



Prairie Bowmen

March 2012

News for March 2012

Letter from the President

Wow what an action packed weekend! The attendance at the Banquet was great. Thanks to John Elliot and his committee for making the Banquet successful. Many details about the Banquet are mentioned throughout the newsletter. As always, we enjoyed the very colorful Dick Turpin, I'm sure about 50% of what he said was "somewhat" true, thank you Dick for your entertaining talk. Special thank you plaques were presented to past board members Rob Barlow for 11 years, John Elliott for 17 years and Belinda Hickman for 4 years. Belinda is back on our board, as she agreed to fill the rest of the term of the newsletter position after Ryan decided to resign. Another Prairie Bowmen thank you goes to Richard Vogus for taking pictures of the Banquet

Our Presidents day shoot was a success with 67 shooters attending Saturday night and Sunday. Our Nebraska Team sent the boys from Kansas home licking their wounds in the first leg of the 2012 Kansas vs Nebraska challenge. I think when we head down there on March 24th they are going to want to send us back to Nebraska licking our wounds as well.....but I have faith our Nebraska Team will reign supreme again.

If you haven't been on our Website lately give it a look there are some pretty cool changes. This past summer several of our Life members had a meeting and we agreed to ramrod a work-day in March. Well it looks like we will do that on March 17th.....so I need all Life members and anyone else who is willing and able to help. We plan to clean up our bottom range and any other projects Rangemaster Dan Tubbs has in store for us. Bring your chain saws, weed eaters, gloves and energy. I haven't asked yet but I'm hoping to get Jim Tubbs to fix a little breakfast for us that morning.....please Jim.....let's all meet there at 8 am.

Until next time....shoot straight.

Tom Nauman

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

JOAD News

A new Program in the JOAD world is a "Mail in" tournament. JOAD clubs may send in scores every quarter for this national tournament and how they do against other JOAD clubs. We had a few members who wanted to do this last quarter and those few showed good results.

These members brought home two first places and one third place, pretty good for a national tournament. The club members receiving the awards were **Autumn Nutter, Noah** and **Chloe Wittiwier**. Congratulations!

Jan Robertson





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Rangemaster Report

The heavy, wet snow was not very friendly to the outdoor range. A large pine tree broke off about 10 feet up on the trunk and was blocking the road into the range. Went out today to remove it and someone had pulled it off the road and into a clearing. Thank you to whoever did that. It made it a lot easier for me to cut it up and remove it. I haven't made my way around the entire range but where I have been there is a lot of tree damage. Planning to make several trips out there over the next month. I am planning to cut the big stuff into manageable logs and hoping to obtain the use of a chopper and cut the smaller branches into mulch for the trails. This should also make the task of mowing a little easier.

Started working on butts. Hope to have all of them repaired and targets posted on them over the next several weeks. Bathroom remodel at the indoor range is on the schedule. Just have to coordinate a time when I have three days off and there are no activities going on that we would need the restroom for.

The Prairie Bowmen light/sign is repaired and re-hung at the indoor. If you would like to volunteer for anything just give me a call and I will make sure you have everything you need to get it done.

Great banquet this year. I don't think you could find a better meal in Lincoln. That alone was worth the price. Congratulations to everyone who received an award and a big 'Thank You' to Dick Turpin for sharing the 'Real Truth' with us. See you all 'on the range'.

Danny Tubbs

Traditional Only Outdoor

3-D

March 18th, 2012

Prairie Bowmen Outdoor Range
1010 Galloway in Lincoln, NE
for a day of fun with the 'Stick and String'.

20 station, 40 shot event with 5 competitive adult classes:

Amateur, Traditional, Hunter, Wildcat and Mountain Man, along with the usual youth classes.

First place trophy available in all classes.

Also, included in your shoot fee will be a bonus **20 target 2-D Turkey Shoot.**

Competitive Shooting Games

Winner take all 'Dollar' Long Shot

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 several traditional bows of varying weights for anyone to use. You may bring your own arrows or purchase some inexpensive arrows at the shoot. (Arrows available for lightweight bows only).

Adult Members

\$10.00 single round/\$20.00 all day

Adult Non-members

\$12.00 single round/ \$25.00 all day

17 and under members

\$8.00 single round / \$16.00 all day

17 and under non members

\$10.00 single round /\$20.00 all day

Hope to see you all there.

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Combination Change:

The combination will be changed at both the indoor and outdoor ranges after the release of the **April newsletter**. If your April newsletter does not have the new combination in it please check your dues statement.

Target Rep. Report

Prairie Bowmen's Annual Presidents Day shoot was held the weekend of February 18-19, with over sixty archers participating. Also held in conjunction with this shoot was the Nebraska - Kansas Shootout. Although both teams had some great scores shot, Nebraska was victorious, winning by 30 points. Thanks to all that took the time to participate!

I'd like to give a big Thank you to Trent & Kelly Allen, of Xtreme Archery, for providing the meal (pulled pork, bakes beans, chips & various desserts) for the shoot. Also thanks to Trent Allen, Jeremy Boyer, Brett Croner & Tom Nauman for all there help in setting up, cleaning up, doing the computer work and posting the scores.

The next target event will be:

THE IRON ARCHER

Sunday May 27th

1010 Galloway Ave.
(info is on the website)

Indoor leagues are going well, with 12 regular shooters attending. We have plenty of room for more. Come on down and give it a try.

Indoor club championships will be Tuesday March 27th and Thursday March 29th. You must shoot both nights to be eligible for awards.

Following is a list of 2011 Club Champions and Indoor target league winners:

<u>2011 Target League Winners</u>	<u>2011 Club Champions</u>
AMFS - 1 st - Mike Olson	Randy Meyer - AMBHFS
AMFS - 2 nd - Roger Rempel	Arlyn Urmacher - SMBHFS
SMFS - 1 st - Paul Eiland	Mike Olson - AMFS
AMFSR/L - 1 st - Steve Simpson	Steve Simpson - AMFSR/L
AMFSR/L - 2 nd - Tollie Yoder	
AMBHFS - 1 st - Tim Hendricks	
AMBHFS - 2 nd - Scott Navratil	
YMFSR/L - 1 st - Noah Yoder	
YFFS - 1 st - Laura Navratil	

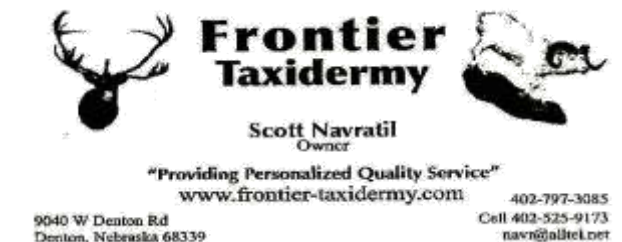


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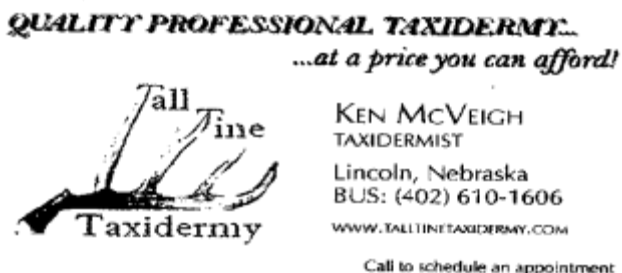


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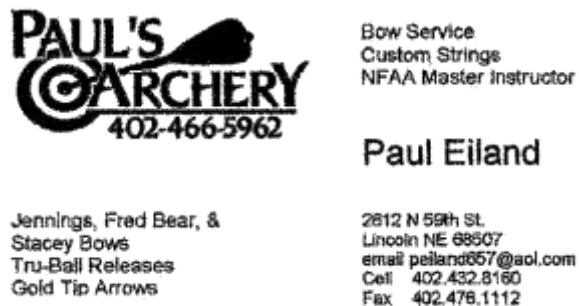


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Tradition

Webster's Dictionary definition of Tradition:

the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction.

For over a hundred years our ancestors passed on the skills of traditional archery from one generation to the next. Come out to our outdoor range and honor them with a day of fun with the 'stick and string'. I guarantee you will have a great time. See you there.

Danny Tubbs

Origins of American Traditional Archery

After the American Civil War, two Confederate veterans, Will and Maurice Thompson, were very instrumental in the revival of Traditional Archery in America. The two brothers, along with a former slave by the name of Thomas Williams, lived in the wild in the Okefenokee Swamp in Southern Georgia. The brothers being ex-confederate soldiers and Williams a black man in the south, the men were not allowed to own firearms, so they needed to figure out other ways to hunt for food.

Thomas Williams knew something about English-style Archery (using a longbow), though it is unclear where he gained this knowledge. Mr. Williams shared this knowledge with his newfound friends and together the three men became very proficient at their craft. Several years later, Maurice wrote a book, *The Witchery of Archery*. The book became a bestseller and suddenly people all over America became very enthused about the sport of Archery. Will and Maurice were among the original members responsible for the creation of the *National Archery Association*, founded in 1879 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. However, the 'Association' did little to advance the sport as anything more than a novelty and public interest in archery soon subsided.


That all changed when Ishi came out of hiding in 1911. Ishi was the last surviving member of the Yahi Indian tribe who had lived in the wilds of Northern California for hundreds of years. He lived his last five years at the University of California at Berkeley Anthropology Museum as somewhat of a live exhibit, making bows and various beadwork and leather items as spectators watched. His doctor, Saxton Pope, was an instructor of surgery at the medical school. Dr. Pope was very interested in Ishi and his culture, he was especially interested in his archery skills. Ishi took great pride in teaching Dr. Pope about his culture. How to make tools the way the Yahi did, and how to shoot and hunt using a bow and arrow. Also interested in Ishi's history and culture were accomplished archer and bowmaker Will 'Chief' Compton and archery-enthusiast Arthur Young.

Ishi died in 1916 of tuberculosis. Dr. Pope and Mr. Young learned much about making bows and arrows from Mr. Compton and with the archery skills taught by Ishi honed to perfection, the two men set about proving that archery could be used to bag large game. They hunted all over the world, and in Alaska and Africa took several large game animals. Because Dr. Pope and Mr. Young demonstrated to Western society that archery was effective on not only small game, but large game as well, archery once again began to take on a new life in America.

Many methods that Ishi taught Dr. Pope are still used today by archers in small-scale societies. From the 1920s, professional engineers took an interest in archery, previously the exclusive field of Traditional Craft Experts. This led to the commercial development of new forms of bows including the modern recurve. The compound bow was invented in 1966 by Wilbur Allen of Missouri. These modern bows with their superior technology and amazing accuracy have increasingly become the bow of choice in modern Western archery. As of yet the compound has not been accepted for use by the Olympic Committee.

Traditional bows (recurves and longbows), although the origin of the craft and the sport, have now become the minority. In the 1980s, longing to return to their roots, the skills of traditional archery were revived by American enthusiasts and is again beginning a resurgence across the country.

Danny Tubbs

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Welcome New Members

This was a good month for the club for we had nine new memberships this month and one overlooked from last month. We have four singles memberships in Ron Zelt, Michael Schlautman, Harry Windle and Tony Castillo. We have two college students this month in Nick Kleinschmit and Cody Zavadil. We have 4 family memberships this month and the first family is the Neil Heil family consisting of Rita, Morgan, and Bailey. Next we have the Mike Anderson family with Barb, Cole and Grant. We have the Cory Stewart clan joining us with Amy and Ben, and our fourth family is the Wendy Conrad bunch with Matthew, Madelyn, Maya and Mo. Please make all of these members feel right at home by giving them any and all help necessary to make them feel welcome and right at home. WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!!! May All Your Arrows Always Fly Straight And True!

John Elliott

Banquet Highlights

We had our banquet this year on Friday evening, February 17th. This was a first time having it on a Friday. Because it was a workday and making it work around everyday work schedules thus getting the banquet was started a little later than normal making the banquet seem to run late. I would like to apologize for that inconvenience but other than that it went very well with lots of first time attendees. Over 90 attended this year, so if you missed it, you missed a good time but you can plan to attend next year's event starting right now. It was a Valentine's theme and we crowned a King and queen. The coronation of the King went to Dick Turpin and the Queen went to Heather Weihe. Congratulations to our first ever Royalty.

We had lots of nice door prizes given away this year with a special thank you to those that donated and or went out and solicited prizes for this event. AGAIN THANK YOU! A \$100 dollar bill was given to a first time attendee to the banquet and the winner was Diane Bohlken. A second \$100 was given away to a person that stayed for the whole banquet and that went to Caleb Hudson, who also was a first timer. This was possible by the generous donation by Tom Nauman. Dick Turpin was our guest speaker and was great and kept everyone laughing and if you see him tell him thanks too.

We had several people honored this year with the first being our five new Life Members. This is given to those that have been in the club in good standing for 20 continuous years. Congratulations to Diane and Jim Bohlken, Robert Bettenhausen, Scott Eiland and Steve Simpson as our new Life Members.

A half price Hunt and Fish permit was drawn and was won by Austin Jisa. Congratulations! A couple of year memberships were given out, the first was donated by Susan Larson in her late husband Randy's name and that went to Bill Lovett. The other was a part of a prize package that went with Dick Turpin's Turkey call that was auctioned off and that went to Virg Ward. We had a hat raffle for a beautiful antler lamp donated by Greg Michl's "Antler Originals" and the antlers were donated by Gary Kurtzer and Virg's House of Sausage. We had two Volunteer of the Year Awards given this year to people who went above and beyond the norm. The two recipients were Danny Tubbs and Wayne Janssen. Congratulations to both of you for a great outstanding job this past year.

The Bill Wessig Memorial Bow was auctioned off again this year with the winner being Chris Benson and again it was donated back so it can be auctioned off again next year. This is a great tradition started by Gary Larson in 2007 with the proceeds going to our youth programs during the year. Thanks to all of the past winners for their support. THE DOOR PRIZE, a new traveling prize, went to Janice Spicha. Our very special award, The Jim Iund Memorial Award, which goes to a member who most supported and promoted archery over the past year, went to Paul Eiland. Congratulate him when you see him. We also had a visit from our Phantom, who knows all and sees all the goof ups and mistakes that happen the past year. His representative the Grand Poo-Bah aka: Tom Runge and his cohort the Doesi Wosie aka: Janice Spicha did the honors of presenting our final fun items, for lack of a better word, to end our festivities.

A special THANK YOU to my committee members for doing a very special job this year. The committee consisted of Belinda Hickman, Jan Robertson, Tom Runge, Ross Young, Jim, Tubbs, Gary and Betty Kurtzer, Wes and Loretta Sheets, Lonnie and Geri Mostek and my wife Carol Elliott. Thanks again for making a special event special.

John Elliott



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MISSING!

We are missing two wrenches from the work table at the indoor range. They are a 2.5mm and the 2 mm T-handle hex keys wrenches. These are smallest Allen wrenches in the two sets. I am sure they just got put in a tackle box by mistake. They are sure missed.

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“HISTORICAL “TRIVIA QUESTIONS”



Here are some fun questions that we did at our banquet this year and I thought the rest of you that did not attend might enjoy them too. This is the plan; I will put five (5) questions in the newsletter each month for the next five months with the answers to them in the following newsletter. Some are easy and some are a little more difficult because they are history questions after all. If you don't know the answer, ask fellow club members.

- What is the club mascot?
- What archery symbol is on the club logo
- What two prominent Nebraska landmarks are on our club logo?
- In what year did the Prairie Bowmen Archery Club begin?
- How many Board Members does it have?

John Elliott



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