ASCA FAQs

- **How do I become and how much does it cost me to be a member of the ASCA?**
  "Any resident of the State of Arizona shall be eligible for membership in the ASCA, provided said resident is a current member in good standing with the NSCA and is not restricted from owning or possessing a firearm under state or federal laws. Residency is defined by NSCA Residency Requirements." The ASCA has no annual dues. Your membership fees are included with your entry into an ASCA registered event at $0.02 per target. Therefore, if you shoot 500 ASCA registered targets per year your cost would be $10.00. If you shoot 1000 registered targets per year your cost would be $20.00. And so on.

- **Is the ASCA a "for profit" corporation?**
  No, The ASCA is a nonprofit corporation which operates under 501(c)4 status

- **Does the ASCA pay income taxes?**
  No, The ASCA is a nonprofit corporation which is exempt under 501(c)4 status

- **Is the ASCA in compliance with all taxing authorities?**
  Yes, as an exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of $50,000 or less, the ASCA is required to file an annual electronic notice Form 990-N. We have filed this notice every year since receiving our 501(c)4 and exempt status.

- **Is the ASCA in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission?**
  Yes, ASCA Inc. is in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. When the new board took office in 2016 they made it their mission to become and remain compliant with non profit status, exempt status, IRS filings, Arizona Corporation Commission requirements and insurance.

- **Does the ASCA have Liability and D&O insurance?**
  Yes, obtaining liability and D&O insurance through SAIA is a task the board completed in 2016 to ensure the protection of the ASCA and its board members.

- **How does the ASCA generate income?**
  The primary source of income for the ASCA is through target fees. The ASCA receives $0.02 for every registered target thrown in our State. The NSCA receives $0.04 for every target thrown, so during a 100 bird event the ASCA receives $2 and the NSCA receives $4 of the entry fees. The ASCA also generates some monies through sponsorships for our annual state shoots.

- **How much money in target fees did the ASCA generate in 2023**
  In 2023 the ASCA generated $10,758 in target fees. We also generated $11,421 from the U.S. Open being held at Coyote Springs in Tucson. Unfortunately we cannot count on those extra target fees from NSCA events every year.

- **Who are the sponsors for the ASCA state shoot?**
  Our sponsors are typically businesses and personal donors within the shooting, sportsman's and outdoors industries. We have been very fortunate to acquire some extremely generous

sponsors for our State Shoots. The list of sponsors can be found on our website at www.azsportingclays.com

- **Who reaches out to the sponsors and solicits these donations?**
  Typically a sponsorship committee is established for that years state shoot. Committee members solicit businesses and personal donors and present them with our sponsorship packages. These packages include varying levels of sponsorships ranging from a $250 bronze sponsor up to a $1000 Platinum sponsor. The committee members also create the raffle drawing and giveaway packages with the items that were donated to us. All board members and general membership of the ASCA can and do solicit sponsors to help support our organization as well.

- **How much did the sponsors give the ASCA?**
  The ASCA received approximately $3500 in cash and prizes from our sponsors for the 2024 state shoot.

- **Where do the raffle prizes come from at the ASCA banquet?**
  All of the raffle prizes given away via silent drawings are donated to the ASCA from our very generous sponsors.

- **How much does the ASCA keep in its reserve account?**
  As of 2/1/2024 the ASCA has $29,617 in its accounts

- **Does the ASCA use a recommendation for how much to keep on hand?**
  Yes, the National Charities Information Bureau recommends that all non-profits maintain two years worth of expenses in their accounts at all times. The ASCA operates under this recommendation.

- **How much did the ASCA spend to put on the 2024 state shoot?**
  For the 2024 state shoot the ASCA spent $12,966.84 in trophies/awards, an additional $10,000 in added money for HOA, RU and back to class for the Main and Fitasc events, $2278.50 in giveaways, $7140.10 in lunch vouchers plus an additional $320.24 in misc. expenses. Total expenses to hold the 2024 state championships were $32,705.68

- **On average, what is spent per lunch voucher given to the shooters at the state shoot?**
  Each lunch voucher that is redeemed the ASCA is charged $13.00+tax. We give 2 lunch vouchers for each shooter that shoots either the main event or Fitasc. We had a total of $7140.10 lunch vouchers redeemed for our 2024 state shoot.

- **Define the difference between a “range” and a “club”**
  A range is a facility and a club is an entity that operates at a range. A range can be a club but not all clubs are ranges. An example of this would be Ben Avery Clay Target Center. Ben Avery is a range but not a club. It has clubs that operate within that range to host events. All clubs have an assigned club number from the NSCA in order to hold registered events at the ranges.

- **How does the state shoot rotate?**

Any member club can bid to hold a state shoot given that they meet the requirements stated on page 5 of our bylaws. Currently there are only two ranges that can support a shoot of this magnitude (Ben Avery Clay Target Center and Coyote Springs Sporting Clays). Following a legacy agreement and voted in on May 9th of 2015 by the former BOD, Ben Avery Clay Target Center will host the state shoots on "even" years and Coyote Springs Sporting Clays will host the state shoots on "odd" years.

- **Why was the ASCA state shoot held at Coyote Springs in Tucson for 3 years in a row (2017,2018, 2019)?**
  The 2017 state shoot was held at Coyote Springs in Tucson. Ben Avery in Phoenix was in rotation for the 2018 State shoot but they chose to forgo their annual rotation. In accordance to our bylaws ("A rotation of host clubs or ranges shall be in effect whereby each host club or range alternates first right to bid in an annual sequence. In the event a host club or range elects to no-bid or forgo their Annual State Tournament rotation, the next host club or range in the rotation will serve as first alternate. The host club or range position of rotation shall remain in effect even if the host club or range held the previous Annual State Tournament through alternate means.") Coyote Springs was the first alternate and chose to hold the tournament in 2018 so that the ASCA members had a state shoot that year. Remaining in rotation in accordance to our bylaws, Coyote Springs held the tournament in 2019 although they held the tournament through alternate means the prior year.

- **Can any ASCA member club bid to host a state shoot?**
  Yes, as long as the guidelines identified within the bylaws are followed. "Any member range or club in good standing in the State of Arizona that has ten or more sporting clays stations, has been registered with the NSCA for at least one year prior to the Annual State Meeting, had two or more registered tournaments, and desires to be added to the annual rotation, may submit its proposal to the ASCA Board of Directors for consideration. To be added, a host range or club must clearly identify its ability to promote sporting clays to the members of the ASCA and advance the purposes and values of the ASCA and NSCA."

- **How are trophies chosen for the ASCA state tournament?**
  An awards committee is established and comprised of BOD members. The members of that committee decide on the awards for that years state shoot. The committee presents their awards package to the entire BOD for approval.

- **Is there an agreement for a club or concessioner to sign before conducting a state shoot?**
  Yes, the clubs present a proposal to the BOD. The BOD reviews and votes on the clubs proposals to determine which club will be awarded the shoot. When a club is awarded the shoot they will sign the proposal presented to the BOD.

- **What criteria does the ASCA consider critical for awarding a state shoot?**
  The criteria for awarding the state shoot is defined in the associations bylaws. The BOD also considers attention to all details including but not limited to facility, proposed events, registration, trappers/pullers, support staff, club experience and determination/motivation as well as how much money per event will be given back to the ASCA so that the ASCA can give back to its members. The state shoot is the "members" shoot and the BOD wants to ensure that we present the best possible shoot and value to our members that we can given the resources that we have.

- **Why does the Arizona State Shoot move dates between February and March and not held on a consistent weekend annually?**
  The NSCA's major events such as the Western Regionals and the U.S. Open get first choice of dates. The NSCA has been scheduling their major event in Arizona beginning the last week of March. Being that our State shoot is typically held in the second week of March, the ASCA BOD opted to move the State shoot to February those years in order to put some distance between these major events. The years that there are no NSCA events in our state we will try to hold the state shoot in March.

- **Does the ASCA contribute to any other shooting events?**
  Yes, the ASCA does help support SCTP and other charitable sporting clays events upon request. This support is usually through some form of sponsorship for the events. The ASCA has also added money to particular events in order to entice more shooters to participate and aid in the promotion and growth of those events. Any sponsorship requests must be presented to the BOD and the BOD will review and vote on whether or not to grant the requests.

- **Why does the ASCA award non ASCA out of state members prizes?**
  The ASCA awards out of state members prizes because typically there are more out of state competitors at our events than Arizona residents. This is especially true for our larger events which bring us the majority of our annual target fees. Fees that we would not have if they did not travel to our state. This years 2024 state shoot had 327 participants. 119 of them were Arizona residents. The other 208 participants came from 23 other states and 1 Canadian Province. We are very fortunate to have the support from our out of state friends and we in turn show our appreciation to them by including them in the prize pools.

- **Can anyone attend a board meeting?**
  Yes, all of our board meetings are open to the general ASCA membership unless a special Executive session has been called.

- **Can anyone speak at a board meeting?**
  Yes, as long as the guidelines are precisely followed that are defined in our bylaws. "Any member in good standing shall have the privilege of discussing or speaking on any subject at any annual or special meeting of the ASCA, provided they notify the Secretary-Treasurer of their request, identifying their name and the topic which they wish to address, at least seventy-two hours prior to an annual or special meeting for proper inclusion on the agenda of the meeting."

- **Why would an ASCA member have to notify the board ahead of time about his/her question?**
  So that the board can accurately and promptly answer the question and have all supporting documentation available at the meeting that pertains to the questions and answers.

- **How does an ASCA member join the board?**
  In compliance with our bylaws the Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasure and the 3 Directors at Large) are up for reelection every two years. 90 days prior to the annual members meeting held at that years State Shoot, the general membership will be notified that an election will take place. If a member in good standing is interested in running for a position he/she would have to send in a short bio no later than 45 days prior to the annual members meeting in order to get on the ballot. 30 days prior to the annual members

meeting a ballot will be sent out to the entire membership for voting. The results will be collected, tabulated and read at the meeting by an appointed election official.

- **Does the ASCA board pick shoot dates?**
  No, the individual ranges (and clubs working with that particular range) choose their shoots and dates. The ASCA only mediates those dates to ensure that there are no conflicting dates between two or more ranges. The ASCA will not allow two different ranges/clubs to hold registered events on the same day or weekend unless it is mutually accepted by both ranges/clubs involved. The ranges/clubs then submit their shoot dates to the Secretary/Treasurer so that he can submit a shoot request to the NSCA and obtain a shoot number for the event. The order of priority for shoot dates is clearly stated on page 6 of our bylaws.

- **Can an ASCA member get access to board minutes?**
  Yes, once the board approves the previous meetings minutes, they will be posted on the ASCA website. www.azsportingclays.com

- **How can I get information about upcoming ASCA shoots and events around our state?**
  You can visit our website at www.azsportingclays.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/azsportingclays