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Prairie Bowmen

President's Report

Greetings at the Holidays. I hope your hunting season has met your expectations and you are getting ready for a fun indoor practice season. Our indoor leagues will be starting up now in just a couple of weeks. There is lots of other news about our club in this edition.

First it is my pleasure to welcome Sarah Ludwick and Adam Jivorsky to the workings of the board. Sarah already demonstrates great talent as our incoming Communications Director, a job that Wayne has been holding down for quite a while. She clearly can edit a newsletter and direct electronic media activity. Most of you know Adam who has returned as our Target Rep replacing Brian K. when he was elected as Range Master. We sincerely thank Lonnie and Wayne for their service these last two years working to keep Prairie Bowmen Archery Club functioning and alive.

I am optimistic that the future is bright for this club, but it will take some deep involvement by our members. The enthusiasm that I saw as our old board met the new members with everyone expressing ideas on how we can best meet the challenges of extending the life of Prairie Bowmen into the next century. We recognized that this is a club of its members and for its members. Several actions we are taking will move us in that direction. Beginning with the elections where in addition to the recent new board persons the members voted in a 10 to 1 ratio to return to our most recent previous logo, I suspect something was involved about liking our history.

A bigger challenge will be to maintain the valuable facilities that we all enjoy, both the "Outdoor Range" and our rented space downtown. To find a way to bring our ranges up to the maintenance standard we all desire and expect along with paying the taxes on the owned outdoor and rent on the indoor, the board has authorized a membership fee increase approaching \$30 per member with the exception of our youth memberships. A whole family will still be allowed a whole month for the paltry sum of \$13/mo. In searching the record it has been over 20 years since the last increase. By doing so we will be able to meet those fixed costs and still be less expensive than most eastern Nebraska clubs. It will be effective January 1st. This action is expected to allow us to return the field courses outdoor to the condition of a few years ago with the rebuild of all those target butts. This is a call for all members to let your directors know your priorities and where you can help make our club "Great Again". It will take the work of many.

In other action we will once again join the multi-club "shooter of the Year" program whereby recording scores in a variety of invitational events between Lincoln and Omaha a shooter may claim accolades in all the various classifications. Look to sign up at your next invitational event beginning in January.

Prairie Bowmen was the gracious recipient of an incredible donated gift of \$3000 from the Nebr. Chapter of the Safari Club to be directed at our Youth archery program needs. If you know a Safari person please thank them. This along with the similar Scheel's gift last spring has really provided a way for the club to make it through 2017 largely unscathed and still financially solvent.

Lastly I would alert you to the upcoming winter club meeting which has been dubbed the Awards Banquet. It will not happen until a date in Feb which gives you all time to get that buck scored or offer your suggestion of other fun program activities you would like to see. The January board meeting will no doubt be the planning session for this always fun event.

Until the next time may all your targets be only x's and you remember this ponderism from Larry the Cable Guy----"Half the people you know are below average" – WES

Bow Hunter Report

2017 has come and gone and I would like to thank EVERYONE for coming out and participating in our shoots and events!! With every shoot you come to it helps our club in a huge way! The money from these shoots go straight back to the club in order to pay for 3D targets, indoor targets, equipment maintenance etc.! So again, THANK YOU! The 2018 season is set in place. **3D league begins Thursday night Jan 4th at the indoor range at 7:00pm.** This league will run 11 weeks in total! Prices will be 8\$ per week, or \$80 for the full 11 weeks (for members) and \$10 per week or \$100 for the full 11 weeks (Non-members). Come down and check out the shoots! It is a really fun time, and great practice!!

We will be holding a Potluck dinner in February that we will have tons of info at! We will also be taking entries for the big buck award on that date. Bring a photo of you and the deer, as well as an official P&Y score sheet that is filled out by an official scorer (or photo of it) or you may bring your rack down to be scored by a member of ours that is an official scorer. If you are submitting the entry to me via email make sure and get it to me (huntingbucks@gmail.com) by *Jan 15th*. Be sure and check out the list of 3D shoots coming up listed on our website! Your participation in these shoots brings a very large portion of Revenue to the club which helps keep this club running!! You guys are amazing!! Happy holidays and God bless!!

JOAD/AAA

This past year has been a fun and busy year, between classes, the different events we partnered with, getting JOAD and NASP certifications, and trying to think of ways to grow our program and make 2018 an even better year. Some exciting things to come for 2018 will be a NASP shoot Feb 18th at our indoor range and the Youth in the Outdoors camp Aug 5th. Plus we will be having JOAD/ Intro to archery classes on a regular basis, with the first session starting Jan16th. Due to a gracious donation by the Nebraska sci chapter our youth program was able to make some much needed upgrades & is extremely grateful to such a giving organization. So cheers to a great year we had in 2017 and I can't wait to see what fun is in store for 2018. Keep your eye on the target, may your arrows fly true, & God bless. John Filsinger – YOUTH DIRECTOR

RANGE MASTER REPORT

I'm looking forward to starting off the New Year as the new Priaire Bowmen range master. I have selected 2 assistants which are Ryan Hajek and also Justin Adams. There is lots of work that still needs done at the outdoor range including replacing shingles on the garage roof, replacing plywood sheets and installing tin roofing on both shelters, replacing a bunch of fiberboard in the target backers, this is just a short list of a few things that need done so if there is anyone else willing to lend a hand please let me know as there will be a lot of man power that will be needed for these projects!

TARGET REPORT

Most of you already know me, but Hello to those I don't! I'm usually down at the indoor range or shooting around the area. Target Leagues Start January 8th at 7pm and will be shooting a 450 3 spot round till after Vegas. On the February 12th we will go to a 300 5 spot round. Leagues will run thru the 19th of March. To mix it up we will be doing the Catalina at the half way point where you could be chosen to have a chance to win back some of your entry fee! The next indoor shoot will be the weekend of the 12th in January. It's our Martin Luther King jr. 450 shoot. Times will be Friday (12th) and Saturday (13th), 7pm line times. Doors will be open and range will be closed to members not participating at 6:30pm each night and Sunday line time is a continuous from 9am-1pm. The range will be closed to members not participating from 8:30pm until the last participating members are finished. Come on out and shoot your bow, make sure you're ready for a fun year!

Secretary's Report

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were: Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Joel Burham, Lonnie Mostek, Wayne Janssen, Brian Krogman and Chris Benson. Incoming board members: Sarah Ludwick and Adam Jirovsky. Club members Clint Burge and Roy Shelton.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved followed by the treasurer's report.

Target: A 450 round is scheduled for this coming weekend. Adam also pointed out a 450 Vegas shoot will be held at the indoor range Jan 12-14.

Bowhunter: Joel reported Scheel's will try to sponsor a shoot in June next summer but not the Jamboree. That date is too close to the scheduled opening of their new store and stall will be too busy with the move. The indoor 3-D league will start Jan 4th and run for 11 weeks.

Youth: John reported the next classes will start Jan 16th. There will also be a NASP shoot Feb 18th.

Range Master: The only thing needed at the indoor range a new ballast in one of the lights.

Old Business: Election results have Adam Jirovsky as the new target rep and Sarah Ludwick as communication coordinator. Members also voted to change the club logo back to the prior one.

New Business: Extensive discussion was held regarding increasing membership dues. Members will receive a letter soon laying out plans for our future.

Shooting events for next year are on the new State calendar. Dates will be on our website and newsletters.

Discussion was held about participating in the Bill Lewis "Shooter of the Year" program. It was moved and seconded to participate with the stipulation that 2 3-D shoots and 2 target shoots be held at our ranges. Motion carried. Discussion was also held regarding our awards banquet. It was decided to plan the event for February and firm up plans at the January meeting.

Members can nominate candidates for the Ruth Ellis volunteer of the year award for recognition at the banquet.

It was moved and seconded to add Brian Krogman as a signatory for the club's checking and savings accounts at Cornhusker Bank and delete Lonnie Mostek from same. Motion carried.

New member applications:

Josh Pflasterer, Ben Cople and family, Josh Johnson, Tony Skov, Ezra Schlecht and family, Beau Bucher, and Kevin Dutra. After short discussion all were approved.

The Nebraska Big Game Conservation Association has a banquet upcoming on Jan 13th. Moved and seconded to include a year's membership to the Prairie Bowmen paired with one for the Izaak Walton League for a silent auction item. Motion carried. John plans to reserve a table for (8) and the club will cover any unsold seats at this table.

Chris Benson , Secretary/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting: January 3rd, 2017

Mark your Calendars!

- 3D Target League: Starting Jan. 4th, Thursdays @ 7pm
- Target League: Starting Jan. 8th, Mondays @ 7pm
- MLK Jr./450 Vegas shoot:

Jan 12th -14th, Indoor Range (*Fri. @ 7pm, Sat. @ 7pm, Sun. from 9am-1pm, continuous line)

Annual Banquet! TBD in February!

YOUTH EVENTS

JOAD / Intro to Archery

- 1st Session: January 16th – March 20th
- 2nd Session: April 24th – June 26th
- 3rd Session: July 31st – October 2nd

NASP SHOOT February 18th

Kids in the Outdoors Camp August 5th

Birthday Parties!

Do you have a youngster who has an interest in archery?

Come celebrate your birthday parties with Prairie Bowmen!!

We provide all the equipment and party decorations!

Cost:

\$75 (Up to 9 kids)

\$100 (10-15 kids)

**Equipment includes; Targets, Bows, Arrows, and an hour worth of fun shooting for the kids!*

**Outside food and drink is allowed!*

**Local recommended baker that does an awesome job!*

**The range will be closed down for a total of 2 hours for your private party.*

For party inquiries please contact John Filsinger (402)-992-0251

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Have an idea to help improve the club?

LET US KNOW!

There will be a suggestion box down at the Indoor Range!

LOCKERS AVAILABLE!

Interested in a locker? Several are still available for rent at the indoor range. Cost is just \$50 per year! Please contact Chris Bensen at 402-540-0524

LOST and FOUND!

Missing something? Jackets, Arrows, and others items keep showing up at both the indoor and outdoor range. Make sure to leave found items on the desk or bench. Thanks!

E-mail Listings!

Don't miss out! There is often important news that happens faster than our newsletter. If you have not been receiving E-Mails from the club, make sure we have your current Email! Contact Chris Benson @ Hoosier-Daddy.ne@yahoo.com to confirm your email



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