



Prairie Bowmen

February 2012

Club News for February

RANGE CONTROL

It is pretty simple, shoot safely and courteously at our ranges and remember to turn the lights off and the heat down when you leave. Please lock yourself in or at least spin the combination off the lock at the outdoor range. At the indoor range the door will lock behind you but please make sure it closes. New thermostats are going to be installed soon at the indoor range to help everyone with the task of controlling the heat easier. We will give you more details on operation as soon as they are installed. Thanks!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS by John Elliott

Prairie Bowmen Archery Club would like to welcome three new members this month and the return of a past member. First the return of JR Rodriguez family with Tracie, Joey, Eric, Grant, Ronnie and Kayloa. Welcome back! Our first of two new families is the Michelle Sutton clan with John, Josie and Kelsey and second family is Pam and Jay Wealand along with Kelsey. Last but not least is Paul McCambridge. Please welcome these new members to our flock of archers. Make them feel welcome like you would if you were the new guy on the block. WELCOME TO ALL!

HARVEST REPORTS!

If you have harvested an animal or bird or fish this year and wish to be recognized for this accomplishment, you need to get that information to Gary Larson at 432-3147ASAP (leave a message or text) so that plates or plaques can be made. Remember we give a plaque to the youth that shoots the biggest Pope and Young Buck and also the biggest fish. Adult's plaques are given for biggest antelope, elk, deer, turkey and fish.

HAVING FUN by John Elliott

Come have fun at our annual banquet on February 17 at the Havelock Social Hall. Social hour at 6PM and dinner served at 7PM. Meet new friends and maybe some old friends so come and socialize with your club and its members. If you are new to the banquet and have never gone before, there will be surprise for you. We have a great speaker planned in Dick Turpin of Turpin Time on Channel 10 & 11. We will have lots of door prizes and fun for everyone. If you have a past harvest mount you would like to bring, we will have a display board there for you to share your prized critter with us. It is not about awards that might be given out that night but the friendship you have or will make there.

Keep up to date by visiting us at:

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TARGET LEAGUE

Target league has been going pretty well, but we still have room for more shooters. Come on down on Tuesday nights and give it a try. You do not need to be the best shooter to compete. This is a great time for all the 3-d shooters to continue to work on there form. So come on down and join the fun.

Just around the corner is the Annual President's Day shoot. Flyer is in the newsletter with all the details.

RETURNED NEWSLETTERS

If you did not get a newsletter last month, contact John Elliott at 466-6391 or 540-7238. If you have had an address change or are going to in the near future, please get the change to me. Also if you have changed email address or your phone number recently get that to me also. This is so we can keep an up to the date record of our member's and be able to contact you with any new or vital information in a most timely manner. We do not share any information you give us with anyone. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

SEND IN YOUR PICTURES

Your help is needed so that we can have a great slide show presentation again this year. We need pictures that have been taken during the year of harvests, tournaments or anything that involves the club and or its members. We could use some old photos as well. Please send them to Belinda Hickman at :

shootsarchery@yahoo.com.

NEED HELP AT THE SPORTS SHOW

We still need a lot of help at the sports show happening on February 3-5th . If you are available to help please call or email Belinda Hickman (Phone: 402-416-7237/ Email: Shootsarchery@yahoo.com) Help is greatly appreciated. We are looking for about 5 people per shift. Shift times are as follows:

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

NOON TO 5PM 5PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY, FEB 4

10AM TO 1PM 1PM TO 4:30PM 4:30PM TO 8PM

SUNDAY, FEB 6

10AM TO 1PM 1PM TO 4PM

Prairie Bowmen Lincoln

President's Day Shoot

NFAA 300 Round

NFAA Classes

Saturday February 18th, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Sunday February 19th, 2012

Continuous Line: 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m

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For further details

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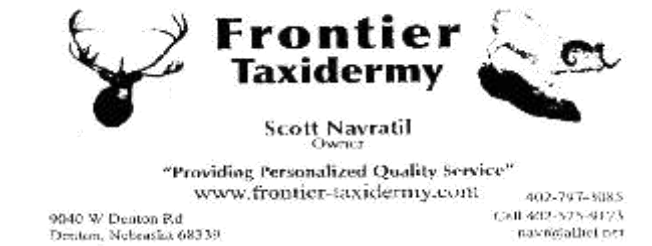
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your board of directors for the vote of confidence, by asking me to fill the remaining portion of Jeremy's term as President of Prairie Bowmen. This is not a responsibility I take lightly, and I promise to do what I can for the good of our club. Jeremy we appreciate what you did as our President and totally understand why you felt you needed to step down. At our Board meeting on Jan 16th we installed; Jim Tubbs as your new Vice President of Target, Brent Croner as your Website Coordinator and Dan Tubbs as your Rangemaster. We also need to give a Big Prairie Bowmen Thank You to outgoing board members Rob Barlow for his 11 years of service, Belinda Hickman for her 4 years of service and Ross Young who filled out the remaining term of our past rangemaster.

Our 3-D league and our target league are off to a good start, sounds like there is still room for more shooters! Come on down and join in the fun if you can, target league is on Tuesday night's and 3-D league is on Thursday nights. Our club was well represented in January, at the Iowa Pro-Am, Tim Hendrichs, Jeremy Boyer, Mike and Dan Olsen, Jim Tubbs and myself all shot....some of them even shot pretty well. Our indoor 3-D on the 14th and Money Shoot on the 15th were successful. I know several of our club members will be joining about 1,500 shooters, from around the world, at the World Archery Festival in Vegas Feb 10th thru the 12th, we wish them all Good Luck!

I hope to see you all at the Annual Banquet on Feb 17th followed by our Annual Presidents Day shoot on the 18th and 19th. We also do the first leg of our Nebraska vs Kansas shoot during the Presidents Day shoot.....the Kansas guys are gunning for us after we but a BIG RED whooping on them last year! Shoot straight!

- Tom Nauman

2012 Indoor 3-D

Thanks to Jr. members Elijah Carlisle, David Solorio and Kayona Reed this year's indoor 3-D was lots of fun and as you can see from the scores on the web site, a little bit of a challenge. This year's shoot was a non-competitive format with scoring optional. All score sheets turned in have been posted to the website.

It would have been great to have a better turn out but all those who attended were full of compliments and seemed to have a good time.

When will the next indoor 3-D be held at Prairie Bowmen?

'When pigs fly ! ! ! !

See you all again Next Year ! ! !

-Danny Tubbs

RANGEMASTER REPORT

Well, it's official. I am now the new rangemaster for the Prairie Bowmen Outdoor Range. My phone number and e-mail address should now be listed in the newsletter and on the website. Please don't hesitate to contact me about problems or if you have suggestions or Ideas for improving the conditions at the indoor or outdoor ranges. As I stated in my nomination letter I will be inspecting both ranges for needed improvements and will be posting volunteer lists for those who wish to assist in accomplishing these goals. If you see something on a list that you feel you would be willing to participate in either as a helper or a job leader please let me know and I will do everything I am in power to do to help you acquire any necessary tools, supplies and equipment to get the job done. Thanks again and I hope to see lots of new faces working around the range.

-Danny Tubbs

Practice or Just Shooting?

As hunting seasons begin to wind down, now is a good time to start thinking about shooting winter leagues and tournaments. Prairie Bowmen has an excellent facility to sharpen your shooting skills, or at least keep them sharp during the winter. Target league is on Tuesdays and 3-D league is on Thursdays. These leagues can be a great time, regardless if you want to shoot competitively, just plain have fun, or both.

When I moved to Pocatello Idaho about 10 years ago, I was thrilled to find they had a first class facility for indoor shooting during the winter months. As a matter of fact they had 4 leagues per week, Vegas style, NFAA style, a special traditional league and a couple's league. **Pretty much about any type shooting you wanted! Before I moved to Idaho, thanks to a good friend and great target shooter, Jim Hunt, I was introduced to a world class target archer by the name of Dee Wilde. I took Dee turkey hunting for a couple of years here in Nebraska and we became very good friends. Dee lives in Pocatello so I knew when I moved there I would have someone to shoot with, but little did I know how much I would learn from Dee and his sons Reo and Logan.**

I think for years I just shot, and figured the more I shot the better I would get....problem was I never really got any better. I became "famous" for being the guy who was always trying the newest and best equipment thinking that would make me shoot better. I made small improvements with some equipment changes but most had no real effect. When I started shooting leagues in Pocatello, I was shocked to see how many really good shooters they had. It seemed there was one common thread, "coaching", not to mention three professional archers in the club! Dee kind of took me under his wing at that point and very patiently began to coach me. Dee's son Reo became one of my best friends and truly spent tons of time with me as well. Dee's youngest son Logan ran the archery shop in Pocatello and was always willing to help with adjusting/changing my equipment. The best part of their coaching was they were patient, plus they had seen and probably coached through just about every bad habit I had. Many times during our practice together we would laugh about some of the bad habits and then we would truly spend some time trying to fix them. I could go on and on about how we tried to fix things, which I will gladly share with you anytime, but I don't want to write a novel.

One of the best lessons I learned from Reo is, count "EVERY SHOT". In his mind, poor practice was worse than no practice at all. His practice sessions consisted to two practice rounds then a full match every time he shot. He might shoot 4-5 matches a day but each match would consist of two practice rounds followed by a full match. He was constantly fine tuning his bow during the match, but counted every arrow, even if his fine tuning caused a poor hit. He constantly amazed me with how he could tell exactly where the arrow would go if he made a bad shot, or over corrected something during his fine tuning. He never started a practice session by waiting till he "warmed-up" before he started scoring....always 2 practice rounds and then officially started scoring. The only exception to this would be during tournaments where they might allow some warm-up period prior to the actual start of the match. Reo and I often shot against each other during our practice sessions, of course he always spotted me points, but never quite enough. He also made me shoot with distractions, like RAP music, which he knew I hated, just to force me to better focus. This was hard for me at first, but pretty quickly I found that this would make me shoot better. I guess I learned there was no such thing as a wasted shot! I still think I shoot much better if I can warm-up for a little bit first, probably because it takes a little time to get this old body ready to shoot, but I still count every arrow, even if it doesn't get on a scorecard. Because of what I've learned during the last ten years....I better understand....the term "Perfect Practice makes Perfect". If your practice sessions don't yield better shooting maybe your just shooting.....not really practicing!

-Tom Nauman

BOWHUNTING AND THE NFAA by John Elliott

I was reading an article in the (NFAA) National Field Archery Association's magazine. I been a member since the late 70's and have done a lot of shooting over the years. I have heard a lot of people tell me they are just a hunter and paper or target shooting is not their thing. This article by Debra Sieloff and a National Indoor Champion is also a Bowhunter. The following is part of her article:

"Avid bow hunters sometimes overlook the fun of hunting species that are available 365 day a year, in many places, including certain small game and coyotes. Depending on your state hunting regulations, you can hunt them year-round with archery or other legal methods. In certain instances, you can hunt without a license, even though most small game licenses are cheap.

Small game hunting can help big game hunters keep their hunting skills sharp in between seasons. It can also offer additional game or problem animal control, as in the case of prairie dogs and ground hogs near ranches, raccoons in areas where conservations are working to bring back bird species, and the notorious coyote, which wreaks havoc on fawn and calf populations, turkey and livestock. Most ranchers welcome hunters who ask permission to legally hunt problem species.

Those times when you are out scouting the woods, fields, and mountains for big game, you can take you archery gear and a small game license, and have a good time. Make sure you comply with hunting regulations when you do so. When in doubt, contact your local authorities for clarification or compliance.

But how does this relate to NFAA? The NFAA has fantastic indoor archery formats that can benefit the small game hunters. The targets are practical, and the distances are reasonable for the size of the target: 20 yards. The two styles of target s allow hunters – **one larger, for those who are just starting to learn indoor archery shooting, and a "five spot" for expert-level archers who have a high percentage of shots in the bullseye.**

Hunters are used to dealing with low light levels. So, indoor archery lets you put yourself into a shooting situation where you can practice making a shot in low light with the commotion of a competition to distract your concentration. And who doesn't have some sort of distraction while hunting, even if it is the sound of your heart beating out of your chest.

An indoor round is shot with five arrows per end. Then you score and pull the arrow, and shoot again. There are 12 ends per round. You'll shoot 60 arrows per round. Some tournaments are one round, some are two – shot over two days. So review the tournament description if you are entering an official NFAA event. If you are a hunter who is new to NFAA indoor archery, start out with the single spot. It is the biggest version of the indoor-style target. When all of your arrows are in the scoring rings (all blue rings plus the white center bulls eye), graduate to the five spot.

Set goals, such as hitting each spot with one arrow per spot 50 percent of the time (blue plus white bullseye). You should be able to reach that with the help of an instructor and a bow that's tuned. Then increase your goals to 80 percent scoring, until all your arrows score. If you want to drive yourself to be a better shooter, set goals for the percentage of bullseyes that you shoot. Try a local NFAA indoor league, a tournament or championship. There are NFAA Indoor sectionals, which represent a multi-state championship, that run from January to April. Then there is the crown jewel: the NFAA Indoor National Championships if you want to try your target expertise or just have a lot of fun with hundreds of other archers on the shooting line all at the same time. **There are bow hunter divisions, if you want to show off your skills with your hunting set up."**

Ok, you get the idea of the excerpt from her article. Most of the target archers today started as Bowhunters, we are not born good but it takes practice at this or any sport to become that good at it. I once told an individual, that if he went to Indoor Nationals that I **"GUARANTEED"** that he would not be in last place. Guess what, he wasn't and has like myself, become hooked on this great indoor sport. It does not make you a better hunter because you get that by actually hunting and acquiring knowledge of the game you hunt but it will make you a better shot at the game you hunt with more confidence. We have a great NFAA approved indoor facility provided by your Prairie Bowmen Archery Club. Take advantage of it and come join the league or just come out and make yourself a better shot by shooting a little paper. It is fun and leagues have just started. If you just want to shoot at critters then come to the 3D league and be prepared to have fun and bring a friend and get them started too! I am now retired and a senior citizen but I still enjoy shooting leagues and haven't missed an Indoor National's since the second one they had. (I missed the first one because I wasn't shooting at the time). This all started for me 30 some years ago just 50 miles North of Lincoln in Omaha. It took someone to say: **"Let's do this. It might be fun and it is only 50 miles away"**. Come out and give paper targets a try, who knows, you might like it and become a PAPER JUNKY as I did. See you at the target butt!

PRAIRIE BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB'S

ANNUAL BANQUET

Friday, February 17, 2012

(RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 13, 2012)

Havelock Social Hall

4538 N. 62nd Street

6:00	Social Hour
7:00	Meeting
7:15	DINNER
8:00	Guest Speaker / Dick Turpin
8:45	Awards and Door Prizes

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This will be a 20 station, 40 shot event with 5 competitive adult classes, (Amateur, Traditional, Hunter, Wildcat and Mountain Man), along with the usual youth classes. Also, included in your shoot fee will be a bonus 20 target 2-D Turkey Shoot.

This is a great opportunity to blow the dust off those old re-curves and long bows that you started out with and just have some fun.

There will also be lightweight bows for anyone to use. You may bring your own arrows or purchase some inexpensive arrows at the shoot.

Competitive shooting games will be available as well as the the dollar 'long shot'.

Fees will be as follows ;

Adult Members	\$10.00 single round	\$20.00 shoot all day	
Adult Non-members	\$12.00 single round	\$25.00 shoot all day	
17 and under members	\$8.00 single round	\$16.00 shoot all day	17 and un-
der non members	\$10.00 single round	\$20.00 shoot all day	

Watch next month's newsletter for more info and shoot coupons.

Hope to see you all there.

Danny Tubbs

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Event Schedule

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| February 3-5th | Booth @ Sports Show |
| February 17th | Banquet |
| February 18-19 th | President's Day Shoot |
| March 18 | Trad only Outdoor 3D |