



Prairie Bowmen

August 2017

President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hasn't the month of August been superb for outdoor activities? Low temps and few insects have made practice quite enjoyable. Now for our fall hunting seasons to be as fruitful and we wind up with lots of meat in the freezer.

Our annual August jamboree was a huge success thanks to our great friends at Scheels. Scott and his crew basically overhauled the lower range and ran the contests with discounted fees and lots of prizes. Kudos all around. Other than a near tornado ripping down several trees in the bottom on Saturday night which required two hours of chainsaw work to open the target trail a fun time was had by all. And then the following weekend the club revived the annual Prabo fish fry and in spite of fearful cries that we need more fish, there was plenty for this family gathering. Several youngsters enjoyed the left over clay targets from the previous weekend and the oldsters did a lot of gossip I suspect. We hope to do the Gary Kurtzer fish fry again next year and recognize his many years of making the event happen. So if you are a fisherman, save a few fillets for the cooker in 2018.

Thinking ahead, we likely will not see a lot of archery contests until hunting seasons are over but I encourage you all to give some thought to some of the important goings on. First we will be holding a general club meeting likely in November. It is pretty important because that is when you all set the course for the coming year as you cast ballots for your officers. But to have an election we need more than one person per position to be elected. Seriously, this club will work best if we have contested elections between friends. Now is the time to announce your candidacy and reserve you place on the ballot by the Oct board meeting. The board is soliciting your interest and all you need do is let one of us know of that interest. If a position on the board seems way beyond your expectations let me tell you it can be fun and enjoyable. An alternative for you might be appointment to one of the assistant positions as our target rep, bowhunter rep and range master all are allowed to have assistants and they all desperately can use some help in coming seasons. Give it some thought to jumping in the action. You will be glad you did.

I bet Lonnie will mention something about a roofing party yet this fall on the garage now that the club house was painted. Seriously two really big needs are some new shingles in place and a plan of action for refurbishing a lot of the outdoor target butts before the next outdoor season gets started. Getting fiberboard from Booneville, MO is a big challenge to keep the cost reasonable. Any ideas??

Now that the year is on the downhill slide, I want to express my gratitude to all the members that came and shot our leagues and other events or just were around to be a part of Prairie Bowmen this past season. It has been enjoyable for me to once again be "involved" even though the bones and body seem to be moving slower these days. Thank you all...

Enough Ramblin' but remember this ponderism; "A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds".

Cheers---Wes



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New Members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

We have 7 new memberships joining our club.

Rob Hickman	George R. Barlow	Russel Barlow
Larry Fosler	Andy Hatcliff	Dan Miller
Brad Clark	John Elliott	Rusty Barlow
Caleb Frew	Ray Smith	Bob Larsen
Kim Martini	Robert Tucker	Gary Kilian
Mitch Dahl	Kristine Fischer	

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

JOAD / AAA

Things for us in the youth department have finally started to slow down a bit. It's been a busy summer with different camps and activities and regular JOAD/intro to archery classes. The current session of classes will end Sept. 12th and the next session beginning Oct. 10th. We are working on getting a NASP tournament scheduled for the beginning of next year so be watching for that all you NASP shooters and parents. I hope everyone had a great and safe summer.... bring on the cooler temps and sitting high up in a tree waiting on that buck to stroll by. John Filsinger 402-992-0251

Board Meeting

Friday October 13, 2017 at 7 PM
Outdoor Range

Newsletter Editor Report

Generally there is not a report from the newsletter editor in this publication, but on this occasion there is room left over so I thought it appropriate to take advantage of the opportunity and not waste paper. My job is to facilitate communications with the membership and the public relative to activities of the club. In this case I am attempting to communicate with you as members relating to the upcoming elections.

There will be three director openings to be filled by the elections. Those positions are Target Coordinator, Range Master and Communication Coordinator. All of these positions are important to the proper function of this club. We need willing people to take on the responsibilities of each position. As stated in the President's Report it is important to have at least two candidates for each post. There will be a space for write-in candidates on the ballot but you might as well declare early. By submitting your name as a nominee your qualifications will be published in the October newsletter.

If you are concerned about your ability to take on one of these positions you should be aware that none of us are infallible and it takes the whole team to make the club work. That means that if one board member is having problems or needs help, the rest of the board is there to assist. The membership will also turn out if needed. Last year when one of the board members became ill and could not take part for a period of time other members took up the slack and kept his program running. You will not be alone in your position if you choose to run and are elected.

I have been a member since about 1977. During my membership I have tried to help when the job skills of my profession would be beneficial to the club but I never served on the board. Two years ago it became apparent that we needed a newsletter editor and no one else seemed interested in the position. Part of the job description was to manage the website and publish the newsletter. I had absolutely no experience at either task and consider myself to be IT illiterate. I decided it was time to help out and have not regretted my decision. While I am still learning, if you are reading this or have checked out the web page recently it would appear that I have had at least some success. My position has forced me to become educated in the very basics of media and I look forward to learning and doing more. If someone else wishes to serve in this position that would be great.

If you want to look into running for a board position you can go to the website and click on membership. Then go to the bottom of the pop-up and click on General Rules & Bylaws. There you will find a detailed description of the responsibilities of each position. While the language set out there may seem quite formal the bottom line is that we need to get the overall job of running the club accomplished. The job is a joint effort by all board members and the general membership so don't be intimidated.

Nominations for an office can be made by a nominating committee of the board or from the floor at the September board meeting. If you are interested in an office you should contact a board member so your name can be placed in nomination or you can come to the September meeting and nominate yourself from the floor. A ballot which will include lines for write-in votes will be mailed out in the October newsletter. The ballots will be counted at the October club meeting. The winners will attend the November board meeting and take office after the December board meeting. There should be a smooth transition to the new board.

This club is made up of members from all walks of life and all ages. Some of our members have been here for over forty years while others are relatively new. At some point all of those members need to step up and help out. This is the time for at least three people to do just that and run for office. We have been in existence for over 60 years. We did that by being a family and we need to continue as a family for the next decades. I hope to see some of your names on this year's ballot. Wayne E, Janssen, 402-488-6620

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary's Report

7/7/2017 Board meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were: Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Joel Burham, Brian Krogman, Lonnie Mostek and Chris Benson. Club members present were: Chad Scott, Scott Kapperman and Chase Powers.

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

Our club has been invited to participate in the Cornhusker State Games 3-D shoot. We will supply 10-15 3-D targets and receive a proportionate share of the shooting fees. Short discussion was held regarding hosting the 3-D portion of the Games next year.

Scott Kapperman presented a proposal from Scheels for our Jamboree on August 19th & 20th. Extensive discussion followed. In addition to the 3-D, additional events are planned, speed shoot, long distance recurve, etc. There will be reduced entrance fee with Scheels making a donation to the club. Emphasis will be on encouraging as many young people as possible participate. Motion and seconded to accept the proposal, motion carried.

John reported "Little Dudes" night at the Children's Museum was a success. Consensus from the boy's was that our display was the favorite.

Tuesday the 11th will be the start of classes for the next session at the indoor range.

Two membership applications were presented and accepted.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 11th.

Chris Benson

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary's Report

8/11/2017 Board meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members present were: Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Joel Burham. Brian Krogman, Wayne Janssen and Chris Benson. Others present were: Scott Van Dyke, Rob Barlow and Rob Hickman.

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

After discussion, motion and second to reinstate membership to Rob Barlow and Rob Hickman. Motion carried.

Target: No leagues at this time due to lack of participation. Indoor leagues will start in January.

Youth: Classes are nearly over. Next classes starting soon. John spent two days at Cabela's promoting archery at their "Bowhunter Classic".

Bowhunter: Joel discussed meeting with Scott Kapperman to lay out the range for the jamboree. Discussion was held regarding organizing events, food service, etc for the weekend.

Some discussion was held about participating in the "Shooter of the Year" program with Golden Arrow in Omaha.

Short discussion was held regarding the upcoming club meeting, fish fry and potluck on the 26th. Plan to take suggestions regarding possibly changing the club logo.

Two new member applications were presented, discussed and accepted.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

Chris Benson

Secretary/Treasurer

Range Master Report

Prairie Bowmen Workday July 1, 2017

Attending the workday were

Will Smith a new member and his son Greg , Rodney Lang, Mike Yost, Chad Scott and Steve Simson,

And board Members: Wes Sheets, John Filsinger, Brain Krogman, Chris Benson and Joel Burham

What was accomplished.

Club house was scraped, primed and cut with the new paint that was donated by Tom Lodge of Diamond Vogel.

We also spent some time prepping the old well house.

Mike Yost volunteered to spray-paint the club house and well house. Thanks Mike and Welcome back!

Our viewing bleachers were disassembled and moved to behind our new shooting line. A lot heavier then we thought!

The six new bow hangers that were built and donated by Steve Simson, were installed along the new American Range shooting line.

Folks your going to see a Archery Range that shows we care and are proud by the time the Jamboree rolls around, again we need your help to make this happen.

Thanks to those that support the club through the year! IT SHOWS

7-12-2017 Minnie work day, really?

Well the club house and well house are now painted Thanks to Mike Yost, Wes Sheets, Chris Benson, Butch Poteet, John Filsinger and myself. We do hope you approve of the color. Chris also received a insurance check for the roofs and now we are looking for someone who has experience to head this next project of shingling the garage.

PLEASE STEP FORWARD!!

Another Minnie work day, 7-13-2017

Butch Poteet volunteered to haul away the pop machine that has been home to many wasp!! off the front porch of the club house along with hauling other scrap steel that has been laying around our range. Butch, Chris and myself made a big dent but there is still another load if not two.

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Bowhunter Jamboree

The 2017 Jamboree was a success thanks to the assistance of Scheels in promoting it and helping set it up. We thank Scheels for all of their help and look forward to working with them in the future. Here are a few pictures of the festivities. Next year we hope you will be a part of the photo display.



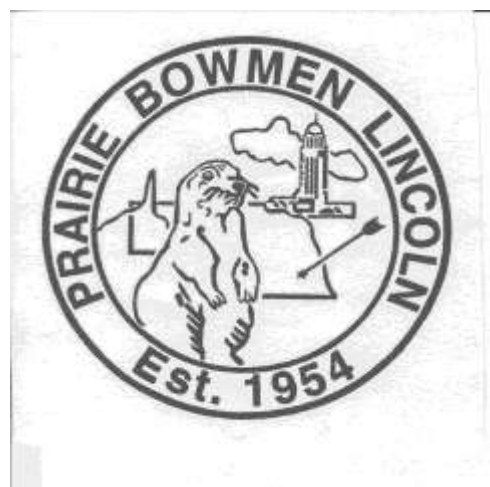
Prairie Bowmen Logo

There has been some interest shown by the membership to return to the previous logo for Prairie Bowmen. The current and most recent past logos are shown below. If you have an opinion on which logo you would prefer for future use please contact a board member and express your opinion. If enough interest is shown the matter may be put to a vote of the membership in the near future. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity.

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Target Report

Sadly we have not been having people show up for target league on Monday nights over the past couple months. We have one more target shoot this year coming up on December 16th & 17th

I also would like to say that as being the range master Lonnie's assistant, I have been hearing lots of comments of how much things have improved at the outdoor range and I will say for me it is greatly appreciated hearing these comments from everyone. Unfortunately there is still quite a bit that still needs to be done out there such as rebuilding some target backers, mowing, trimming the grass, trimming shooting lanes so if anyone would have free time in the evenings or weekends please don't hesitate to get a hold of one of us board members and we can figure out a time to get some things that need attention.

THANK YOU & HAPPY HUNTING SEASON

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60 YEARS OF



STRAIGHT SHOOTING

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 Chris Benson at 402-540-0524.

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 to confirm your e-mail.