



Prairie Bowmen

JULY 2012

President's Report

Boy does this year seem to be screaming by! I have had something related to archery almost every weekend all year.....and there is no end in sight J It sure seems that there is something for everyone in this sport, liberal hunting seasons, target and bowhunter leagues in winter and summer, local, state, national and world target tournaments, 3-D's every weekend all summer long....the list goes on and on. I hope most of you have taken advantage of some of these great opportunities.

The last couple of weeks have been a blast for me. Four of us from Nebraska made the long trip to Grand Junction CO for the Big Sky Open....three even came back with \$\$\$ (guess who didn't). Last weekend we held a FHA (Field-Hunter-Animal) warm-up at our range... we actually had 20 shooters, many more than we expected which was great....too bad only 2 from our club could make it. July 1st is the State FHA in Grand Island, July 3rd and 4th Prairie Bowmen Fireworks Stand, July 7th and 8th to Yankton SD for the Classic, July 14th money shoot in G.I., July 15th State 900 in G. I., July 20th Opening ceremonies for our Cornhusker State Games, July 21st and 22nd Target portion of State Games, 28th and 29th NASP and 3-D portion of State Games.....and of course 3-D's every weekend all over the state. Gosh I really love this sport...i can't think of any other that gives us so many opportunities to participate. If you haven't signed up for Cornhusker State Games...there is still plenty of time!

On August 11th and 12th our Life Members will host the annual Prairie Bowmen Jamboree at our Galloway range. It promises to be a great weekend with tons of 3-D shooting, a silhouette shoot, Broadhead contest, Rambo Run.....and many many more things! A highlight will be our annual fish fry on Saturday afternoon.....more info will follow next month about this great weekend.

In addition to all the shooting there are lots of other projects related to archery going on. We are working on an update of Prairie Bowmen By-laws, forming a budget committee, planning to reactivate our visionary committee, and forming a nomination committee. We currently have the largest club in the state with right at 280 members.....from this group at our November Pot Luck and club meeting, we will need to elect....a President, Secretary, Bowhunter Coordinator, Youth Education Coordinator and a Newsletter Coordinator We need you! If you have any interest in any of these positions let me know.....our nominating committee is always looking for members who want to step up and become a more active part of our club.

Shoot straight and I hope to see ALL of you at some of our functions over the next month.
Tom

JOAD

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD)

The sessions are 10 weeks long and cost a total of \$15.00 for Prairie Bowmen nonmembers and \$12.00 for members. One is in session now! For more information on the program call Mr. Jan Robertson cell 430 1209 or 464 2183

Mondays 7pm

Indoor Range: 345 S 14th st



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TARGET WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF

July 21st & 22nd

At 1010 Galloway Ave.

NASP will be held the weekend on

Saturday July 28th at

North American Martyrs

1101 Isaac Drive

3D will be held the weekend of

July 28th & 29th and be held at

Boosalis Park – 44th & Superior.

Deadline for Target & NASP are July 19th

Deadline for 3D is July 26th

Go to www.cornhuskerstategames.com

To register

Target Rep Report

The end of May and the month of June, have been busy at the outdoor range. On May 27th we tried a new format, which we called the Iron Archer. Archers started the day shooting a 450 Fita round, at 50 yards, at a 80 cm target. This was followed by a 14 target F/H/A round and then finished off with a 25 target marked yardage 3-d. Although it made for a long day, we had many positive comments, from the 18 archer that shoot. I believe I will try it again next year, just not on a holiday weekend.

This past weekend, June 24th, we had a F/H/A tournament, which I billed as a tune-up for the State Tournament on July 1st, in Grand Island. I was pleasantly surprised when 20 shooters registered. That was great. The only thing I worried about, was did I have enough food for lunch. Even though it was hot and muggy, everyone had a great time.

The target portion of the Cornhusker State Summer Games, will be help at our range, 1010 Galloway, on the weekend of July 21st & 22nd. We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up, tear down and concessions. If you would like to volunteer, please give me a call at 402-435-1159 or 402-430-7783.

This year the annual club jamboree is scheduled for August 11th & 12th. We have decided to try something new this year and have the annual fish fry that Saturday night. We also are planning some fun things that evening. This year's jamboree will be run by the lifetime members. Make sure to put this on your schedule, as you won't want to miss it. We will have more information in the July newsletter.

Participation at the outdoor leagues has been a little sparse, but we still have a couple weeks left. The last night of league will be July 12th.

Hope to see you at the range!!

Jim

July 2012

You, Your Bow and Hot Weather

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1. Wear loose fitting, light colored, clothing (I once read mosquitos like the color blue so I avoid it), the light colored clothing helps you see those pesky ticks better as well.
2. Thermacell's work! So does bug spray but remember to wash your hands after application as it can wreak havoc on your camo paint job, or any plastic parts...especially lens. Permatone is good on your clothes (do not apply to your skin) to help keep ticks away.
3. Don't forget your sunscreen....sunburns lead to skin cancer...make sure you give your ears and nose extra protection. If you wear sandals, I have seen some pretty nasty burns on the feet so don't forget them.
4. A hat is important....especially for those of us who might be somewhat "folically impaired"
5. Drink plenty of water or Gatorade.....pop is not the best thirst quencher no matter how good it tastes. Beer or alcohol should be avoided.
6. Heat stroke is a very serious issue, it can happen to anyone, but affects both the old and young most often. A wet cloth applied to the back of the neck has helped me many times. Rest, sit and stay in the shade when you can.
7. When transporting your bow in the vehicle, having the bow in a case will help keep it cool. I personally cover mine with a sleeping bag as I don't like to take off my stabilizer to make it fit in the case. Temps inside a vehicle can exceed 150 degrees, protecting your bow from that extreme heat will assure the heat doesn't damage it. I have even seen arrows lose their points and even fletchings if they get too hot.
8. Heat can cause even the best strings and cables to stretch, thus affecting your draw length and tune some.
9. I carry a towel to wipe off the sweat and a lens cloth to keep my glasses clean and dry.
10. Many more things could be mentioned but these are a few that I make sure I watch

Club News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have six new members this month. We have 1 single membership and 5 families. Let us welcome our single membership first, she is Julie Miller. Our first of five families is a returning member who had left the flock but has now returned. Welcome Steve Mulinix and his family Ann and Joshua. Next is Michael Elwood kalong with Ellan and Jacob. Our third family is Clark, Rita and Scott Antonson. Scott is also one of my mentor kids who shot his first turkey or for that matter, his first critter. Congrats Scott! Last family is Dan and Shelly Schack. Dan and Shelly are the merchandise buyers for the Nebraska Bowhunters Association. I would like to welcome all of these new or returning members to our wonder family of archers. Please make them welcome and extend them a helping hand all good will to make them feel at home. AGAIN WELCOME TO ALL!

FIREWORKS STAND

With a lot of effort on behalf of this club, a club member came through and found us a NEW LOCATION. (As of this writing, the building at 25th and "O" St. has been leveled and well on its way to being a convenient store and car wash.) Our new location is in the parking lot west of Don's New and Used Tire at 2149 Cornhusker and just east of Uncle Ron's Country Western Bar. We will be open from 8AM till Midnight on July 3 and from 8AM till 11PM on the July 4th. Come out and buy your fireworks in and support the effort of some 80+ volunteers will set up and run the stand for our club. I still have a couple of spots open if you can help. Call John Elliott at 466-6391 or 540-7238 or Belinda Hickman at 416-7237. I am going to thank all those volunteers now that gave up their precious time to help out the club. THANK YOU ALL!



Support the club! Buy fireworks from Prairie Bowman!

Location: 2149 Cornhusker Lincoln, Ne

Parking lot west of Don's New and Used Tire

Open the 3rd and 4th.

Rangemaster Report

“Warning” “Danger” “Warning” “Danger” “Warning”

This situation has not changed since the last newsletter

Please use extreme caution when navigating through the lower range near Target butt number 18. A very large tree has come up-rooted and is balanced over the top of the trail on another tree's extended branches. This situation is very unstable and extremely dangerous. I have safety taped this area off and am asking everyone to please not venture into this area until we can remove the danger. I cannot begin to fully express how dangerous this situation is and how fast your curiosity could get you severely injured or killed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I've been pretty busy with responsibilities at home and at work over this last month and honestly have spent very little time at either range. I'm still working on putting target patterns on the American range butts and soon will be placing 2-D animal targets on the upper and lower range butts. Still lots to do at the range to get things cleaned up and in good shape. Lane assignments are still available.

Work at the indoor range bathroom has been delayed but I should be getting started on this project before the end of June. Still working on cleaning up tree damage and repairing fence around the outdoor range, and thanks to Jim Tubbs the mowing has been kept up to a manageable level that allows members to navigate the course freely.

Lastly, if you have a special skill or talent that would be useful in the upkeep of the ranges or in an emergency and would like to share this skill with the club please call me.

As always, looking forward to meeting you 'out on the range'.

Nebraska Challenge Report

As usual, the best thing about the Nebraska Challenge was the opportunity to meet some very special people who also love and support our sport.

Working with the guys at Whiterock was truly a much more enjoyable experience than I had expected. Bruce, Cody and Cade did everything they could do to make my job easier and were constantly asking if there was anything else they could help with.

Special thanks to Prairie Bowmen members Robin Ward and Bob Rau for all their help. These guys have had my back on many occasions over the years and I can't express in words how much their help and support has meant to me and how valuable these guys are to this club.

My nephews, Elijah, Tereic and David and my niece Kayona were helping with set up, helped run the event, were there to tear down and lastly helped put things away at the indoor and outdoor ranges after the shoot. The kids also enjoyed working with the guys at Whiterock and especially enjoyed meeting Cody and Cade's Dad who took a lot of time out of his day just to hang out with them and talk.

Numbers were low (55 total shooters), but all who attended had lots of compliments for us and except for the wind enjoyed the challenging shots.

Buck, the shooting horse made an appearance but the windy conditions kept shooters a little shy. Those who did shoot usually enjoyed it enough that they shot more than once.

Scores have been posted to the website and Awards are in the process of being distributed.

Plans are already being made for the 2013 shoot and if all goes as planned it will take place at Mahoney State Park. Participating Clubs have yet to be selected.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this years event and I hope to see you and a friend at next year's NEBRASKA CHALLENGE 3-D ARCHERY EVENT.



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We are on the Web
Prairiebowmen.org

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Here*

OUTDOOR RANGE
1010 GALLOWAY RD.

INDOOR RANGE
345 S. 14TH ST.

Prairie Bowmen has a new phone number!

Prairie Bowmen's new phone number will be **800-307-0610**. We have decided to trade in the club phones for a voicemail service. This change will save the club a substantial amount of cash every year. The new number features a greeting message and a chance to leave a message. After leaving a message, someone will answer your query in a reasonable amount of time.



Have a happy and fun fourth of July ! Make sure to be safe .Don't forget to visit the Prairie Bowmen fireworks stand! ;)