



Prairie Bowmen

May 2014

President's Report

Well turkey season is in full swing; hope you are all finding success in the field.

We are receiving lots of calls regarding memberships now that Lincoln Archery Range is charging for their outdoor shooting, so if you see new faces at the range please welcome them to the club.

There have been some issues at the outdoor range with trespassers and vandalism, the Lincoln Police Department recommends we call them if we see anyone at the range that is not an archer. So if you see someone who looks like they don't belong please call LPD @ 402-441-6000

Wood permits are not being issued anymore, so if you have a permit it is voided. We will be having work days set up for wood cutting only. An email will be sent out when the next one will be scheduled. Sorry if this is an inconvenience, but this is the best solution for the problems we have been having.

Last but not least we have had some comments regarding the banquet. Wes Sheets is working on the banquet; he would like some comments on who would go and what kind of activities members would like to see there? If you would like to help or have ideas, please contact Wes at 402-466-9040 or wsheets@radiks.net.

Target Report

With spring here and summer coming, I am working on target events for the outdoor range. Every Thursday in May we will be having target league using a mix of formats. One week will be a straight target shoot, then next week will be a field course, followed by modified FHA. We will even have a 900 format, but with only 12 ends.

To increase competition, we are limiting the categories to Youth: Barebow/ traditional, Compound, Olympic. Adult: Barebow / traditional, Hunter, and Freestyle limited. Cost per week is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Registration starts 6:30. Shooting starts at 7:00.

I think the mix of formats will appeal to all archers and raise attendance. This will be a great place for new members to have some fun and relax after a long day. If this proves to be popular, we may do it again in the fall.



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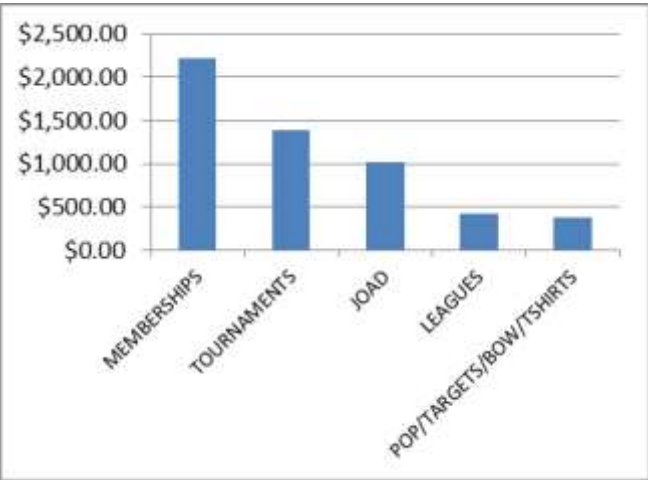
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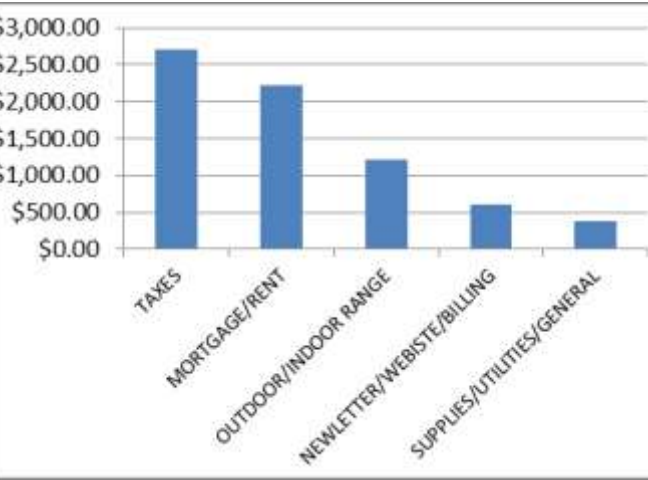
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Board Meeting

May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Range

725 Carlton Dr.

Bowhunter Report

Hello fellow bow hunters and foam killers. Hope everyone is having a good turkey season. I've gone out a few times with no luck. But that's hunting. I would like to first off congratulate our own Randy Meyer for being on the podium of the 3 ASA national shoots he went to. He won Florida got second in Tuscaloosa Alabama, got 4th in the regions championship bow hunter and recently took first in the Paris Texas ASA and brought home a really nice belt buckle. He had been dominating the senior hunter class. Congrats Randy. We probably won't be having a summer 3d league because I got forced to 2nd shift and can't run them. If someone would like to step up and run them let me know. It would be greatly appreciated. We are having a 3d shoot on the 21st of June. Starts at 8 am and goes till 1 so come on out and have a good time. The 22nd is the NFAA state unmarked at the range so if your not a member come on out and join and shoot or shoot as a guest. It will be a challenging good time. The 20th we will be putting out the 3d targets at 6 pm. If you can come out and help set up would be greatly appreciated. I probably won't be their because of my work schedule but will have most of the work done before. Also if you are needing any tuning or help setting up a bow please feel free to get me a shout and I will help you out FREE OF CHARGE. Any questions please feel free to contact me. Thanks and hope to see everyone out shooting on the 22nd.

Adam Jirorsky, Bowhunter Representative

At the Range

The outdoor range is looking very green and beautiful and there are target faces up on all the upper range target butts. If anyone would like to help with mowing this summer contact Gaylen Rogers at [402-423-0686](tel:402-423-0686) or email me grogers1800@windstream.net.

Thanks, Gaylen

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\$15.00 XXL & XXXL

To Order Contact KELLY ALLEN @ 402-416-2881 or kallen76@windstream.net





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June 21 Club Shoot

June 22 State Shoot

Registration

June 21

8:30 12:00

Scorecards due by 3:00

Registration

June 22

7:30 - 8:30

Shotgun start at 9:00 am

June 21 Pricing:Adult/Young

Adult: \$15.00

Youth and Cubs: \$12.00

June 22 Pricing:Adult/Young adult:

\$15.00

Youth and cubs: \$12.00

For More info call Adam Ji-
rovsky at (406) 750-1850 Loca-
tion: Prairie Bowmen Outdoor
Range725 Carlton Dr.



A message from Tom Nauman

An Archery Club can be many different things to many people! For most folks I believe the main reason they join an archery club is to have a safe and legal place to shoot their bow. We are very lucky at Prairie Bowmen to have both an indoor and outdoor range which give us 24-7 unlimited access (except for a few special events). Most clubs have a place to shoot outdoors, either an owned or some type of shared arrangement during the warm weather months. Many clubs have some type of indoor facility for shooting during the cold weather months....but few have an indoor facility with 24-7 access. As I have travelled the country and shot in all types of competitions, I find that some folks have no real place to shoot or have to drive 1-2 hours and pay high hourly shooting fees, especially those in foreign countries. Being a member of Prairie Bowmen for over 25 years, I have always had a place to shoot, which was the original reason I joined the club!

For me Prairie Bowmen quickly became much more than a place to shoot my bow! I would say the club became my "social lifeblood". When I joined Prairie Bowmen in 1980 my first real introduction to the club was at the Annual Awards Banquet. That year the banquet was held at Misty's in Havelock. I knew only a very few folks in the club at that time, but I had no trouble meeting people and very quickly felt a part of something special. The place was so crowded you could hardly move with well over 100 members in attendance. The positive atmosphere was awesome! I knew very little about the history of the club, who some of the awards were named after, people who received the awards, etc., but I took it all in like a "kid in a candy store". The annual banquet soon became my "archery social event" of the year. I've watched the Banquet attendance grow to over 120, and in recent years decline to around 50. I believe I've only missed 2 banquets since I joined the club, which includes me flying back from Idaho for 6 of the 8 years I lived there just to attend the banquet. Over the years I took a very active part in the banquet, including doing around 10-12 slide shows. The slide shows were a "labor of love" which included getting slides made from club members' pictures, then working with some friends to put music to the slides....all without the benefit of computer technology! If the slide shows, the club awards, and the fellowship weren't enough there was always the Phantom which brought the Banquet to a lighthearted and very humorous close. I can remember one time when about 20 of us went bowling at midnight after the banquet!

Over the 25 years I have been a member of Prairie Bowmen I have lots of pleasant memories, most of which had a social aspect somehow tied to them. Whether it was shooting target and bowhunter leagues, hacking around at the outdoor range, going to tournaments around the state, trying to make work days fun, or just hanging out with my archery friends, Prairie Bowmen was the catalyst for it all! Lots of things come to mind as I fondly remember my Prairie Bowmen years. The most fun I ever had at a tournament was a toss-up between the bus trip to Louisville with 24 of our Prairie Bowmen members who shot in the NFAA Nationals and a van trip to Litchfield for state outdoor when we all had to change clothes in Jim's van after getting soaked in a constant downpour. I remember the work crew we had when we poured the concrete shooting line at the outdoor range....close to 35 members were there to pitch in. I also remember that not everyone was thrilled when we did that....but after a few rain storms I think we all appreciated a dry, solid place to stand while shooting. The construction of the 5 shooting platforms on the range were quite the projects over the years. I still laugh at Archie, John, Wes, Scott and I planting the corn field by hand so we could simulate deer hunting on the edge of a field with a 3-D target. I remember when we started using our outdoor range for the Cornhusker State Games. The sight of all the targets set up on the American range with the flags waving in the wind was something special. How many of you remember the time it rained so much we had to pick up the 3-D targets from the bottom range in a canoe and reset them on the prairie. Later that day club members had to line the driveway where it crossed Swiggart Creek so folks could tell where the road was when they drove out, as over a foot of water gushed over the road. The jamborees were always a pleasant memory as well. I think the best one was when Sue Stalder had a bunch of us dress up in "King and his Court" costumes to add a little fun to the event. The Jamboree was always full of something for everyone, a Rambo Run, Silhouette shoot, 3-D's, the "Hunting Trip", Turkey head shoot with blunts, nighttime 3-D, a coon shoot and the hog roast, are just a few I remember. If you've never been to a Prairie Bowmen

fish fry, you are missing a feast! Many of the Prairie Bowmen functions were family oriented. I can remember the volleyball games during the fish fry and then the ensuing water fights, the Halloween parties, Easter egg hunts, and the piñata at the Pot luck. Who could ever forget Archie's pink Energizer bunny for the kids to shoot at!

As is the case with all clubs it seems, there is always a few who take an active role for the benefit of all. In most clubs the Leaders are the ones who have to make it happen. Many times those that aren't involved see this group as a "click" and don't feel like they can become a part of the group; maybe even feel a bit alienated, or just don't want to be bothered. A core group of 10-20 folks seem to make "it" happen regardless of the size of the club. In 25 years with Prairie Bowmen it has always been pretty much that way...although today it seems like the core group has gotten much smaller and much of the "social aspect" of the club has diminished. There are lots of reasons this has happened...some I feel are valid...some I feel are not so valid... that's another subject for another time!

A very important part of any Archery club should be education, training and coaching. We in Prairie Bowmen are very lucky to have dedicated volunteers to teach Bowhunter Education, JOAD, NASP and a great group of Archery and Bowhunter mentors! The future of any club relies on recruitment of new members. Finding new members and making them feel welcome, providing them opportunities, sharing the club history and tradition, developing new activities, and getting them involved is what makes a club. Many members will join a club just to have a place to shoot and that is fine ...it is one of the missions of our club....but to be an Archery Club it is much more. For a club to remain strong it takes members who want more than just a place to shoot. If you want Prairie Bowmen to be more, it's up to you!

New Members

We have fourteen new memberships joining our club.

Brad Clark	Brittany Kyncl
Daneil Walter	Noah Wilger
Noah Huber	Kyle Arnold
Saul Ketelhut	
Adam Ott and Family	Aaron Bott and Family
Kory Barmore and Family	Tyler Hardesty and Family
Melissa Habel and Family	Stephanie Haith and Family
Lash Chaffin and Family	

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

Keep up with club news by finding us on Facebook.

There is always something going on so don't miss out!



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Events

JOAD / AAA (Two Nights)

Junior Olympic Archery / Adult Achievement Archery program. Learn the fundamentals of archery or improve current skills. Monday session April 7 – June 16. Wednesday Session April 9—June 18. Ages 8- adult. Session cost is \$15 members, \$25 non-members.

Registration starts at 6:30pm; Shooting begins at 7:00pm. Equipment provided if needed. Arm guard and finger tabs encouraged.

Monday Session:

Contact Mark Vanek (402) 470-0239

Wednesday Session:

Contact Michael Welsh (402) 419-1284

Outdoor Target Leagues

Our club Target Leagues will be starting on May 1st at 7pm, everyone is welcome to come shoot. Each week will feature a different aspect of target archery. If it rains the shoot for the evening will be cancelled. Cost is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Registration starts at 6:30.

If anyone would like to help with the target leagues please contact Michael Welsh. (402) 419-1284

Outdoor 3-D Leagues

Right now the outdoor 3-D league is up in the air. If anybody would like to run the league or help to run it contact Adam Jirorsky.

Regional Target		Regional 3D	
May 9-11	Gator Cup	May 3-4	Big Indian, Wymore 3D
May 22-25	USA National Field, Eagle Lake, TX	May 4	Pottawattamie 3D
Jun 13-15	Big Sky Open, Colorado	May 11	3D Ahamo @ Two Rivers
Jun 14	FHA Norfolk	May 17, 18	Nugent 3D Golden Arrow
Jun 24-29	Nat'l 4H, Grand Island	May 17, 18	3D Norfolk
Jun 29	State FHA, Rich Brandt Memorial Third City	May 18	State Marked Norfolk
July 18-19	Cornhusker State Games	May 18	Quad 3D, Litchfield
July 23-27	USA Archery Nationals, Ohio	May 31-Jun 1	Tomcak 3D at Golden Arrow
July 30-Aug 3	NFAA Outdoor National, Yankton	Jun 7,8	Big Indian, Wymore 3D
Aug 4-8	IFAA Worlds, Yankton	Jun 8	Robinhood 3D, Fremont
Aug 10	State 900, Prairie Bowmen	Jun 14, 15	ASA 3D, Golden Arrow
		Jun 21, 22	3D, Prairie Bowmen
		Jun 22	State Unmarked 3D, Prairie Bowmen



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www.Prairiebowmen.org

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OUTDOOR RANGE
725 Carlton Drive

INDOOR RANGE
345 S. 14TH ST.

Lockers Available

We have several lockers for rent at the indoor range. Cost is \$50 per year. Contact Trent Allen at 402-580-0803.

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 Kelly Allen at kallen76@windstream.net to confirm your e-mail.