



Prairie Bowmen

December 2018

President's Report

My 1st newsletter article as president of Prairie Bowmen, in many years.

I'd like to start off by giving a big Thank You to Wes Sheets for stepping up the past couple years as president. Also thank you to Joel Burham, John Filsinger and Sarah Ludwick for their time, effort and hard work the past couple years.

I'd also like to thank Steve Woitaszewski for stepping up as youth coordinator, Harry Windle as his assistant, Chris Benson as Secretary /treasurer and Chase Powers as the new Bowhunter Rep. And last but not least, Wayne Janssen for stepping up to take over the Communication position.

I believe we have a pretty good board, but can't do everything on our own, so from time to time we do need help. There seems to be a small misconception from a few members, that the board members get paid, so why should we help out. The only thing the board members receive are their dues paid. When you figure the amount of hours most board members put in in a year, you realize that they are on the board, because they want to make a difference and are proud to call Prairie Bowmen their club. Four of the current board members are life members.

A few years ago we had a program at the outdoor range that helped keep the range in shape and helped out the range master. This was The Adopt a lane program. We have 14 target lanes at the outdoor range that are used for Field, Hunter and Animal tournaments, leagues, etc. One of my top priorities this coming year is to get those lanes back in shape to host the state tournament and leagues. This is where the members come into play. If we could have a group of friends or families take care of a lane, mowing, trimming, etc., this would help out tremendously. If you're interested in taking care of a lane, please give Brian Krogmam a call or text at 402-499-0470.

In order for the club to pay the bills, we need members. When I was president back in the 90's we had close to 475 members. We are now down to around 250. I'm not sure we'll ever get back to those numbers, but it would be nice. So in 2019 I would like to start a membership drive, with at least the one that brings in the most members receiving a gift card. We'll have more info on that in the February newsletter.

We will be having a club awards banquet on March 9th at the Highlands Golf Course. This will be from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This will also be a pot luck, so bring your best main dish, dessert, salad, etc to share and plan to have a great time. The club will provide Lemonade, iced tea, coffee, plates, plastic wear. Alcohol will be available to purchase, but you may not bring your own. Although we have to have a small meeting, per the bylaws, this will be more of a social gathering to get to know everyone. As far as a fee, we will take free will donations to help pay the rental.

It's great to be back and if we all work together, Prairie Bowmen Archery Club will continue to be one of the best archery clubs in Nebraska.

Jim Tubbs



New Members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

We have 6 new memberships joining our club.

Rose Acevedo Dave Adelman Vi Luangophay family

Levi Peters Austin Graham Alan Blair

We welcome all of you and look forward to seeing you at the range!

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JOAD / AAA

The Tuesday Joad class has 16 adults and kids shooting and we have room for more, so come join the fun. Two one hour classes are offered, at either 6 PM or 7PM. The club has bows for you to use if your kids don't have one. Adults are welcome to take part also and if you need a bow we have one for you too. NASP kids if you want a night to get some extra practice in come join in the fun. The cost is only \$25 for 10 weeks that's only \$2.50 per night. Where can you go and do anything in Lincoln for only \$2.50. The next session will start February 5 but if you want to start now just pay \$3.00 a night to finish this session which ends January 15. There are no classes on Christmas Eve.

Steve Woitaszewski swoit@allphone.com 402-435-2823

Board Meeting

Friday, January 11, 2019

7 PM Indoor Range

2019 SCHEDULE

LEAGUES

January 14 at 7:00 P.M. Target league commences
January 10 at 7:00 P.M. 3D league commences

JOAD/AAA

February 5 through 10 weeks Tuesday nights 6:00 & 7:00

TOURNAMENTS

February 15, 16 & 17 Presidents Day Shoot 450 Fita Indoor range
February 23 & 24 Indoor 3D
March 23 & 24 Indoor 3D
April 13 & 14 Indoor 3D
June 15 unmarked 3D
June 16 State Marked 3D
June 30 State 900 Round
August 17 & 18 Club Jamboree
November 9 & 10 Indoor 300 round
December 14 & 15 Indoor 3D
December 27, 28 & 29 Indoor 450 Fita

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 9, 2019

6:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE - 5501 NW 12TH STREET

AWARDS AND SHORT CLUB MEETING

POT LUCK AND OTHER EVENTS

SECRETARY /TREASURER REPORT

The November 14th club meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were Wes Sheets, Adam Jirovsky, Joel Burham and Chris Benson.

Adam reported the Veteran's Day Shoot had 8 shooters.

Joel thanked his assistants and other club members for their help the last two years.

Steve Woitaszewski, Bob Larsen and Harry Windle are handling the classes on Tuesday nights. There are 16 shooters this term, one of whom joined the club.

No old business

New business: The State archery meeting will be this Sunday the 18th in Grand Island. Jim Tubbs, Adam Jirovsky and Chris Benson plan to attend. The plan is to request the same shoots as last year. Requesting the State 900 the last weekend of June.

The club received a letter from Lincoln Parks \$ Rec regarding the bike trail along our property. Plans are underway to design and install a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks to connect the trail to Wilderness Park. The letter is being sent to all abutting owners giving us the month of November to respond regarding our concerns.

New member applications from Rose Acevedo, Dave Adelman and the Vi Luangaphay family were approved.

It was decided to acquire a US flag for the indoor range.

Results of the election were:

President – Jim Tubbs

Bowhunter Rep – Chase Powers

Youth Coordinator – Steve Woitaszewski

Secretary/Treasurer – Chris Benson

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th.

The December 7th meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were: Wes Sheets, Adam Jirovsky, Joel Burhan, Brian Krogman, Wayne Janssen and Chris Benson. Members present were Steve Woitaszewski, Harry Windle, Clint Burge, Chase Powers and Jim Tubbs.

Minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved along with the treasurer's report.

Brian reported nothing new at this time regarding the ranges.

Adam reported the 450 invitational is coming next weekend. Saturday 7:00 line, Sunday 8:30 to 11:00.

He has been looking at solutions to repair the target backers at the indoor range. Pass throughs are a problem. The ones we have can be dismantled and the centers removed, replaced by material from one to repair the other three. He is also pricing more backers like the ones we have or possibly another manufacturer.

It was also decided to purchase some rubber horse mats to install behind the backers to help stop arrows.

Steve reported the classes are in session with 16 shooters, mostly kids. The progress of their shooting is good.

We are returning to Constant Contact, a marketing tool to help us improve communication with club members. Chase is going to try to run down the password for the club Facebook account.

New Business:

The indoor 3-D league will start on January 10th and run for 11 weeks. Cost for members will be \$10 per night, non-members will be \$15. Price increases reflect the high cost of 3-D targets. Motion to increase was voted on and approved. The target league will start on January 14th and rates remain same as last year, \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Motion was made to close the range to open shooting an hour before leagues was approved.

Our annual meeting will be held Saturday, March 9th at the Highlands Golf Course from 6 to 9 pm. Jim will reserve the room, deposit is \$150 and the rate is \$50/hr. They will allow us to have a pot luck, no outside alcohol is allowed as they sell it there.

It was moved and seconded to again donate a year's club membership at the Big Game Conservation Association banquet

Membership applications from Levi Peters, Austin Graham and Alan Blair were approved.

The new board will take over at this time;

President: Jim Tubbs

1st VP Target: Adam Jirovsky

2nd VP Bowhunting Coordinator: Chase Powers

3rd VP Rangemaster: Brian Krogman

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Benson

Education and Youth Coordinator: Steve Woitaszewski

Communications Coordinator: Wayne Janssen

Range Master Report

This time of year the outdoor range does not get much use and improvements are generally put off until spring. If you happen to be out at the range and notice any problems please call me so I can deal with it. We are hoping we can get members to adopt a lane at the outdoor range this next year so that the maintenance of the individual targets will be more efficient. We will be putting out information on the program as the Board makes those decisions.

Another issue at the outdoor range is mowing the grass. We have a Cub Cadet commercial grade zero turn mower but the engine is shot and needs to be replaced. The engine is a 25 horse Kohler. If anyone happens to know where we could get a working used engine please call me.

At the indoor range we have just a couple of concerns. First I have noticed that some brands of soft drinks are not selling. If you have a favorite soda please let me know so we can adjust the offerings of pop. Also we need to rebuild some targets so a work day will be announced in the near future.

Generally I am happy to report that we have few issues with improper use of the ranges or destruction of property by members. Thank you for taking care of our property. I would like to encourage every member to make full use of our facilities.

Brian Krogman - Range Master - 402-499-0470 briankrogman@gmail.com

Target Report

Happy New Years Prairie Bowmen members. Hope your Christmas and New Years was eventful. We will be starting target leagues on the [14th of January at 7pm](#) at the indoor range. The cost will be 5.00 for members and 8.00 for nonmembers. We will continue the money shoot as well. As voted on at the last board meeting the range will be closed from [6:00 pm](#) until leagues conclude on the days that leagues are taking place. If you would like to shoot you will have to pay the cost of the leagues or wait till after the leagues are over. So come out and get some practice in and push yourself to try and get a little better. We will be having a 450 Fita round shoot the [15-17th of February](#). The 15th and 16th will be a 7:00 pm line time and the 17th will be an 8:30-11:00 am continuous line. We will have our money draw shoot on all the line times. We will be looking at rebuilding the spiderweb targets in the near future because the big boy targets are not holding up. I hope to see you out at some of the shoots.

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Bow Hunter Report

I'd like to introduce myself to the members of the Prairie Bowmen Archery Club. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chase Powers, and I am going to take over as the bowhunter 3D rep for our club. I have been an avid bowhunter for the last fifteen years; and have no plans of slowing down. I grew up in Flagstaff, AZ where I had the privilege of working in the local pro shop for about four years. I now am lucky enough to manage the archery shop for Scheels here in Lincoln. If you ever have any archery related questions, or just want to swap hunting stories, come and visit me in my shop!

I am excited to get started again with indoor 3D league beginning January 10th. The league will run for 11 weeks, with the cost being \$10 a night or \$80 for the entire league for members. Non-members will pay \$15 a night or \$100 for the entirety of the league. League will be open to all ages and classes. We keep it light, and our goal is to have fun killing foam! Please come and join us every Thursday night, beginning at 7:00 PM.

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PAST PRESIDENT FAREWELL

The Last Gasp

Fellow Prairie Bowmen members, I just couldn't resist the option to make an official last speech to the choir seeing as how you have saw fit to replace me with a more capable chairman of the board. But first, I do want to offer my biggest heartfelt **THANK YOU** to every member that participated in any Prairie bowmen archery activity what so ever during the last couple of years. When I came on the board a couple of years ago, I was fearful that the club was on the verge of collapse. Clearly I was incorrect. That is not to say that everything is rosy but there are glimmers of optimism popping up around with a number of renewed interests in having a club of archers enjoying our sport. It was only this morning that I received an inquiry from a prospective member which had received a great xmas present of a new compound setup and of course wished to have a place to perfect her talent.

I would just like to encourage each of you to make use of our great amount of range space both indoors and outdoors over the upcoming months and join in the various ways to enjoy the flight of the arrow. I know that our incoming board will have some great ideas to make events better, and if you all pitch in just a little bit the oldest club in Nebraska will thrive again. Jim and his crew have an awesome task ahead of them, but with all of us helping it will happen. When I look around at other clubs in our region I am amazed at the value we members receive for what little we invest in either time or dollars. That is not to say we have no challenges to grow our archery fraternity at Prairie Bowmen, because we do. Looming ahead is the potential for greater financial resources needed to pay property taxes etc., but together I know it can be done.

In closing, let me reiterate my Thank You for all the support I received for the last two years and let's keep our club moving in the right direction. Come out and enjoy seeing the magic of arrow flight and pitch in to help out when and where you can.

Cheers from Wes the wandering and lost old past president. And remember that Larry the Cable Guy said "Ok, so what is the speed of dark??"

Wes Sheets



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STRAIGHT SHOOTING

**OUTDOOR RANGE
6333 Maple View Dr.**

**INDOOR RANGE
345 S. 14TH ST.**

Lockers Available

We have several lockers for rent at the indoor range. Cost is \$50 per year. Contact Chris Benson at 402-540-0524.

Lost and Found

Missing something? Found something? Arrows, jackets, and notebooks keep showing up at both the indoor and outdoor range. Be sure to leave found items on the desk or bench.

E-Mail Listing



There is often important news that happens faster than the newsletter. Don't miss out! If you haven't been receiving e-mail from the club, then make sure we have your current e-mail address.

Contact Chris Benson at hoosier-daddy.ne@yahoo.com to confirm your e-mail.