

Proposal to Upgrade CFA Website

1. Need to upgrade our current passive website, where we can just get information, to an active one, where you can get info and put in info.

2. Area archery groups have upgraded their sites and most are using a software named WordPress.

WSAA: <https://wyoming-archery.org/>

High Plains: <https://wyoming-archery.org/>

BOW: <https://www.bowhuntersofwyoming.org/>

RMAA: <https://rockymountainarcheryassociation.com/>

Check out these websites. Which one or ones appeal to you?

3. WordPress is used to design look of website: text, pictures, navigation. What also comes with WordPress is database software, MySQL. Hopefully, we could put our membership and shooter tables, currently on club's PC in Access software, into MySQL. Some data would then be available online. While I have experience working with WordPress, I don't have it with database software like MySQL. Do you have experience with WordPress or MySQL? Let us know.

4. With additional software,"plugins", that can be freely added to WordPress, like eCommerce, users can interact with website. For instance, with a Members webpage, users could login and join or renew their memberships, and pay for it. Also pre-register and pay for shoots. Users could post comments and pictures, like a blog.

5. Our current Internet Service Provider, IONOS, is offering an upgrade to CFA for \$1 per month for 12 months, then \$15 per month for additional years. We may have to agree to a multiple years contract. Currently we are paying \$56.25 each 3 months or \$18.75 a month.

One additional thing though, currently our domains: cheyennefieldarchers.com, cheyennefieldarchers.net, and cheyennefieldarchers.org are registered and paid for by IONOS in August each year. That cost is \$57. With a new contract we would have to pay that once a year.

6. There are ISP companies available that will host, maintain and update websites. BOW uses one named Wild Apricot. Wild Apricot's website shows a monthly cost of \$75 for minimal service. Do you know of a local company more reasonable?

Let your board members and webmaster know how you feel about this--positive or negative; ask questions. This could prevent stumbling blocks in the future.

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