break out is made for the college archer standings. The same is done at the Texas Shootout.

In 2005, we attended the Western Regional Championship in Long Beach and had the best time we have ever had at a tournament. For 2006, the Western Regional was hosted by Biola University (CA) in April. The Eastern Regional Championship was held in Williamsport, PA also in April.

Attending the USIAC tournament was the highlight of our tournament year in 2005. Not knowing exactly what to expect at an All-Collegiate tournament, we arrived and found that UCLA, Stanford, James Madison University, Texas A&M, among others, had brought large teams with many archers very new to the sport. In addition to these large college teams, there were several smaller and even one-man teams. In college archery, all are welcomed!

The fun begins with the attitudes of the collegiate archers. For my son, Dakota, being a one-man team at USIACs quickly turned into being part of the Dine' and Stanford teams. Both groups of archers welcomed new people to their groups, welcomed fun competition, and along with UCLA, provided a fun environment to shoot in. The four-day event is complete with FITA and OR elimination rounds, with the elimination round providing the year's collegiate champions. The awards also included the Rookie of the Year for each division, which is an important part of collegiate archery as many of these archers learn the sport while in college.

At the board meeting held at USIACs each year, I was appointed to a two year position as collegiate publicist. In an effort to promote college archery, my husband and I developed the U.S. Collegiate Archery website with the sole purpose of providing information to all collegiate

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archers in the country. The website can be found at www.uscollegiatearchery.org. Our goal is for this website to be the one-stop information site for anyone interested in collegiate tournaments, results, club info, forms, the U.S. collegiate Archery handbook, pictures, and articles. We link to USA Archery for information they have posted for the collegiate clubs.

We welcome articles, pictures, tournament information, and results. We hope that this effort will help new archers find the information they need, as well as provide information to those already involved in the collegiate division. A "Where are they now?" section is being created to post updates on past All-Americans and USIAC Champions. If you know of, or are, a past All-American or Champion, please contact me so we can add you to the growing area of 'History' in the college division.

It has been an honor to work on behalf of the collegiate archers. In 2005, we created the website, acquired equipment sponsorships from Easton, Alpen Outdoors, Doinker, and Sure-Loc and created a poster featuring 30 of the 38 2005-06 All-Americans with sponsorship from Easton, Clarke Sinclair Memorial Archery Scholarship, and Arizona Archery. These posters were available for the cost of postage/handling to any JOAD club, archery club, archery shop, and university in the country.

There is no doubt that college archery is growing. Collegiate archers are a great group of people to shoot and compete with. The teams enjoy each other's company as well as welcoming one-man teams and new archers. If you're new to college archery, come have fun and attend some of the many tournaments that have a college division. For more information, contact me at lzsincclair@yahoo.com and visit www.uscollegiatearchery.org.

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2006 All-American Team

Men's Recurve

Dakota Sinclair, Saddleback College
 Jacob Wukie, James Madison University
 Brett Lazaroff, Atlantic Cape Community College
 Nathan McCullough, U. of Colorado, Colo. Springs
 Tyler Benner, Claremont-McKenna College
 Ted Harden, Arizona State University
 Kevin Barker, Texas A&M
 Tim Meyers, Texas A&M
 Brian Christensen, Colorado State University
 Alden Harris, Texas A&M

Women's Recurve

Lindsey Pian, Arizona State University
 Lindsey Carmichael, University of Texas
 Tina Jeon, Yale
 Carissa Dragan, Cal State Long Beach
 Danielle McCullough, Westminster College
 Robin Liang, Columbia University
 Marie DeRegnacourt, Michigan State
 Sara Mancini, Columbia University
 Ali Wood, University of Arizona
 Katrina Weiss, James Madison University

Men's Compound

Braden Gellenthien, James Madison University
 Logan Wilde, Idaho State University
 David Roth, Michigan State University
 Jedd Greshock, James Madison University
 Stephen Schwade, James Madison University
 Joshua Binger, Texas A&M
 Michael Ashton, James Madison University
 Christopher Glass, Michigan State
 Trevor Siedel, Texas A&M
 Patrick Parsons, Texas A&M

Women's Compound

Brittany Lorenti, James Madison University
 Anna Stratton, Texas A&M
 Jessica Grant, Texas A&M
 Amanda Raffaelli, Texas A&M
 Cassie Raffaelli, Texas A&M
 Jessica Fasula, James Madison
 Joayn Fleury, James Madison
 Michelle Wright, Penn College
 Xiao Hui Chin, Columbia University
 Brenda Temperly, Texas A&M