OCTOBER 2023



Prairie Bowmen Archery Club

Prairie Bowmen Archery Club is a private, not for profit Archery Club established in 1954.

Our indoor range is located at 1432 N. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE and is open to our members 7 days a week/24 hours a day.

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President's Message

by Jim Tubbs

Not much going on right now, but things will be picking up as we get closer to Indoor Target Season!

NASP will be starting again on October 19th, with North Star High School. This will be on Thursdays from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. NASP has lanes 1 – 16 reserved during their times. Please follow what they are doing. Members are always welcome during these times on the remainder of the lanes. (South of the beams). I will keep you informed when the other schools start practicing.

The Deer and Game Expo is January 19, 20 & 21 of 2024, with set up day on the 18th. Anyone willing to help setup, tear down and help run the shoot, will get into the event for free. You will still have to pay to shoot. With Scheels being our sponsor, this is becoming our largest event of the year! If you'd like to volunteer to help, please let me know ASAP! We will again be doing out regular 3D, as well as the NASP 3D. I will have more details on the shoot as soon as I get them.

A ballot for election of board positions will be in the November Newsletter. Up for election is Target Rep, Youth Coordinator, Rangemaster and Communications Coordinator. All current board members in those positions, with the exception of Chad Morgan, plan to run again. Brian Krogman has put his name in for target rep. If anyone is interested in any of these positions, let myself and/or any board member know by the end of October.

I hope everyone's hunting seasons are going good. Please send in any photos you may have for the newsletter.

Jim Tubbs



Secretary/Treasurer Report

The 9/27/2023 Board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the range.

Board members present: Jim Tubbs, Harry Windle, Kelly Slama and Chris Benson

Club members present: Brian Krogman

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

Target: Brian reported the target league continues on Monday evenings. Usual attendance is 6-7 shooters.

Bowhunter: Jim reported that Danny has scheduled a 40 target 3-D "line shoot" at the Turpin Outdoor Education Center on May 4th and 5th.

Jim and Danny plan to visit with the Superintendent at Pawnee lake regarding a possible 3-D on the west side of the lake sometime this summer.

Youth: The last JOAD session ended last week. The next one commences on October 17.

<u>Rangemaster</u>: Four more NASP targets need to be rebuilt. Harry has been collecting cardboard to be used for target repair.

<u>Old Business</u>: Harry and Arlie removed the broken glass panel just outside our entrance and replaced it with vertical siding panels.

Target material needs to be ordered to repair the NASP targets.

New Business:

A new member application from Nick Jeffries was read and approved.

The club received a donation from Spenser Bretsch consisting of a large quantity of paper targets and some 3-D. It is much appreciated!

Elections for this year are for Rangemaster, Correspondence, Youth coordinator, and Target rep. Anyone considering running for any of these positions please let us know. Look for ballots in the November newsletter.

The 2024 Deer and Big Game Expo will be held on January 19,20, and 21. Set up will be on the 18th. Please mark your calendars to help out.

The Lincoln schools that use our range for practice and tournaments will be starting soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 7:00pm at the range.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Benson Secretary/Treasurer



Bowhunter Rep Report by Danny Tubbs

Next things going on for me are Indoor Bowhunter league and the event center Expo. Looking forward to both of them.

I am excited for our first outdoor 3D Shoot scheduled for early May. This will be an outdoor event with an indoor format. 40 targets plus bonuses and a money shot for the adults. Youth and cubs will shoot some of the adult targets and some of their own for a total of 40 shots

This is designed to be a relaxing and fun shoot for friends and family to enjoy together. Bring out your popup shelters, lawn chairs, coolers (no alcohol please) and grills and join us for an awesome day of Archery in a whole new atmosphere.

Hope to see you all there.

And don't forget, do something kind for someone every day... just because you can.

Youth Education Report by Steve Woitaszewski

The last session of JOAD ended on September 19 and was a fun shoot. All had a great time shooting something other than a target. The next session will start October 17 and end on December 19. The cost for the ten-week session is \$50 and all equipment is provided, but if you have your own bow bring it. We offer two classes one starting at 6PM and the other starting at 7:30PM. All ages and skill level are welcome. We have a lot of NASP kids shooting too for extra practice and instruction. If you know of anyone interested have them get back with me or just show up at the range on October 17th.

Also, now that hunting season is in full swing send in your success pictures and even a short story into the club's newsletter. While on this topic get with me to have your harvest scored for the PB awards. The club awards are hanging on the South wall of the range. Any questions, call me 402-450-3427 and all bow kill animals are trophies.

Youth Archery Mentor Program 1995



Youth Archery Mentor Program by Steve Woitaszewski

This program started in 1995 on a very cold December weekend. There were five mentors and five kids out that weekend for the first two day youth mentor bow hunt. If I remember correctly, the daytime high was ten above zero, and the hunt was held on the Lincoln well fields land by Ashland, just north of I80. The kids saw a lot of deer, but no shots were taken. We stopped for lunch and warmed up in a big canvas tent and then went back out for the evening hunt. Sunday morning was some of the same, but one of the kids had to sit on the ground because someone trespassed over night and stole his stand. The program continued to expand on the Lincoln well field land and to a few other areas in Omaha. In 2002, the program expanded to Lincoln at the NW 48th Street land fill and is still there today. On Thanksgiving Day of that year, we had kids out that morning hunting and on Friday morning when we took the kids back out, 15 of the tree stands were missing. The only ones remaining were the ones we moved a few days before. That led to an article in the paper and someone offering his property to the program, which we used until 2022 when the land was sold. The program now has expanded to three different groups in Lincoln, plus several more in Omaha and in the past few years also into Grand Island. There were programs in Kearney and Scottsbluff, but they didn't make it but a few years.

To be a part of the program, the youth has to be twelve years old and complete a bowhunter education course. They can be in the program until they graduate from high school. Some of the kids still keep in touch and some have two and three kids now. Besides taking my own kids hunting, this is very rewarding. I get more excited when one of the youth gets a deer or turkey than when I do. If you want more information about the youth archery mentor program please get back to me.

The pics below are of the of the five deer taken so for this year by the youth. We also had four misses as of October 1st.



Parker Douglas first deer with a bow 9/16/23 on his 16th birthday Congrats & Happy Birthday, Parker!

Africa Hunting Trip

After almost 4 years of planning and waiting, I finally got to set out on my first trip to Africa, with Mathews bow in hand. I had no idea what Africa had in-store for me. I was lucky enough to harvest 2 impalas. One being of average size and the other being a once in a lifetime trophy. I also harvested a nice warthog, beautiful golden wildebeest, a blue wildebeest, and a beautiful old kudu, which was the main focus of mine and so many others' trip to Africa. Altogether, I hunted 7 days and brought home 6 animals, and a lifetime of memories that will only be the starting of my memories made in such a beautiful country.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Target League @ 7:00pm (Range closed @ 6:30pm)					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Target League @ 7:00pm (Range closed @ 6:30pm)					CSAA Outdoor Pin Shoot Golden Arrow 300
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Golden Arrow 300	Target League @ 7:00pm (Range closed @ 6:30pm)	JOAD @ 6:00-7:00pm and 7:30-8:30pm (Range closed @ 5:30pm)	Board Meeting 7:00pm	NASP (North Star) 4:00-6:00pm		CSAA Haunted Hike & Hunt
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CSAA Haunted Hike & Hunt	Target League @ 7:00pm (Range closed @ 6:30pm)	JOAD @ 6:00-7:00pm and 7:30-8:30pm (Range closed @ 5:30pm)		NASP (North Star) 4:00-6:00pm		Orion Halloween 300
29	30	31				
Cottonwood Indoor 3D	Target League @ 7:00pm (Range closed @ 6:30pm)	JOAD @ 6:00-7:00pm and 7:30-8:30pm (Range closed @ 5:30pm)				

Items in yellow are Prairie Bowmen events – https://www.prairiebowmen.com/calendar/

Contact area clubs regarding the status of their shoots - http://archerynebr.sportsontheweb.net/