



Prairie Bowmen

November 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This fall is my Golden anniversary of Bowhunting, and after a long hot summer my favorite time of the year is finally here! When I started shooting a bow and arrow back in 1962, little did I know I would still be addicted 50 years later. To me, it seems those years have really flown by...however, when I discuss it with my wife and daughters, they don't agree! Over those 50 years, archery and bowhunting have brought me thousands of hours of pleasure, hundreds of friends, and even a handful of trophies. Maybe someday I should write a book.

As of this newsletter my fall season has had a terrific start, an elk in Colorado, antelope in South Dakota, three turkeys here in Nebraska, and a couple hunts with our youth in the Mentor program. I have three more hunts planed (not to mention the unplanned ones!), my annual trips to Missouri and Kansas and I am hosting my great friend, professional Archer Reo Wilde, on a deer and turkey hunt here in Nebraska. I think it will be a great month!

Enough of that, let's talk about Prairie Bowmen. In this newsletter you will see our ballot for election of Board of Directors. We have 5 positions up for election and you will notice we only have one candidate for three of those positions, with no candidates for either President or Youth Coordinator. We have 274 current members in our club...hopefully someone will step up and dedicate some time to help the club. You will notice there is space for write-in candidates ... this is a great chance to get some "New Blood" to help set the future direction of the club ... please help! You can send your ballot to our Secretary Patty Hickman or bring it with you to the Annual Pot-luck Dinner and meeting on Nov 17th at 5:00pm at the State Games office. We will count the ballots and announce the winners at the meeting.

You will also notice a copy of our suggested new bylaws. I would like to thank Wes Sheets, Tom Runge, Chris Benson and Belinda Hickman for helping me on the bylaw committee. If we have a quorum at our meeting, we will vote to adopt these new bylaws. We will also have copies of the current bylaws at the meeting for those who would like to see what the suggested changes are.

Over the last several months we have spent lots of time on the financial issues of the club. Currently 114 of our members have paid their "shooting for the future" assessment, which means around 160 have not. We have also received a little over \$2,000 in additional donations above and beyond the "shooting for the future" assessment, from some club members. We will be sending out a second letter to those who have not paid, if it has slipped your mind please take the time to send your \$25 in. Remember once you have paid your "shooting for the future" assessment, you are entitled to a free (\$15 value) 3-D or target shoot hosted by Prairie Bowmen...that really makes the assessment only about \$10. Currently we are making "ends meet" but we really need everyone to pay their assessment to make sure we can continue to do so. At the Pot-Luck meeting our budget committee will present a 2013 budget to the membership.

As you can see, the Nov 17th Pot-Luck and Club meeting is very important to the club, with Election of Board members, Bylaw revisions, financial budget and some great food. Please join us and be an active part of your club. Good luck hunting if you are getting a chance to go...and shoot straight.

Tom



Bylaws Rewrite

Bylaws Of Prairie Bowmen Inc.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Prairie Bowmen, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster, expand and perpetuate all forms of archery. To encourage the use of the bow and arrow in all aspects of the sport, including hunting and target archery. To encourage Bowhunter Education, and archery lessons toward improving skill and form for all ages. To cooperate with conservation organizations in the conservation and preservation of game and habitat. To promote and perpetuate the taking of game with the bow and arrow, in accordance with game laws and regulations of the state.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

All memberships require approval of the Board of Directors, and payment of annual dues. All applicants should demonstrate good moral character and sportsmanship. Article III sections 2-7 describe membership categories.

Adult single membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his/her eighteenth (18) birthday.

Family membership shall consist of the application member, spouse and immediate family under eighteen (18) years of age.

College membership shall be granted to anyone that is a full time student while attending College, Junior College, or a community College. The Board of Directors may set reduced dues for college memberships. They must provide a photo ID with application

Junior membership shall be granted to anyone who is under eighteen (18) years of age provided such applications are sponsored by an adult member who accompanies the junior member in the use of the Club facilities.

Honorary membership may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

All individuals that have been members in good standing for twenty (20) consecutive years shall be entitled to Lifetime Membership status. Once lifetime status has been reached annual dues may be waived. Lifetime members will still be responsible to pay special assessments should any occur.

The Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member for conduct detrimental to the interests of the organization.

Voting privileges shall be granted to each adult member current in their dues. One (1) vote for single membership and two (2) votes for family

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Non-Voting Positions

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(Secretary Assistant)
John Elliott
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memberships.

Membership dues are due January 1 of each year if member joined before January 1, 2004. After January 1, 2004, dues are due on your anniversary date. Members shall be considered delinquent when dues are thirty (30) days in arrears. Members in arrears on their dues will be sent a reminder notice; if dues are not paid within sixty (60) days of original due date, all club privileges and activities will be automatically revoked at that time.

Members delinquent in dues and no longer in good standing may be reinstated to active membership upon approval by the Board of Directors.

A leave of absence may be approved upon written request to the Board of Directors. Military and unusual leaves of absence may be considered by the Board of Directors following written request for such leave.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Target Coordinator or 1st Vice President, Range Master or 2nd Vice President, Bowhunting Coordinator or 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Coordinator, Youth Education Coordinator, and Web Site Coordinator. The retiring President may serve as an ad-hoc member to the Board of Directors for a period of one year.

The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policies and property of the organization.

At any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum.

All vacancies of the Board, shall be filled from the membership, by an appointment from the Board of Directors.

The President or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors can call a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at a time and place as directed by the President.

The Board of Directors by simple majority vote,

which shall include the President's vote, may replace any board member, if in the opinion of the Board, that Board member is not living up to the responsibilities of that office.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

The President: Shall call and preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, direct and approve communications to the general membership, settle disputes, attend or appoint a representative to attend statewide meetings, vote in the case of a deadlock on board issues, and maintain decorum at all board meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to the office.

The Target Coordinator/ 1st Vice President: Shall coordinate target tournaments and both winter and summer target leagues. Shall prepare information to advertise target tournaments and leagues. Provide target tournament results to Web site Coordinator within 2 days of tournament completion. Shall present a budget for all expected target expenses. Shall coordinate with Rangemaster for target repairs and maintenance. Shall collect monies from tournaments and leagues and either deposit into the bank or present to the treasurer within 2 working days of collection. Shall provide the Board of Directors a detailed report of money received and shooter numbers at all target events. Shall co-coordinate the Club Championship events and club jamboree with the Bowhunting Coordinator. Shall in general perform any other duties incidental to this office. 1st Vice President shall perform the duties of the President if this person is unable to act.

The Rangemaster or 2nd Vice President: Duties shall include coordinating improvements and the maintenance of the Prairie Bowmen property and both indoor and outdoor ranges. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The Bowhunting Coordinator/ 3rd Vice President: Shall coordinate all 3-D tournaments. Shall hold and coordinate both indoor and outdoor Bowhunter leagues. Maintain all 3-D targets, repair and replace when needed. Provide the

Board of Directors with an annual budget request for expenditures on said targets. Shall collect all monies from 3-D tournaments and leagues and either deposit in bank or deliver to Treasurer within 2 working days after the event. Shall provide the board of Directors a detailed breakdown of money received and shooter numbers at all Bowhunter events. Shall coordinate the Club Championship and Jamboree with the Target Coordinator. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The Secretary: Shall keep all minutes and records of the organization. Shall serve all notices of club meetings via the newsletter, social media and website. Shall coordinate with club president on all official club correspondence. Shall maintain membership records. Shall maintain an up to date club mailing and e-mailing list. Shall present written reports when requested by the Board. Shall provide written and verbal minutes of previous meetings at each board meeting. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The Treasurer: Shall receive all monies of the organization and/or provide Target Coordinator and Bowhunting Coordinator with deposit tickets for direct deposit. Shall maintain checking and savings accounts as appropriate. Shall write all checks and pay all bills of the organization. Shall maintain paid-up insurance, leases and mortgages for the club. Shall keep accurate records of the receipts and disbursements to include a complete breakdown by categories such as, 3-D, Target, Youth, Range maintenance, etc., and present written reports at all board meetings and any annual meetings of the club. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The Youth Education Coordinator: Shall coordinate all the youth activities of the club. Shall provide a budget request and an action plan of all youth activities to the Board of Directors. When/if a Kids Camp is held, shall coordinate all activities associated with the camp, including advertising and promotion and shall provide the Board with a complete accountability of expenses and income for the camp. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this

office.

The Website Coordinator: Shall maintain the website. The website shall be kept up to date with the clubs newsletter, calendar of events, meeting notifications, and tournament results. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The newsletter Coordinator: Shall publish the Club's newsletter quarterly and within 14 days of the Board meeting of that quarter. When directed by the board of directors, additional newsletters may be published. Shall coordinate with the Secretary to secure up-to-date mailing and e-mailing lists. Shall coordinate with the Treasurer in advance for funds to purchase all supplies including postage. Shall coordinate with all board members for newsletter articles and fliers for the newsletter. Shall send club e-mails and update social media when requested by the Board. Shall in general perform all other duties incidental to this office.

The board may, by unanimous vote, combine board positions, provided the total number of board members remains an odd number. In no case would the board be reduced to less than 5 members. In the event that positions are combined, a bylaw change would be required for those changes to become permanent.

All board members (or their proxy) are expected to attend all board meetings. If a board member finds that work or other conflicts continue to make attendance at regular board meetings difficult, that board member should step down from their position and allow the Board to fill the position with another club member. Board members shall promote all club functions and try to attend all club functions when possible.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The election for each office will be for a two (2) year term. The following officers will be elected on the even years: President, Secretary, Bowhunting Coordinator, Youth Education Coordinator, and Newsletter Coordinator. The following officers will be elected on

Official Ballot

November 17th 2012

Prairie Bowmen Inc.

President:

Trent Allen

Bowhunting Coordinator:

Adam Jirorsky

Secretary:

John Elliott

Kelly Allen

Newsletter Coordinator:

Michael Welsh

Youth Education Coordinator:

Use Blank spaces for write-in candidates. Mail Ballots to: Patty Hickman, Prairie Bowmen, 3725 N. 63rd St., Lincoln NE., 68507 before November 15th, 2012 or bring to Prairie Bowmen Pot –Luck and Club meeting on November 17th, 2012 at 5:00pm at State Games Office at 4903 N 57th. Leave address label on ballot for membership verification.

*PROTECT YOUR TRADITIONS, HERITAGE AND PASSIONS
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND NEBRASKA*

VOTE YES ON NOVEMBER 6TH

LR40CA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO HUNT FISH AND HARVEST WILDLIFE

NEBRASKA SPORTSMEN ARE A MAJOR ECONOMIC FORCE
PUMPING MORE THAN \$470 MILLION **INTO OUR STATE'S ECONOMY EACH YEAR**
NEBRASKA HAS MORE THAN 240,000 SPORTSMEN 1 OUT OF 6 NEBRASKA RESIDENTS ARE SPORTSMEN

SPENDING BY NEBRASKA SPORTSMEN SUPPORTS

8,500 JOBS IN NEBRASKA

\$238 MILLION IN NEBRASKA SALARIES

\$54 MILLION STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES

\$746 MILLION RIPPLE EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY

A VOTE YES FOR LR40CA



STOPS THE ANTI GROUPS FROM ATTACKING OUR RIGHTS, TRADITIONS AND REVENUE
ANTI GROUPS HAVE AFFECTED SPORTSMEN'S RIGHTS AND STATE REVENUE IN 32 STATES

OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS
TELL THEM NOT HERE, NOT NOW, NOT EVER
HELP TRIGGER A YES VOTE ON LR40CA

the uneven years: Target Coordinator, Rangemaster, Website Coordinator and Treasurer.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the purpose of presenting nominations at the October board meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October board meeting as well. The secretary shall publish a ballot, which shall include blanks for write-in candidates, for publication in the October newsletter. Ballots may be mailed to the club secretary or appointed representative or may be delivered in person at the November annual Pot-Luck Dinner and club meeting. The nominating committee will be responsible for counting and authenticating the ballots. The newly elected officers will be announced at the November Pot-Luck and they will attend the December Board of Directors meeting. Those newly elected officers will assume their office at the end of the December Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEETING AND QUORUMS

Three annual meetings of the organization shall be held: the Annual Banquet in January, the Fish Fry in August and the Pot-Luck in November.

There shall be regular Board of Directors meetings at a time and place determined by the President. All members in good standing are invited to attend any regularly scheduled Board meetings

Special membership meetings may be called by the President, three (3) individual Board members or by petition of 18 current voting members.

A quorum for the purpose of electing officers and amending Bylaws is defined as the number equal to twice the number of the Board of Directors currently in office.

ARTICLE VIII FEES AND DUES

The Board of Directors shall determine the annual Club dues. All or part of the membership dues may be waived for the members of the Board of Directors during the time they shall serve on the Board. The Board shall be authorized to reduce the dues of any member.

The Board of Directors may assess additional fees when necessary.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the organization shall begin January 1st and end December 31st.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

The President may appoint special committees for such inquiry and counsel as is necessary, convenient or expedient for carrying out the mission and purposes of the club.

ARTICLE XI TOURNAMENTS

Indoor, field, target and 3-D tournaments or any combination shall be held to determine the Club Champions. Other tournaments shall be held as determined by the Target and/or Bowhunting Coordinators with approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum at any regular business meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIII PROCEDURE

The Robert's Rules of Order shall be considered as the standard for procedure at business meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE XIV DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

In case the corporation known as Prairie Bowmen, Inc. is dissolved, all real property shall be placed in the name of a nonprofit charity, or Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as determined at such time by the Board of Directors.

PB bylaws: Rev 10/15/12

TN/WS/CB/BH/TR

TARGET Rep Report

Indoor Target League will start on Tuesday January 8th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. We will run a 5 week Vegas League and then do a 5 week NFAA League. Cost will be \$6.00 per night, with \$1.00 going into a prize fund. The more shooters we have, the bigger the fund at the end.

Starting on November 1st, all paper targets will cost .50 cents and will be done on the honor system. The target rack will be moved to the front of the range and there is a mail slot on the north wall, where money is to be put. A limited number of targets will be put out, to see if the fees collected correspond with the targets used. Each year, the club goes through 900 – 1,000 targets at the indoor range. As the club is trying to tighten our belts, this is one of the solutions we have come up with.

There is a flyer in the newsletter, reminding you to get out and vote on November 6th. LR40ca is very important to all hunters, fisherman, trappers and all outdoorsman. A vote for this will insure that we will always have the right to hunt, fish and trap.

The location of the Annual Pot Luck and Club Meeting has been moved, due to back to back Nebraska home football games. As some of you may remember, a couple years ago, we made the mistake of scheduling it on a home game and parking was non-existent. We have moved the location to the Cornhusker State Games Office at 4903 North 57th Street. There is plenty of parking and plenty of room inside. More info is in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all at the pot luck and indoor leagues.

Jim Tubbs

Schedule of Events

November 6 - Election Day
November 17 – Annual Pot Luck
November – President/Secretaries Meeting – Grand Island
November 22 – Thanksgiving
December 8-9 – State Indoor Fita – Norfolk
December 25 – Christmas
January 1, 2013 – New Years
January 8 – Start of Indoor Target League
January 11-13 – Iowa Pro-am – Des Moines
January 18 – Prairie Bowmen Banquet
January 25-26-27 – Platte Valley Archers – Columbus
February 8-9-10 – Vegas
February 16-17 – Presidents Day Shoot

*Keep up to date by
visiting us at:*

Prairiebowmen.org

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RANGEMASTER'S REPORT

Not much to report. The fallen tree problem is still a 'problem'. Please Don't venture into the area for your own safety.

Still haven't started the bathroom reconstruction. Hoping to get started soon so it will completed before leagues begin. Been busy with other projects and am working lots of hours.

My times of availability for a while will be Saturday through Tuesday from 9am til 1pm. The rest of the time I will either be working or sleeping.

Not much to do at the range. With the dry conditions the range has stayed in pretty good shape all year without much attention.

I will be winterizing the outdoor range sometime in the next couple weeks. Also, the combination for the indoor and outdoor ranges will be changed on Monday November 19th. Please be sure your dues are current. The new combination will be **XXXX**. If your dues are not current you will have a blank space where the combination would normally appear.

Been trying to drag the road at the outdoor range. Have bladed and sledged it twice this summer but it hasn't made a huge difference. It's going to take a few more passes to get any better.

As you know, volunteers are always needed for various projects. If you have a skill you would like to share don't hesitate to contact me.

Serving with pride.

Danny

*****BULLETIN*****

Although this is not my area of responsibility , with the Bow-hunter Rep Position being vacated and no certainty in filling the position at this time, it would really be great if one or more people that normally shoot Bowhunter league would step up and take charge of running this activity for the 2013 season. This is the 'club activity' that has the most regular participation and is very important to the clubs financial stability in 2013. If several people volunteer maybe a shared set up schedule could be worked out so the same person or people aren't doing it all the time. Please give this some strong consideration.

Prairie Bowmen History Quiz

What previous female member of Prairie Bowmen is a National and World Champion many times over?

Ericka Anschutz

We have 9 Memorial Awards, 8 are animal related. What is the name of the club's most coveted award that is not animal related? The Jim Iund Award

The lower range was dedicated in what club member's honor? What is it called? Bruce Batterman and Batterman Bottoms

The creek you drive over on the way into the range was also named in honor of a club member. Who was it and what is it called? Mike Swiggart and Swiggart Creek

We had a member hit by a train while on the tractor on the Rock Island tracks (bike path now). Who was it? Bill Gearheart



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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 Bow-
men 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

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's
Annual Potluck**

&

Club Meeting

Saturday November 17, 2012

5:00 p.m.

4903 North 57th Street

**Cornhusker State Games Of-
fice**

**(New location due to Ne-
braska home football game)**

Please use the side door on
57th Street

Lots of parking in the south
parking lot!

Please bring a covered dish
and a side dish or dessert to
share, table setting and your
favorite beverage.

Might even have the game
on!