



Prairie Bowmen

June 2012

President's Report

Well by the time you get this newsletter, turkey season will be over, so I hope the hunters in our club got a chance to go after the "Tom's" this spring. It sure seemed to be a strange season...I don't think I have ever hunted in a year where we had so much wind and it is the first turkey season I remember where it never snowed one time the entire season!

Summertime for archers is a great time! There is always something to do; summer leagues, 3-D tournaments, local, state and National target competitions, bowfishing, Cornhusker State Games, or just getting together with friends to shoot a few arrows....the list is truly endless. I hope you all get out and enjoy some or all of these activities.

As your board has prepared for these summer activities, it takes lots of effort and a fair amount of money to make everything happen! Just to give you an example over the last 60 days we have spent \$1,800 for fiberboard to repair the butts at the outdoor and indoor ranges, \$1,000 for 10 new Saunders mats for Cornhusker State Games and other outdoor shoots, and about \$3,000 on 3-D targets. It is really sad that about \$1,000 of the 3-D expense is to replace targets that were stolen from our shoots. This doesn't include the expenses of range management and repairs, gas for mowing, taxes, etc. and of course our monthly payments of just over \$1,100 for indoor range rent and mortgage payment for the lower range.

For a club to function, provide shooting opportunities, maintain equipment and ranges for shooting, etc. it takes much more than just annual dues to make ends meet. 3-D tournaments are and have always been one of our best ways to generate funds and provide entertainment for our club members, our club typically has 4-5 3-D's per year. We used to average 80-100 shooters per shoot, with well over 50% of the shooters being club members. Today we barely average 50 shooters with less than 25% being club members, most clubs, (Big Blue is certainly the exception) have experienced similar drops in shooter numbers but most have actually had a higher % of their club members making up the crowd. Maybe the cost of travel has hampered attendance from outlying areas. I'm not sure why our own club participation is down so much. I don't shoot many 3-D's so most others will have better ideas why crowds are down. If you have ideas, suggestions and anything that will help, please share it with your board. I do shoot most target competitions throughout the state and the crowds are down significantly there as well. I attend several National shoots also and the crowds there are not down as a matter of fact Vegas had their biggest crowd in years. Another way the club generates funds is winter and summer leagues. Our winter 3-D league has been fairly well attended with 30 or so shooters each week. Target league had less than 10. Our summer leagues started this last week. As most of you know I live in Hastings so I don't make all the functions of our club. I did drive over on Tuesday to shoot target league and brought 2 of my buddies from Grand Island with me.....needless to say I was a bit surprised there were a total of 4 of us shooting, I hope bowhunter league goes better.

Prairie Bowmen has a membership of around 280 members, making it by far the largest club in the state! Here is some food for thought WHAT IF: every club member attended one more club shoot per year... $280 \times \$15 = \$4,200$. WHAT IF: just 10% of our club shot Winter Target league $28 \times \$5 = \$140 \times 12 \text{ weeks} = \$1,680$. WHAT IF: just 20% of our club shot winter 3-D league $56 \times \$5 = \$280 \times 12 \text{ weeks} = \$3,360$. WHAT IF: we could get just 10% of our club to shoot summer leagues...even $\frac{1}{2}$ the time. WHAT IF: PEOPLE STARTING HAVING FUN AGAIN AND BROUGHT THEIR FRIENDS TO SHOOT TOO AND WE DOUBLED OUR CROWDS!!!!!! I hope this doesn't sound like a soapbox but it sure sounds like a much better way to keep the club healthy to me. Until next timeshoot with us PLEASE!!!!!! And shoot straight!

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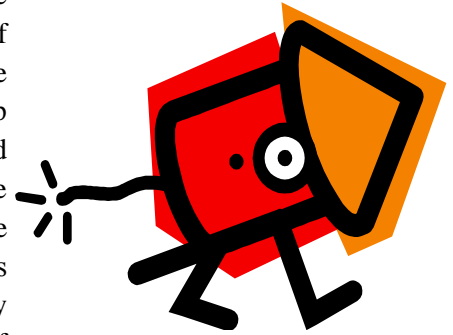
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Fireworks Stand

The call went out to club members to help find us a new location for our fireworks stand. Thanks to Mitch Egan, we have found a new location. We have a couple of hurdles to jump yet first getting State license and then the City license. This may take up to two weeks since this is a new location and must meet with their approval. Assuming we get everything needed our stand will be in the parking lot next to Don's New & Used Tires at 2141 Cornhusker. As usual this is a very big undertaking for us and will need lots of help with the stand. It will take approx. 80 volunteers just to operate the stand when it is open, besides getting it set up and tore down.



We will be setting up on Tuesday July 2 and the stand will be open ONLY July 3 and 4. This is a very fun event for the whole family, so you single members include your significant other and the family members, the whole family can get involved. July 4th is a Wednesday this year so that should help with getting volunteers to help. Plan on a fun time with very short time slots and help us make this new location a successful adventure.

Belinda Hickman is going to be the New Chairperson for this event and I will be teaching and assisting her so look for an email and a phone call in the near future. Next month is June already so it will be here fast. Thanks for all your help with the fireworks stands in the past and your future help. Thanks again!

John Elliott

Nebraska Challenge 3-D

As indicated by the enclosed flier, Prairie Bowmen will be teaming up with Whiterock Archery to put on this year's shoot.

Mowing, trimming and preparation for this event will be taking place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (June 6th, 7th & 8th). Teardown will begin around 3pm on Sunday June 10th.

Whiterock Archery's range is near Garland, Nebraska. If you would like to help with any part of this shoot please call me. One of the main things I will need help with is hauling trailers to the outdoor range Sunday afternoon.

Hope to see you all there,
Danny Tubbs
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Target Rep Report

As the target rep for Prairie Bowmen, I try to write a monthly article for the newsletter. There are times when it is difficult to come up with a subject to write about. Since winter leagues are over and summer leagues have just started, I thought I'd write about what the word **participation** means.

Here are a couple definitions I found, **1)** The act of sharing in the activity of a group **2)** The condition of sharing in common with others **3)** action taken by a group of people **4)** participation by all members of a group, organization or club.

By these definitions, we as a club are lacking in these areas, because as a group, we are not getting much participation! We are by far the largest club in the state, but from what I have seen in my travels to shoots across the state, we aren't a very active club.

No where in our bylaws does it say that, as members we have to participate in anything the club does, but I would hope members would want to participate in club events. Another reason to participate is the survival of the club. In today's economy, we can't survive on dues alone. We need to have our club members participate in our shoots, and we can't rely on the majority of our revenue coming from the public to support at these activities.

The last 3-d we had, we had 12 Prairie Bowmen members participate, out of 50. 25% of the total was not bad, but 12 out of 280 (members in our club) is not good. Just this past Tuesday night we had only 4 people shoot our outdoor target league....three of them were from the Grand Island club!

I believe the question we must all ask ourselves is, how do we make sure Prairie Bowmen can survive for the next 50 plus years? If things continue the way they are now, and we don't get better participation from our members, the next 50 years could be very tough.

If anyone has ideas on how they would like to see leagues, shoots (target or 3-d's) done, **please** let the board know. We are willing to try about anything.

Cornhusker State Games

The target portion of the Cornhusker State Games will be held at Prairie Bowmen's range at 1010 Galloway Ave., on July 21st & 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to make sure the range is in shape and to help with set up and tear down. This is a great way to showcase our club and range. Please give me or Tom Nauman a call if you would like to help. We will also need help with food for the weekend. If members can't help with set up or help with the food, donations of desserts, hamburger and hotdog buns, chips, etc, would be very helpful. The more donations we receive, the less we have to purchase. Therefore we can make more profit.

Looking forward to seeing and working with you all!

Target leagues on Tuesdays & Bowhunter leagues on Thursdays! No league on June 14th

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.

**THIRD ANNUAL NEBRASKA
CHALLENGE
3-D ARCHERY EVENT
JUNE 9TH AND 10TH, 2012**

**HOSTED BY LINCOLN NEBRASKA'S
PRAIRIE BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB &
WHITEROCK ARCHERY CLUB OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA**

**THIS YEARS NEBRASKA CHALLENGE WILL BE HELD AT
WHITEROCK ARCHERY'S OUTDOOR RANGE
LOCATED AT 1745 MCKELVIE ROAD NEAR GARLAND,
NEBRASKA**

**AND WILL CONSIST OF TWO COMPLETE 40 SHOT IBO DISTANCE
COMPETATIVE 3-D COURSES ON 64 LANES.**

**40 FUN AND CHALLENGING WILDLIFE SCENERIOS
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SHOOT ONE COURSE FOR \$15.00 OR BOTH FOR \$25.00**

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Rangemaster Report

***“Warning” “Danger”
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“Warning”***

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.

The new door has been installed on the clubhouse. There is still a little more work to do to make it more secure and this will probably be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Both I and John Elliott experienced shocks attempting to use the water and some electrical appliances at the outdoor range. Thanks to Member Merle Rich the problem was located and now is under control. Please take the time to thank Merle if you happen to run into him. His unselfish willingness to help is always appreciated and has been extremely valuable to the club on many occasions over the years. Thanks again, Merle.

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 should be completed before the end of June. Still working on cleaning up tree damage and repairing fence around the outdoor range, and naturally mowing is always behind.

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'.

Danny Tubbs

Minutes of Prairie Bowmen Inc.
April 16, 2012

Board Members present: Tom Nauman, Cindie Jisa, Patty Hickman, Gary Larson, Belinda Hickman, Brett Croner, Gary Waters, Jim Tubbs, and Danny Tubbs.

Board Members absent: Gary Larson.

Members Present: Ross Young, John Elliott.

1. Meeting called to order 6:58pm
2. Minutes read and approved with corrections
3. Report By Cindie Jisa: Computer restored but has major issues. NBA check cashed. Entries current and correct.
4. Website report by Brett Croner: explained website set up and plans to bring a computer to demonstrate next time.
5. Newsletter report by Belinda Hickman: Articles are needed by Friday at 8pm. Newsletter will be out by the following friday.
6. Rangemaster Report by Danny Tubbs: 3D shoot is to be held in two weeks. New door is to be installed into the clubhouse. Bathroom remodeling is still to be done, bathroom will be closed for a week when this occurs. Rebuilt butts have dots painted on them. Grating is to be done and the driveway needs gravel. The bottom is to be sprayed. Back fence has been repaired and no trespassing signs put up. Help with projects is needed.
7. Target Report by Jim Tubbs: Targets are needed. Will introduce FHA in bowhunter league. Jim also wants to set up a fire ring and promote social time after league. Ross will help with set up. Only 3 people shot the last club championship. \$215.00 was turned on from league by Jim Tubbs.
8. Youth Coordinator report by Gary Waters: Kids camp is May 5th. Set up starts on Friday night. After kids camp a detailed financial report will be given. Gary suggested his idea for two different kids camps to tailor information to the age groups presented to, with the older half set up as more of a bowhunting camp. The Eagle scout projects are still waiting to be approved.
9. Membership Chairman John Elliott reported that there were no new memberships this month.
10. Danny would like to have an open house on Saturday, Sept 8th. Set up with older 3d targets and open for no cost to the public. Refreshments would also be served.
11. Discussion about the club computer and the need for backup flash drives in case of an emergency. Treasurer is authorized to look for a computer \$400.00 or less.
12. Two skids of fiberboard still need to be transported to Lincoln. Another club was interested in 1 skid, but after discussion it was decided that the club would keep both skids.
13. Club's new voicemail/contact number is 1-800-307-0610
14. Easter egg hunt went well with about 20 children in attendance. This year one person donated and about 600 eggs were hidden.
15. Firework location sold. A new location is needed.
16. Dues increase was discussed. it was decided that an increase was not needed at this time.
17. Receipts from shoots and itemized ledgers were discussed.



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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**

We are on the Web
Prairiebowmen.org

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Here*

**OUTDOOR RANGE INDOOR RANGE
1010 GALLOWAY RD. 345 S. 14TH ST.**

“HISTORICAL “TRIVIA QUESTIONS”

1. Our club members were instrumental in getting the NE Game & Parks Commission to offer an archery deer season. What year was the first Archery season?
2. On March 16, 1969, what woman club member shot the highest score or either men or women at a State Indoor Tournament?
3. One of our club members has the specialty plate 300 60xs. What does that stand for?
4. The first Nebraska archer to harvest a deer in 1950 and then later become a member of Prairie Bowmen? _____
5. What club member shot the first deer in the first Nebraska Archery season?
6. We have had 8 Honorary Members in the Prairie Bowmen, 4 of these are TV personalities. Who are they?

HISTORICAL “TRIVIA QUESTIONS” Last Months Answers

- Who was the first president of the Archery Club? Bob Ellis
- What club member has a sausage making operation just west of Lincoln? Virg Ward
- One of our life members operated a grocery store on 11th Street? What was the name of the grocery store and owner? Klein’s Grocery and Wes Klein
- Who was the club member that owned a Hobby Store on “O” Street in Lincoln for many years and has the Big Buck Trophy named after him? Dick Koch