



# Prairie Bowmen

October 2017

## President's Report

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Holy smokes—Can you believe the weather we have had for the month of October. It's so hard not to be out in a tree somewhere, but I have to wonder what is going on in the world of whitetail rutting activity. It just doesn't seem normal when Oct 22 temperatures approaches 75 degrees in the shade. Never the less I have heard of quite a few good hunts but I won't spoil the stories that maybe we can hear at the club meeting scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring the bragging props like pictures, antlers or etc. Maybe your target from the 300 round this month is worth a story. And maybe we can enjoy a new recipe you come up with for that fresh deer or elk venison. That would be called a pot luck banquet.

It has been most of year now since I joined your board, and I must say they are a hard working group of fellows that have taken on the challenge of trying to bolster the enjoyment that we all get from archery and its many facets in our club. But having said that we have realized that some fundamental changes are occurring it seems. The desire to see an arrow fly is bringing new archers to Prairie Bowmen many times for strictly the opportunity of having a place to shoot, as individuals. The 3-D leagues still see good numbers but a target league is almost non-existent. Invitational events such as this month's 300 likely will not be huge. The bottom line when we are considering your budget is that income from individual events shrink for the most part, demanding more and more from the membership dues side of the income streams. I know you all understand how fixed expenses continue to inflate. Examples are that indoor range rent annually increases a few hundred dollars (we now pay \$11,450/yr), and our property taxes on the outdoor range has escalated 600% since 2005 and now is at \$5400/year, not to mention a Rhinehart animal target price keeps climbing (a simple deer may cost over \$500 for one target). What this brings me to is the need to consider raising the dues structure. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. Come to the club meeting to help us address the issue of finding a balanced budget.

I would like you to also know that the board is considering ways to see us enjoy our sport more. For example our retiring range master tips you off in his report that a project to refurbish the lower field course could be on the table but did you know that new fiberboard in each of those target stands will cost us \$90 plus shipping from Missouri. And while we do not require work of our members, we would have a difficult time paying for most of the needed maintenance of the ranges even if we can buy material. Once again we need your input. This is all doable folks as you all know how much fun archery can be as a result.

It would be inhumane of me to not mention the ballot found later in this document. As has been recent history there hasn't been a great run up in nominations for the various positions up for vote tallies. However, that is not a slam dunk for any position because there will be a write-in slot in all three positions and I can attest that a single digit of one can win an elected seat. That said, it is great that Adam, Brian, Sara and Wayne have all stepped up for the various jobs and I know all would provide dedicated service for Prairie Bowmen. Please cast your ballot either by mail or bring it to the box on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Whether you win a write-in or not there can be a spot as committee assistants to making the games we play with a bow happen and that will bring you added satisfaction and enjoyment.

Enough Ramblin' but remember this ponderism; *"Timing sometimes has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance"*.

Cheers---Wes



## Target Report

Some of you might have noticed that I have moved a few of the target backers around at the outdoor range due to them getting worn out. We have a plan in place for 2018 budget to get material to rebuild the worn out targets. Also we have a 300 round target shoot coming up on November 5th from 9am - 1pm at the indoor range, the cost is \$15 - adults \$10 - young adults \$5 - cubs

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## Bow Hunter Report

Well, our 3D season has come and gone. We are steering our focus to bowhunting as the weeks continue. We hope everyone enjoyed our 2017 3d shoots and look forward to seeing you all in a few short months as 3D league will kick off in January. Good luck in the field and God bless!

## JOAD / AAA

We just started the fall/ winter session of class on Oct 10th and both classes have pretty good numbers with a few spots still available. If you know of anyone looking to get into the sport of archery, or interested in the JOAD program send them down. Classes are at 6 and 7 pm on Tuesday night's at the indoor range. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have John Filsinger (402)-992-0251. We hope to see you down at the range and happy hunting to all our hunters.

## Board Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2017

7 PM Indoor Range

## **New Members**

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!**

We have 8 new memberships joining our club.

Cassa Broomfield Ben Keller James Tessier Joe Norseen  
Burton Spivey Chris Watson Junlin Bai Chen Liang Wang

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

## **2017 SCHEDULE**

### **PRAIRIE BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB 2017 SCHEDULE**

#### **TARGET**

November 5 300 Round  
December 16 & 17 450 Round

#### **JOAD/AAA**

October 10 through December 12 Tuesday nights 6:00 & 7:00

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

November 29, 2017 7:00 P.M. at the Indoor Range

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**INDOOR RANGE 345 S. 14TH STREET**

**BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED**

**WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES**

**OTHER EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

# SECRETARY /TREASURER REPORT

9/8/2017 Board meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Lonnie Mostek, Brian Krogman and Chris Benson.

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

Discussion was held regarding some members apparently not getting the electronic newsletter. The Board will be checking with Constant Contact to try to resolve the problem.

Target: No leagues at this time.

Bowhunter: No leagues at this time.

Youth: Current classes on Tuesday nights will end next week. The next session will begin on October 10th as advertised in the Southeast Community College bulletin.

Range Master: A work day for the indoor range is being planned. The garage at the outdoor range needs new shingles, likely to be done next spring. The range also needs to be winterized.

Moved and seconded to allow Brian to spend up to \$500 to repair the electronic clutch on the Cub Cadet mower. Motion carried.

New Business: Board members will be preparing budgets for 2018 to help decide whether the club needs to consider an increase in dues. The current dues have been in place for as long as anyone can remember, likely 25 years or more. This information will be available for the next meeting.

Motion and seconded to amend the arrangement with dues structure for the UNL archery team. Motion carried.

Eight new member applications were presented, discussed and accepted.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th.

10/12/2017 Board meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were: Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Lonnie Mostek, Joel Burham, Brian Krogman and Chris Benson. Members present were: Chad Scott and Jim Tubbs.

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

Youth: John reported 18-20 shooters in his first session of classes and around 10 in the second.

John has booked a birthday party at the indoor range for December 2nd.

Bowhunter: Joel reported hearing from several members harvesting deer. No leagues at this time.

Target: Brian took inventory of target butts to determine what is needed for repair/replacement.

Old business: More discussion was held regarding changing the club logo. It was decided to put examples of 3 logos we currently have on next month's ballot to let members vote.

New business: Jim Tubbs presented the club with a check for \$592 for use of some of our 3-D targets at the Cornhusker State Games. Jim also presented a proposal for a competition between the Prairie Bowmen and Lincoln Archery for an overall 3-D champion. More discussion to follow.

The IRS sent notification of the receipt of our application to restore our status as a 501 c-4 status. No decision at this time.

Proposed dates for shoots in 2018 were set pending the State President/Secretary meeting Nov.19th.

Extensive discussion was held regarding raising club dues. Consensus was the dues haven't been raised in well over 20 years. As they stand now member dues don't cover the fixed costs (R.E taxes, insurance and indoor rent) of operating the club. It was pointed out the real estate taxes alone on the range have gone up 600% since 2005. Plans are to discuss raising dues at the next club meeting.

Election: Nominations for offices in this year's election were:

Range Master Brian Krogman

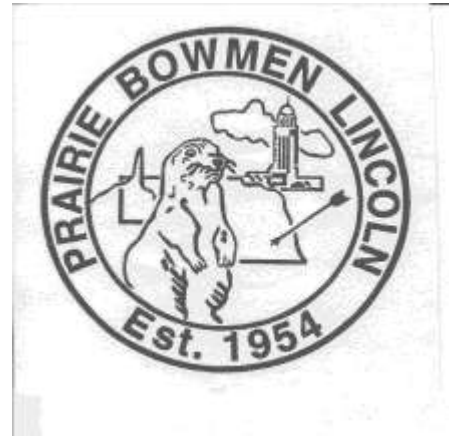
Target Rep Adam Jirovsky

Communication Coordinator Wayne Janssen, Sarah Ludwick

New member applications were received from: Joe Norseen, Ben Keller, James Tessier and Cassa Broomfield. After discussion all were approved.

Chris Benson

## LOGO BALLOT



This is a ballot that will be used to determine future action on the logo to be used in official club publications. The three logos depicted above are the last three logos used by the club. Please either select one of the above as your favorite by circling the chosen logo or create one of your own design and submit it with this ballot. This ballot should be cut out and returned to Chris Benson with your ballot for election of officers or it can be submitted on its own as required for the officer election ballot. The instructions and deadlines for submission are shown with the officer election ballot. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

## Range Master Report

Where to start..... first off, I do hope you are all enjoying the outdoor range. There have been many improvements made in the past two years and it's because of you stepping up to assist me in making it happen.

On the upper range, targets were rebuilt and bow hangers repaired or replaced. On the American range, a brick shooting line was installed and the trip line was removed. New bow hangers were installed and the bleachers were moved to behind the shooting line. In the club and well house area: the well did not pass the health inspection and was removed; club house and well house painted; and our favorite electrician, John, managed to get our range lights working again. My hopes of getting a lot of work done in the bottom just didn't pan out.

If it wasn't for a couple donations, the painting of the club and well house would not have been done. Diamond Vogel donated 10 gallons of paint and we also received a cash donation.

This coming year the board is going to be aggressive by putting the following projects on the new range-master list: Paint and roof the garage; Install a broad head pit; replace/repair the roofs on the two shelters; and tackle the bottom range to give it back to you archers. Yes, these are going to be major expenses, but folks, these are needed.

In closing, I want to thank ALL who helped me these past two years. It was trying in the beginning; because I was overwhelmed with the work load. There is something to be said about the board and membership stepping up! You made it very gratifying for me.

With that said, please consider joining the board and filling one of the positions that are coming open for this next term. Believe me, you will not regret supporting the Prairie Bowmen.

Thanks Again for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at our coming shoots.

Lonnie Mostek

## Candidate Bios

Adam Jirovsky - Target Coordinator

Hello my name is Adam Jirovsky. I am running for target rep. I am looking to continue to keep the club going and put on some indoor and a couple outdoor shoots. Also keep the winter indoor leagues going. I've been shooting national, state and local shoots for over 10 years. I'm sure most of you have seen me at the indoor range or at a local 3D shoot before. I'm hard to miss. I have always helped out our members with their equipment and continue to do so. My goal is to improve the club in any way that I can and do what's best for the club to keep it going for many years after I my term is up.

Brian Krogman - Range Master

I have been the range masters assistant for about the last year and have spent majority of my free time this year fixing up the outdoor range all while on the board as target rep. I also have a fair amount of mechanical experience along with several other trades and have been known as a jack of all trades. I look forward to helping the club out as our new range master. Thanks

Brian Krogman

Sarah Ludwick—Communication Coordinator

I joined Prairie Bowmen last year and I'm very passionate about the outdoors! I graduated from UNK with an Industrial Distribution degree, so I'm familiar and have access to the Microsoft programs. I currently work at the local CAT dealer and have experience putting together large proposals, quotes and contracts. I've also been in charge of running a company website / LinkedIn page which makes me confident in the Newsletter Editor / Website coordinator role at Prairie Bowmen.

Regards, Sarah Ludwick Cell: 402-890-087 Email: seludwick@gmail.com

Wayne E. Janssen – Communication Coordinator

I have been a member of the club since about 1978. I have often attempted to be of service to the Club but I have not served on the board until 2015. I came into this position with no knowledge about putting out a newsletter or most other IT functions. I have done my best to learn and I continue to do so. As an attorney I am able to contribute to the board's consideration of the many challenges currently facing it. Thank you for considering me for the position of Communication Coordinator.

## Write-in Votes

The blank lines on the ballots are provided so that you can write-in a vote for a candidate that is not listed. This is allowed by Prairie Bowen's bylaws. Before writing in a name, please check with the candidate to see if they are willing to serve.

PRAIRIE BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB BALLOT

Target Coordinator

o Adam Jirovsky

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Range Master

o Brian Krogman

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Communication Coordinator

o Sarah Ludwick

o Wayne Janssen

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SEND BALLOTS TO: Chris Benson

3475 Woods Ave.

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\*please label envelope "BALLOT"

CUT AND RETURN BALLOT

Ballot Rules

Ballots can be sent in to Chris Benson at address above and received by November 29th.

Ballots can be hand delivered to meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Indoor Range by 7pm.

Ballots can be delivered to indoor range target money drop by November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Ballots must be sealed in an envelope.

Ballot envelopes must have the word "Ballot" written on them.

Ballot must have your mailing label on it.

If it is removed or altered your vote will not count.

BALLOTS WILL BE OPENED  
November 29, 2017 AT 7PM  
AT THE CLUB MEETING AT THE INDOOR  
RANGE





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**October 2017**  
**Issue**

### **Lockers Available**

We have several lockers for rent at the indoor range. Cost is \$50 per year. Contact Chris Benson at 402-540-0524.

We are on the Web  
[www.Prairiebowmen.org](http://www.Prairiebowmen.org)

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**OUTDOOR RANGE**  
**6333 Maple View Dr.**

**INDOOR RANGE**  
**345 S. 14TH ST.**

### **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 Chris Benson at [hoosier-daddy.ne@yahoo.com](mailto:hoosier-daddy.ne@yahoo.com) to confirm your e-mail.