

SAMDO BOW AND ARROW FUNCTION

This year on dated May 11, 12 and 13 of 2013 we have bow and arrow function. Unlike previous year this year we have three day continues function due to busy in work during this these days. Previous year we have three times Bow and Arrow function in two month. This make kind of inconvenience in villagers and many people are unable to attend this function. So, Youth Club of samdo gave many suggestions during annual meeting of villager. Finally meeting concluded with Youth Club suggestion with some points from older villager not to ignore traditionally prevailed system. So, this year with agreement from all people of village we appointed function chairman with some responsible. The chairman will hold post for three years and he will guide and arrange all things during function.



On first day i.e. 11th May all villagers (male) were rode on horse and started from Himali Gompa via field of Chulung that make circular to whole village and finally arrived on school filed. There all the mothers welcomed the horse rider and again went to Gyato Mani to make circular round to Mani. Finally horse rider

arrived to main function place where mother group welcomed once again.



Mother group receiving horse rider at school field.11TH May 20013.

On second day i.e. 12th May there was Bow and Arrow function. All villagers were there to observe the arrow shooting. There were three rounds of arrow shooting. Unlike previous year this year people made target mark on plank and make present accordingly. The first prize was cash Rs. 1500, 2nd was Rs.1000 and 3rd was Rs.500. Besides this there was also traditional prize i.e. people who shoot first on plank he will offer a cup of Chang* with scarf and people will gave praising song to him similarly 2nd shooter will get a cup of alcohol with scarf. After this

round there is final round which is very important and is long ago tradition from Tibet. At final round whoever shoot first on target he will declare as prayer to GOD. And 2nd shooter will declare as eliminator of Demons who are affecting to villagers and village. If 2nd arrow is not able to hit on target than people consider very bad omen and believe that this year there will be lots of negative energy in village or year will be inauspicious for villagers.

On 3rd day i.e. 13th May there was sports and game. The game was organized by Ama Association of samdo and coordinated by Nyima Dorjee (Representative of Samdo Avenir). There were lots of interesting games which were suitable for villager and that makes lots of fun and excitement for village people. Tsering Phuntsok and Chez Karsang Lodge cook together organized Ring Throwing which was new idea in village. The game were

1. Tag –of –war
2. Needle sting race
3. Potato bit race
4. Potato throwing race
5. Marble spoon race.

The position holders were given cash price with white scarf. Many people took part in game and they were first time experiencing the game. And it was little bit funny more than game.

Finally it was fallen almost dark and Youth Club of Samdo perfume song and dance. This made additional joy and excitement for villager. They sang song and perfumed beautiful Tibetan dance. Besides this there were Nepali dance, Bhutanese dance and Tibetan cultural dance. In between this there was refresh jokes made by Mr. Karma and accompanied by Mr. Nyima Dorjee (Babu). Everybody enjoyed consort and Youth club also got consolation donation of NRP

Rs.13, 000. Youth club also announced that next year there will be more fun and excitement and they promised to improve services and facilities of stage they perfumed.



Thank you all

Wish you have a nice day

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