

5th Annual Copper Classic, November 2015.

This tournament was originally designed to teach young archers the ropes of head to head competition. It since has evolved into a tournament that not only introduces new archers to this type of competition, it also brings together archers from all different archery disciplines, USA, ASA and NFAA. Many archers, who usually focus on shooting 3D, crossed over to enjoy this head to head shoot out. All competitors were eager to see how they stacked up against others they might face in Vegas.

On Saturday youth archers competed in USA divisions Bowman to Cadet, with Sunday reserved for Junior's to Masters. On Saturday I witnessed a few new archers starting to understand the idea of "The only arrow that matters is the one on your bow right now!" Even though you are down 4 set points to 0, you still have a chance to win, if you focus on just that ONE arrow. The nice thing about set points vs. cumulative points is one bad arrow won't ruin the entire match.

The First part of each day consisted of a 300 ranking round. The archers were then divided into flights of 8 to compete in head to head matches. The flights were determined by ranking round scores, regardless of age, bow, or gender. This was an excellent opportunity to truly see archers compete based only on ability.

With the new "Inner Ten" for Compound rule change, competition was evened out. On both days recurve archers made it into the Top Copper Flight. Saturday's overall 2015 Copper Classic Champion was Jeremy Corridori. Sunday's overall 2015 Copper Classic Champion was Nathan Yamaguchi, one of Arizona's Resident Athletes from the Chula Vista Olympic training center. The clubs own Chris Escarsega was top qualifying archer for Sunday, and Jeremy Corridori was top qualifying archer for Saturday.