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We would like to thank our exiting board members, Eric Hoberg and Gordy Mauhl for their service over the past years.

If you have a full annual, college, or family membership you have voting rights. If you were not a member in 2021, you will not have a ballot for this election. Ballots have been emailed out, voting closes at 11:59pm on April 18th.

Loyalton, California will be hosting the return of the Sierra Timberfest, after a couple of decades off. Thank you to the organizers of the Sierra Timberfest and to Wes Palmer for getting this show up and running. Loyalton is located just 45 minutes from Reno, NV. So, a perfect opportunity to fly in, or to have some extra fun on the way there or home. I encourage our members to support this new show. Ladies, please note that all the Stihl events are in this show, a perfect place to tune up for the Stihl series and to get some times for next year's application if you plan to apply for the 2023 Stihl series. Men, same! And look at that hot saw and stock saw prize money!

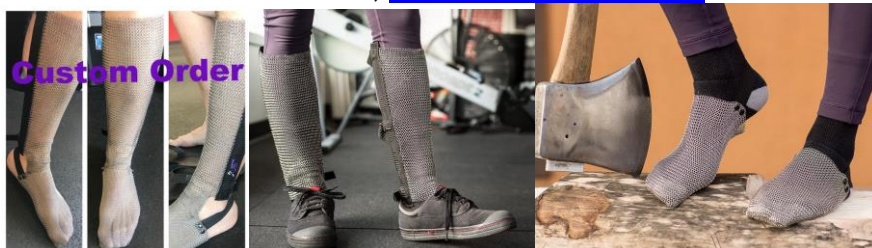
ALA Classifieds:

Interested in advertising in the classifieds? It is FREE for ALA members! Contact the Secretary.

Custom toe climbing spurs and shin-guards available upon request. Contact Eric Hoberg for details. 406.531.9345

Looking for **axe handles**? Contact Ryan or Kylee Hatfield. 208-740-7646, kyleehatfield@yahoo.com. Also Mike Forrester 541-580-1659. Also Jason Lentz 304-644-3242 jlumberjacklentz@cloud.com

Chainmail Guards: Footies \$79, Shins \$139, connected pair \$239
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Saw handles for sale: Welded metal saw handles - \$50 per handle, or two for \$90 - taking orders for pipe size 1/4", 1/2" and 3/4" pipes in 3 different angles: straight, 10 degree and 15 degree. Contact Kylee Hatfield (208) 740-7646 or kyleehatfield@yahoo.com. Wrap color of your choice included. Spray-on "grit" (similar to truck bed liner) \$10.



Saw sharpening: modified, M-tooth, factory contact Lee Williamson 360-599-2911.

Underhand cradles for sale. Contact Paul Murphey from the Longview Go Fourth show at 360-703-7087

DUES INFO. YOU CAN PAY THE ONE TIME SHOW FEE ONLY TWICE BEFORE YOU HAVE TO UPGRADE TO A FULL MEMBERSHIP. THE ONE TIME SHOW FEES YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS YOUR FULL MEMBERSHIP, SO YOU HAVE NOT LOST ANY MONEY.

2022 Show Dates**= ALA Sanctioned Show****University of Montana Pro-Am Show; Missoula, MT April 30th**US Trophy Stihl; Virginia Beach, VA May 7thSequim Irrigation Festival; Sequim, WA May 14th**Sierra Timberfest; Loyalton, CA May 14th**Revelstoke; Revelstoke, BC May 21stKaslo May Days; Kaslo, BC May 21st-22ndWebster Springs WV May 27-29thPort McNeil Logger Sports, Port McNeil BC June 3-4thStihl Western Qualifier; Shelton, WA June 4thStihl Mid-Atlantic/Southern Qualifier; Greensboro, NC June 11th**Beachcomber Days; Waldport, OR June 18th**Stihl NE Qualifier; Cherry Valley, NY June 18thBrownsville Pioneer Picnic; Brownsville, OR June 19thScotch Creek, BC July 2ndStihl Midwest Qualifier; Hayward, WI June 25thSawyer County Woodchop; Hayward, WI June 26thPaul Bunyan Mtn Blues Festival; Westwood, CA July 2ndScotch Creek, BC July 2nd**Philomath Frolic; Philomath, OR July 9th**Bowen Island; Canada July 9thPowell River Logger Sports; Powell River, BC July 16th & 17thWest Linn Old Country Fair; West Linn, OR July 17thStihl US Pro & Collegiate Championships July 22-23rdSquamish Days; Squamish, BC July 28th-Aug 1stSalmon Festival; Campbell River BC August 5-7th**Morton Logger Jubilee; Morton WA, Aug 13 & 14th**

Smithers, BC Aug. ?

Port Alberni Logger Sports, Port Alberni, BC Sept. 11thLand of Legends COWEX; Duncan, BC Sept 17 OR 18th

Hoquiam Loggers Playday; Hoquiam, WA ?

**Orofino Lumberjack Days; Orofino, ID Sept. 18th**Extreme Timbershow; Port Angeles, WA Sept. 24th

= show has already occurred!

If you know of any other shows, or have a correction or addition to the schedule, please contact the Secretary!

We are excited to let you know that both Brownsville and West Linn, Oregon shows will be occurring this year! Thank you to Nick Bywater for taking over these shows and continuing the Waible tradition of running shows for novice and intermediate competitors. Trevor Baker will be assisting. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the ALA Secretary or Trevor and they can get you in contact with Nick.

Block Sizing: By Trevor Baker

A lot of times before the start of a logging show whoever may be chopping that day must size a block in the event they are entered in. First you're gonna need a couple tools to get started: A fairly sharp rigging axe, a tape measure and a wood crayon. Now what we are looking for is a cylinder shaped block that measures out the same on the top, middle and bottom within a 1/16 to an 1/8 on an inch of final diameter if not right on. When choosing a block to be sized. You want to look for one that is fairly free of knots and clean wood in the proposed cutting area. A general rule to sizing a block is. "Would you chop the block that you sized?" If not, pick another block to size. There is usually a couple extra blocks in the case of finding one with really bad knots. Or you may be getting a talking to by a veteran competitor and be made to chop the messed up block that you sized. So word to the wise. Take the time to ensure you do it right the first time. And by all means if you have questions. The other competitors are more than willing to help you out. Like anything else practice makes perfect. Lastly, use that crayon to mark your initials and the block size on the end of the block when you are done, this proves you sized a block, and indicates what size you made it.

This article was originally printed in the July 2014 newsletter. But it still holds true!

Duane Coop passed in January of this year. He was 90 years old. In the 1970's and 80's he was a World Champion Axe thrower numerous times over. We honor the passing of those who went before us in our sport. They are who have brought us this far.