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2011 Calendar of Events

Jul 9, Saturday, 9:00am – 12:30pm

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Jul 14 – 16, 2011

Missouri Selfbow Jamboree, MOJAM
Marshall, MO

Jul 23 – 24, 2011

NTA Bow Building Jamboree
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Jul 28 – 31, 2011

NBA Jamboree, NTA Exhibit & Mini Bow Building Workshop
Nebraska National Forest, Halsey, NE

Jul 28 – 31, 2011

Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous
Denton Hill, PA

Aug 13, Saturday

NTA Monthly Meeting, 9:00am – 11:00pm
Outdoor Skills Workshop 1:00pm – 5:00pm (tentative)
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Aug 20, Saturday, 2011

Nebraska Archery Antelope Season Opens

Sep 3 – 4, 2011

NTA Rendezvous
Hormel Park, Fremont, NE

Sep 10, Saturday, 9:00am – 12:30pm

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Sep 15, Deadline for Oct Newsletter

Sep 15, Thursday, through Dec 31, Saturday, 2011

Nebraska Archery Turkey Season Open Statewide

Sep 15, Thursday, through Dec 31, Saturday, 2011

Nebraska Archery Deer Season Open Statewide

Sep 15, Thursday, 2011 through Jan 18, Wednesday, 2012

Nebraska Archery Deer Season Choice Areas Open

Oct 1, Saturday, through Oct 10, Monday, 2011

Nebraska October Antlerless Whitetail Deer Season Open

Oct 8, Saturday, 9:00am – 12:30pm

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Dec 15, Deadline for Jan Newsletter

On the Cover – Photograph by Frank Addington Jr.

NTA Honorary Lifetime Member Dick Mauch sitting in the NTA booth at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic with NTA Director Eric Wellman. Frank noted that 84 year old Dick Mauch is sitting in front of the Compton Traditional Bowhunters Banner that is appropriately titled "OLD TIME ARCHERY IS BACK". In the 1940 photograph below monitor is Barney Griener, Nels Grumley, Bill Loomis and Fred Bear around a fire at St. Helen, Michigan. On the screen is a slide of the late archery legend Glenn St. Charles (1911-2010) at age 90 in the workshop of his son, Jay St. Charles. The image of Glenn was taken in Feb 2002 and is perhaps the last yew stave that he worked on in his life.

2012 Tentative Dates

Jan 14, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – 12:30pm

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE

Jan 20 – 22, 2012

River City Hunting Fishing RV Boat Expo, NTA Exhibit
Mid America Center, Council Bluffs, IA

Jan 27 – 29, 2012

Big Buck Classic, NTA Exhibit Booth
Quest Center, Omaha, NE

Jan 27 – 29, 2012

Kalamazoo Traditional Archery Expo
Kalamazoo, MI

Feb 4, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am

NTA Dart Shoot and Swap Meet
D B Archery, Platte Center, NE

Feb 18, 2012, Saturday, 5:00pm

NTA Annual Meeting, Elections and Banquet
Izaak Walton League, Fremont, NE, Large Lodge

Mar 3 – 4, 2012

Nebraska Bowhunters Awards Banquet, NTA Exhibit
Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE

Mar 3 – 4, 2012

Midwest Traditional and Primitive Archery Expo
Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, Waterloo, IA

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Nebraska Traditional Archers

Mission Statement

- *Nebraska Traditional Archers mission is to promote and protect the sport of traditional archery.*
- *Represent the Traditional Archery community at the state and national levels.*
- *Provide traditional archers the opportunity to gather, shoot, maintain and expand their skills and knowledge of traditional archery and its rich history.*
- *Advocate and require the strict adherence to fair chase principles.*

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Treasurer's Report – by Rick Saar

Balance on May 31, 2011	\$4,999.07
Credits	\$62.37
Debits	\$1,731.22
New Balance on June 30, 2011	\$3,330.22
Last Year's Balance on June 30	\$1,876.02

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In January this year many of us were together at the River City Expo in Council Bluffs and cooked up plans to put together an expanded format for the Newsletter, which you have seen in these last two issues. Wade Phillips agreed to be the Editor and appealed to everyone to contribute something to make each issue better. In this issue, over a dozen members contributed articles and photos. Future success of our newsletter will depend greatly on the extent of your individual contributions. So be certain to help out and make every effort to send in photos and articles. You don't have to be a writer to submit an article. A rough draft, outline or just notes are fine. Our Editor and very capable proofreaders will polish up whatever you submit. Trust me, if it weren't for Wade I don't think I would get all of my thoughts across.

I'd also like to thank Rick Saar for all of his hard work not only in managing the NTA financial affairs but also for his efforts in working with all the officers, participating in all of the events, creating fliers and for riding shotgun on planning events. Rick's management of our finances has been nothing less than tremendous. I would have a real tough time doing this job without him.

If you were at the Spring String Shoot, you noticed a big improvement in the variety and quality of the 3-D targets over the same shoot last year. During this past year we have added more than a dozen new targets and repaired many old ones making them almost as good as new. With Eric Wellman assuming the new position of Rangemaster, there is no doubt that our target herd will continue to improve. We have tentative plans for a silent auction for some of our older targets at the Rendezvous. These work fairly well for broadhead targets. We recently bought some new Reinhart Targets including Bear, Dall Sheep, and Large Mule Deer, that will make their debut on the Rendezvous course.

I missed the Nebraska Big Buck Classic but everyone who I spoke with who attended has told me that we were well represented and that it was time and money well spent for the promotion of traditional archery. A big thanks to those who pulled together on this event.




Don't forget your donation items for the Auctions at the Rendezvous. This is our greatest fundraiser of the year. The future success of the club depends greatly on the donations we receive from members and vendors. If I could put one bug in your ear on this subject, I would like to see some items for the ladies to bid on. I know they have great influence on how much time we spend on our beloved sport. Maybe we can show our appreciation a little with some nice auction items geared towards them.

Be sure to make plans to attend the Bow Building Jamboree coming up soon. If you are new to selfbows, this is the best way to get immersed in that addiction. Personally, I can read dozens of books and articles, but none of it really makes sense until I get into it hands on. A number of very experienced members will be on hand to help with whatever you need to turn your stave into a serviceable weapon. Plans for the Rendezvous are shaping up nicely. If only we could order the same weather as last year, I couldn't ask for anything more. Many great items are already donated for the auction and various raffles. Speaking of raffles, there are some tickets for our "Dream Raffle" in this issue that you can cut out and sell, or purchase yourself. Some members have put a lot of effort into making and putting these items together. Anybody would love to win this package of goodies. If we all sell a few tickets, this will be a great fundraiser. Whether you shoot 3-D's or just shoot the breeze, the Rendezvous will be a good time for all. (Nice thing about shooting the breeze is you never miss!)

As President, I consider myself more than fortunate to have such a great bunch of guys to work with on the Board. I'd like to thank all of them for all of their hard work. It is obvious that all I need to do is simply get out of their way and let them get things done. Lastly and most importantly, I want to thank all of the membership for doing such a great job of supporting the NTA, attending events, donating items for our raffles and auctions and for supporting those fund raising efforts, which have made everything that we do possible. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts, and would like to shake hands with each of you, so please look me up at any of our events. For those of you who are new members, please find me at the Bow Building Jamboree or the Rendezvous so I can put a name to a face. I like to meet all the traditional archers that I can.

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Take Down		One Piece
		Youth Bows
Vince Smith		
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On Sunday, June 12, the first annual Grant Hoefener Memorial Shoot was held at the Schram Park Archery Range south of Gretna. Ken Oberschulte and Wade Phillips rode with me to the shoot. There were dozens of other shooters at this event including several NTA members, Frank & Zack Hicken, Dave & Bonnie Manwarren, Vince & Dede Smith, Eric Wellman, Kelly & Jean Muller, Jay & Dillon Olson, and Rick Saar.



NTA Vice President, Ken Oberschulte at left, presented Cynde and Brian Hoefener with a plaque from the NTA.



The laser engraved corion plaque that the NTA presented to Brian and Cynde Hoefener.

When we signed in for the shoot, we also bought some raffle tickets. I forgot my glasses so Wade helped me fill out my tickets. We shot with Kelly and Jean. The highlight of our group's shooting was the last target, which was a bear standing on his back legs. Ken called his shot in the Bear's nose. He yanked the shot and the last we saw of that arrow, it flew past the Bear's left ear and sailed over the horizon. However,



Kelly and Jean Muller at the shoot.

as embarrassing as that shot was for Ken, that wasn't the only arrow lost by our group.

Just as we were getting into the truck to leave, Brian came running up and told us that lucky character Wade had just won the top prize in the raffle. It was a pheasant hunt for two people at the Pheasant Bonanza Hunt Club & Kennel near Tekamah. Now that I think about it, I just have to wonder about those tickets that Wade helped me fill out. Did he write my name on those tickets, or his own name? You'd think the least he could do is to take me along on that hunt!

A Letter of Thanks

from Brian Hoefener

I would like to thank the NTA for the great plaque. It meant a lot to me and my wife to know that people who never met Grant care that much to give us such a touching gift. The memorial shoot had about 110 shooters of which 10 to 15 were traditional bowmen. We are planning to have another shoot next year. The money raised will be donated to the Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids and other kid's programs. Most of the money will be given to the Millard West Art program, which Grant enjoyed and was planning to have as his major in college. We truly appreciate all the great people who are in this organization.

Cassius Styles met Art Young, Saxton Pope and Will Compton in the early 1920s and became friends with each of them. Pope once described Styles as his best student and Styles went on to become one of the country's most respected custom archery tackle manufacturers. Much of Styles' custom tackle closely resembles Pope's personal tackle. Styles wrote this article after Pope, Young and Compton had all passed away. It was printed in the December, 1940 *Ye Sylvan Archer*, and clearly illustrates the mutual respect that each of these great bowmen had for the others.

The Bond of the Bow – Arthur Young in Early Field Archery

by Capt. Cassius H. Styles

Friendship, real and very deep, has always been the lifeblood of archery in its heroic chapters. The devotion of the Thompson brothers, Will and Maurice, we know, brought forth the adventures so happily told in the "Witchery of Archery." Next, it was the friendship of the hearty trio, Will Compton, Saxton Pope and Arthur Young, that made their broadhead a recognized big game weapon. I never heard one of the three cronies speak of any of the others but that he was lighted up by beaming happiness. Compton's first words to me, of Arthur Young, I shall never forget. Their tenderness surprised me, for Will Compton was indeed a hardy, flint-framed pioneer if I ever saw one; his voice became gentle and low as he said, "Now, there's a lovable fellow." Indeed, everyone loved this stately bowman.

Compton taught Arthur the Sioux four-finger draw, and was with him when they got their first bow-killed deer. The young man had hunted much in the mountains during his boyhood, and was a really competent woodsman before he thought of the bow. The bow-carrying trio proved themselves as deer slayers before they tried panther and black bear. This period, spent in the baffling study of close stalks upon blacktail bucks, was a far more difficult one than we ordinarily realize, for then they had everything to learn—shooting technique; making of tackle when there was no field archer whose gear they could look over; and they had to manage to undergo scornful ridicule from all sides. That they did not master all, we now well know, though no one today is made the butt of so much scorn as they were. As we hunt each year we respect their findings with more and more comprehension and deep gratitude. And I, for one, envy the long hunting friendship that held them together, and carried them onward.

Arthur Young was the best shot of the trio. He was one of the very few men I have seen who was really master of an 80 pound hunting bow. This was not because he was gifted with enormous strength; he commanded that bow because he was not too lazy to

practice with simple persistence. He was a violinist with enough real talent to give finished recitals with the same hand that gripped his heavy shooting gear. His shooting was as artistic as a recital, and almost as thrilling. When you watched his broadheads chop up a wad of paper the size of your hand, arrow after arrow pounding it, at a distance of 20 yards, then you understood how so much game fell before him.

He studied shooting as one would who was not only an artist but a scientist. For instance, he told me never to waste any strength at full draw in getting a line—that I should have my arrow always in line, from the very first part of the draw. Thus I could drive all my attention into the loose, wasting no energy or attention when under the full load of holding. His work on dangerous game proved that he studied well.

Arthur was always in dead earnest about the bow. To go on one hunt with his comrades, Pope and Compton, he was obliged to give up his position; he gave it up right off, the doctor told me. I've heard of no one else who ever did this.

The three great strokes he made bagging a Montana grizzly, next a Kodiak bear, and finally a magnificent black-manned African lion—each of these with a single arrow, not backed by any fire arms—these three acts I say were decisive victories for future sportsmen,



Art Young with a cougar

comparable in the history of conservation to those victories in American warfare, Yorktown and Gettysburg. They were against high odds; the grizzly has strength such that he can with an indifferent cuff of the paw send an 80-pound pack of camp grub sailing 60 feet through the air. Such force we can hardly believe to be inherent to any muscle or animal tissue. It is like the ripping power of a high explosive shell, except that a grizzly repeats, and the high explosives can blow up but once. You may be sure that Arthur knew this well when he stood in the high grass of the Alaskan meadow near the salmon riffles, with four great Kodiaks just about to play croquet with him, and only his strung bow with which to protect himself and the camera man. Even as he shot, one of them, a female, started to charge from his right. Very fortunately it changed its mind when it saw Arthur's arrow lay low its enormous comrade, and veered off to disappear in the brush. If this sow grizzly hadn't veered off we never would have seen the movie of this item of unbelievable coolness and skill.

Arthur's bow was not backed up by a gun at any time on the Alaskan trip, nor was it when he shot the Montana *Ursus Horribilis*, or on the incident of the African Odyssey. This anecdote really closed the story of Pope, Compton and Young, and their years with the bow.

How many people know what a "boma" is like? Few, I'm sure. It is just a brush heap, over which, or into which any lion could leap, if he forgot his etiquette. It is a briar structure that would collapse if any heavy person leaned against it, yet Simba will not even strike such a heap of sticks, due to some very strict code of veldt conduct, and a similar regard for his hide. So fancy yourself in such a twig igloo with a lion 20 feet from you, eating kongoni. You shoot him with an arrow. He knows instantly from what angle came the assault, as alert wild animals can do, and with a roar bounds to the door of the boma. Pope said that if he had dipped the upper nock of his bow downward a foot he could have touched the animal's yellow jaw! Lions aren't supposed to enter bomas. This is a pretty well accepted precedent. (Likewise, they knew when they came to Africa that lions couldn't climb trees-and yet the very first one the archers met climbed a tree.)

It was a moment of mental strain. Fate had it that the lion's mental poise snapped first. As the Doctor said, "Fear clutched the great beast," and he turned away, and ran. He left his slayer, Arthur Young, a victory so thrilling and inspiring that scores, even hundreds of men are now hunting with the bow and the broad arrow.

Now I shall copy the sentence with which Dr. Pope closed his account of this African incident; "In such moments as this, grasping the hand of Arthur Young over the body of that fallen monarch, the triumph is not only that of the hunter over the beast, but one of enduring friendship."

by Vince Smith

As a result of a horse wreck thirty or so years ago I have problems with my right shoulder. Three or four shots are all I can manage without arrows gyrating like a drunken whale. When I go from a conventional anchor, albeit low at the bottom of the chin, and drop to a floating anchor about chest high the arrows straighten out. I don't shoot quite as well with the floating anchor but I can shoot a few more arrows. I love to shoot and shooting is good therapy for the shoulder. Any suggestions are more than welcome.
– Earl Samson via email

Answer: There are a couple of suggestions that I would give you. First, if the chest draw works, use it. If you have ever seen any of the old footage of Walt Wilhelm shoot you will notice that Walt shot quite well "from the hip". During the 1930s and 1940s, Walt and his brother Ken Wilhelm traveled the country putting on trick shooting exhibitions for sport shows. Walt had an injury that prevented him from using a conventional draw and was a better shot from his chest draw than most people who used a conventional draw. It takes tremendous hand to eye coordination and a whole bunch of practice to make that anchor point work but it can be done. The second suggestion would be to drop down in bow weight until you find a bow weight that is comfortable to shoot using a conventional draw. Even if you have to go down to 15 pounds, at least you're still shooting. An exercise you can try is to use a 10 to 20 pound dumb bell from a position of being on all fours pull the dumb bell straight up off the floor until it is even with your chest. Do this 20 to 30 times a night. That exercise was shown to me by a physical therapist and got me through a torn shoulder when I jumped up in bow weight too fast.

I acquired an old Browning recurve and noticed that it had some cracks in the glass on the limbs. Is the bow unusable? – Tom Pliess via phone call

Answer: I asked Tom if the cracks were running the length of the limbs or running across the glass on the limbs. It was determined that the cracks ran the length of the limbs and that they were not through the glass. These cracks are stress cracks and are common on old glass bows. The fiberglass used as bow laminations is uni-directional, meaning that all the fibers in the glass run in the same direction, i.e. the length of the bow. Stress cracks are caused because there are no cross fibers to hold the fibers together, and with years and years of bending the glass separates between the fibers. The good news is this is not a fatal condition. The best thing to do for this problem is to sand the bow lightly with a fine grit paper, wipe the bow down with acetone or alcohol so you don't leave a white haze and fill the cracks with thin super glue using rubber gloves, then sand smooth and apply a finish. Before they worsen, it is best to fix stress cracks to prevent moisture damage in the future.

NTA Mentored Youth Hunt

In October 2011, the NTA will sponsor a Mentored Youth Deer Hunt for two youths who must each be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The 4-Day hunt will take place on a 1,200 acre private farm near Royal, Nebraska, in the Northeastern portion of the State. Hunting will be from ladder stands that are positioned along active deer trails. With numerous deer in the area, this promises to be a memorable hunt for bucks as well as does.

Two youths from ages 10 to 15 will be selected for this hunt in two different manners.

Youth Essay Selection – Young bowmen who are interested in being selected for this hunt are required to write an essay about why they would like to participate in this hunt or about anything regarding Traditional Archery. Essays should be from 150 to 500 words. Deadline is August 15, 2011, Submit essays to youthessay@nebraskatraditionalarchers.org. The NTA Officers will select one winning essay. The author of that essay will be one of the two hunt participants.

Youth Rendezvous Selection – This selection will be made from all the youths who shoot at the 2011 NTA Rendezvous September 3-4. Specific criteria for selection will be announced at the Rendezvous.

Nebraska hunting regulations stipulate that all persons age 12-29 must have completed a Bowhunter Education course. Regulations also state that all persons hunting on a youth permit must be hunting under the direct supervision of a licensed adult. This adult can be the accompanying parent, guardian or one of the NTA guides for this hunt, Vince Smith, Dave Thomas or Brandon Abbott.

Youths and their accompanying parent or guardian (hunter or non-hunter) are responsible for their personal transportation to the hunting site, bringing their personal traditional hunting tackle, sleeping bag, hunting licenses, Habitat Stamp, and hunting clothing. The NTA will furnish everything else.

Three different deer permits can be used during this hunt, (1) Archery Deer Permit for buck and doe; (2) Season Choice Area 12, (SCA 12), 1,500 permits are authorized, each of these permits allows taking two antlerless whitetails; (3) October Antlerless, each of these permits allows taking two antlerless whitetails. Refer to column at right for permit costs.

Camp cooking and sleeping accommodations will be four white canvas tents, 16'x16', 14'x14', 12'x12', and 10'x10'. There's a small motel about seven miles west in Orchard. The closest large airport is Omaha, which is about 3 hours Southeast of Royal. For more information about this hunt contact the NTA Secretary, Vince Smith (402) 727-9141, 320 W Military Avenue, Fremont, NE 68025, vsmith2425@neb.rr.com

2011 Archery Deer Season

For 2011 there are several changes in the various seasons in which bowmen can hunt deer in Nebraska. With a growing deer population, there are many antlerless permits available. Responsible bowmen should consider harvesting surplus antlerless deer. Deer are great table fare; try the recipes on page 18.

Archery Deer Season Permits

The 2011 Nebraska Archery Deer Season opens September 15 and runs continuously through December 31. This continuous season is a change from previous years when archery was closed during the November firearm season.

Each Archery permit is valid for two deer 1) one deer of either sex, except that no mule deer is allowed in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (MDCA), refer to map in the 2011 regulations for details, 2) and one antlerless whitetail deer,

Season Choice Areas (SCA) Permits

The 2011 Season Choice Areas for archers will open September 15, 2011 and run continuously through January 18, 2012. This continuous season is also a change from previous years when archery was closed during January. The number of permits available in each Season Choice Area varies from as few as 150 to as many as 8,000.

Like previous years each Season Choice permit is valid only for antlerless deer. However many changes have been made in the number of deer or the species of deer that can be taken on each permit. While most Season Choice permits allow two antlerless deer to be taken, only one deer can be taken per permit in SCA 8 West, SCA 13, SCA 24, SCA 24 River, and SCA 25 North. Several areas have restrictions on taking mule deer. Areas with no restrictions on taking mule deer are SCA 8 West, SCA 9 North, SCA 18, SCA 19, SCA 21, SCA 22, SCA 23, SCA 24, and SCA 25 North.

October Antlerless Permits

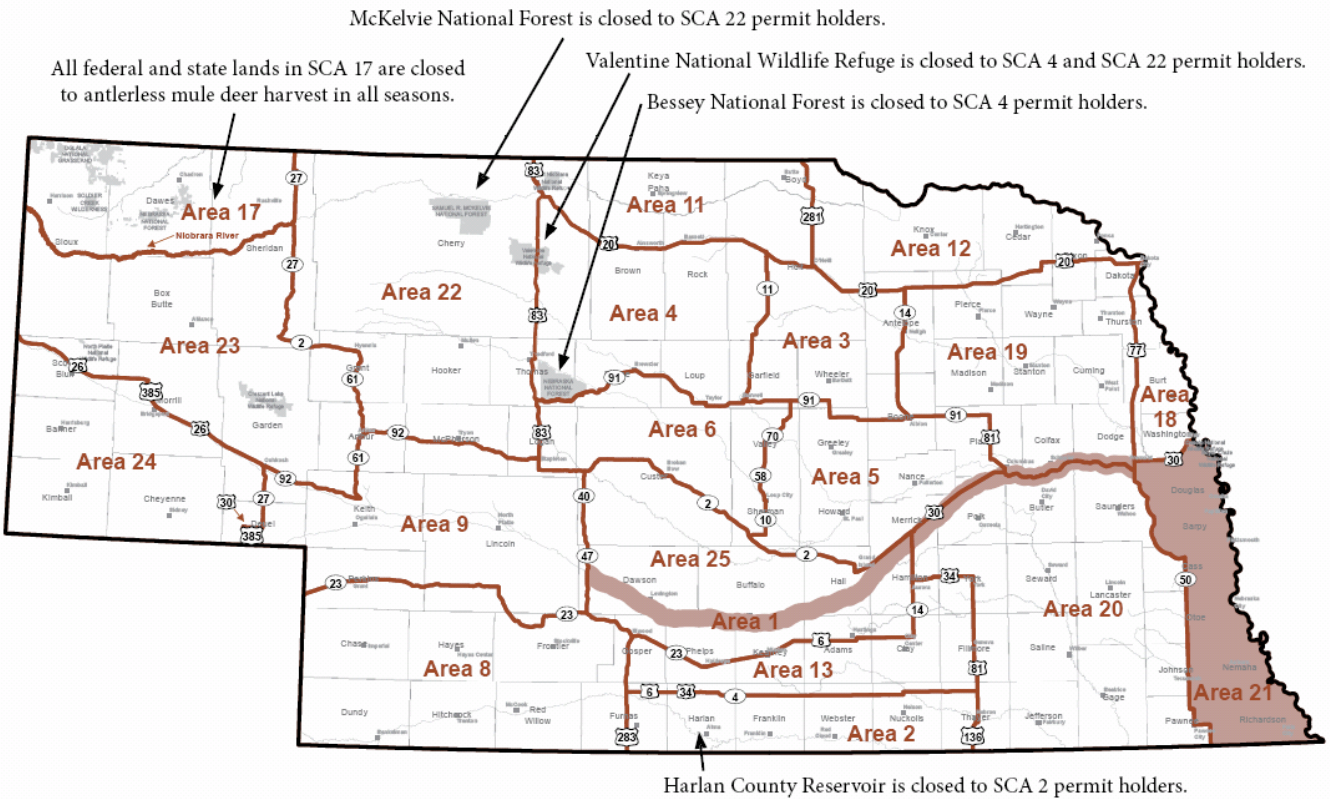
The 2011 October Antlerless season for archers is open from October 1 to October 10, 2011. The area open for the October Antlerless season will be the Season Choice Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 River, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22. The number of permits for the October Antlerless season is unlimited and each of these permits allows taking two antlerless whitetails.

Permit Costs

\$6 - Youth age 10 to 15 (Resident or Non-Resident)
\$30 - Resident Archery
\$30 - Resident Season Choice Antlerless
\$11 - Resident October Antlerless Only
\$209 - Non-Resident Archery
\$55 - Non-Resident Season Choice Antlerless Only

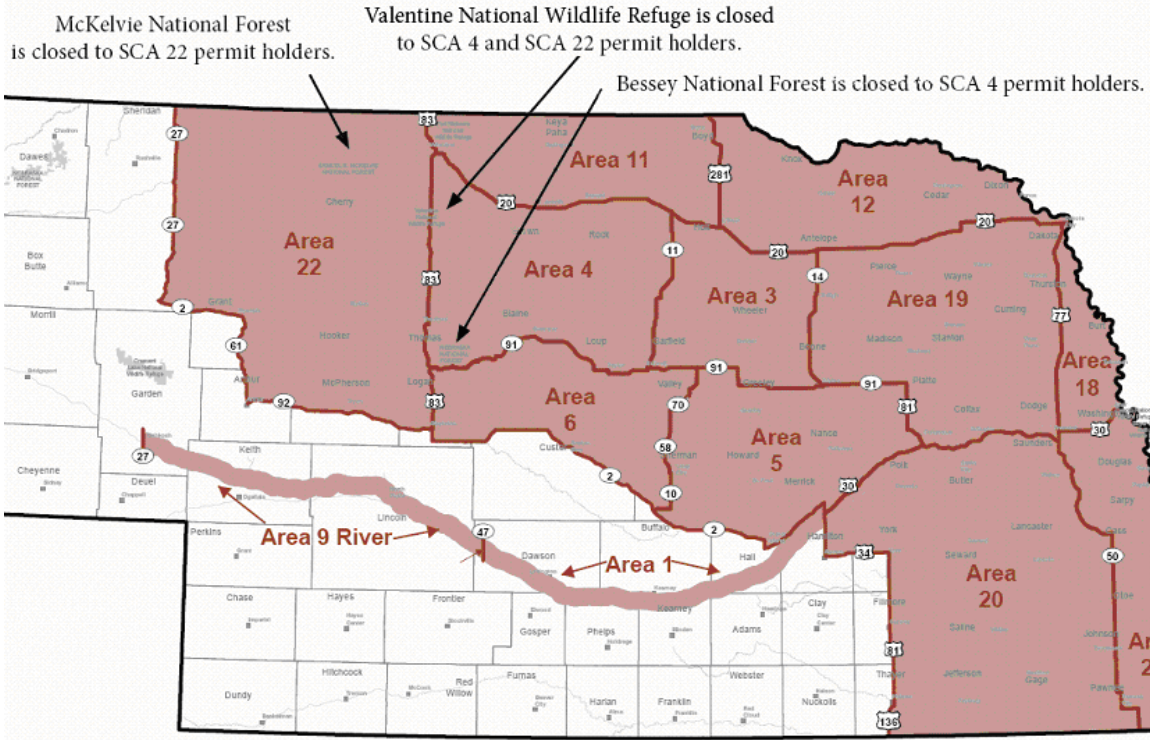
2011 Archery Deer Seasons *continued*

SEASON CHOICE (ANTLERLESS ONLY) UNITS



OCTOBER (ANTLERLESS ONLY) UNIT

Shaded Area Open from October 1 to 10 for Antlerless Whitetails Only - \$11 per Permit - Unlimited Permits



Jerry Bennett was born on leap year day in 1948 in York, Nebraska. In 1949 his parents moved to Fremont, Nebraska. Jerry's father owned Bennett Gun & Cycle that was located on old highway 275 on the south edge of Fremont. It was one Nebraska's best known gun stores and motorcycle shops for the 28 years of its existence. Jerry worked as a motorcycle mechanic and later as the shop foreman at the family business with his father and two of his brothers. As a family tradition they hunted annually in the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming with firearms, which was a big part of their business.

In 1967, Jerry married his wife Maxine (Max). They have been blessed with four daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. In 1985 they moved to Montana where Jerry first worked at a motorcycle shop before getting a job with the Forest Service. In 1986, when the Forest Service began cutting back on employees, Jerry was laid off and moved back to Fremont, which has continued to be his home ever since.

In 1992, just for the heck of it, Jerry bought a 40# Bear Grizzly recurve at a garage sale for \$15 and his fascination with traditional archery began. He joined the Robin Hood Archery Club in Fremont and has served as President for five terms. In 1993 he ordered a 62", 62#, Jeffery Royal Hunter Take Down recurve. This was the first of a half dozen different Jeffery bows that Jerry bought and still owns. Over the years, he has acquired over 30 longbows and recurves made by many different manufacturers, but his Jeffery recurves are still very special to him. Jerry has several favorite bows but mentioned that a 52" Jeffery Mighty Mag is his favorite for hunting from a blind.

After starting in archery, Jerry shot Jeffery recurves competitively for a number of years and won numerous awards that he would modestly rather not even talk about today. Jerry now enjoys hunting, just shooting for fun and helping others with their shooting. Last fall, Jerry had surgery to reattach some torn muscles in his shoulder, so he hasn't shot for months until just recently.

Jerry joined the NTA in 1996 as a life member. In 1999, he was elected to the Board of Directors. In 2000, when many officers were in favor of disbanding the NTA, Jerry and several other members wanted to keep the club going. Jerry stepped up, assumed the duties of President and enlisted the assistance others including the now deceased members Jim Merriman and Bob Baustian. In 2001, the NTA events were relocated from Plattsmouth to near Fremont because the new officers were from the Fremont area.

Jerry served as NTA President for two years and then stepped down but has continued to help out with any matter whenever he can be of service to the club.

Jerry said that even though he is no longer a NTA Board Member, that he still feels a strong responsibility to look out for the best interests of the NTA to assure that the



Jerry Bennett with one of his Jeffery Take Downs, on the ten foot high metal shooting tower at the recently completed Izaak Walton Archery Range in Fremont.

club and traditional archery continue to thrive. Jerry said that he is very pleased to see the present direction of the NTA and wants to continue to work behind the scenes to help our younger members make a stronger club. As Jerry says, "I love it when a plan comes together."

In 2008 Jerry became involved with the Fremont Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. In the summer of 2009, he started a project with Ike's to build a new archery range. Ike's had previously had a few other archery ranges but Jerry wanted to build a first class, low maintenance range that members could enjoy anytime. Refer to the article on the facing page about the recently completed Izaak Walton League Archery Range.

The NTA is forever indebted to Jerry for all of his efforts to keep the NTA in existence, for helping other members, and for all of his hard work building the Izaak Walton Archery Range for our members and others to enjoy.

We hope Jerry enjoys a full recovery from his shoulder surgery and wish him the very best of luck with his shooting and hunting with his grandsons this fall and for many more years to come.

Hopefully Jerry finds time to finish a bow from his now infamous tight ringed black locust stave that he has been working down to a single ring for the past fifteen years.

Fremont Izaak Walton League Archery Range Now Open



A few of the many traditional bowmen who enjoyed the scenic Izaak Walton Archery Range during the open house.

On June 4, 2011, the Fremont Chapter of the Izaak Walton League held an Open House for their recently completed Archery Range on the west side of Fremont. The range has seven targets at ranges of 20, 30, 40 and 50 yards as well as a ten foot high metal shooting tower.

Several NTA members attended this event, shot on the range, conducted bow building demonstrations and displayed vintage traditional archery tackle in the recently renovated small lodge. In their always hospitable manner, the *Lady Ikes* served a luncheon for everyone.

The picturesque archery range is situated on a narrow strip of land jutting out into one of the lakes. It is conveniently located adjacent to the small lodge where the NTA holds many monthly meetings and the Annual Bow Building Jamboree in July. The NTA target trailer is located beside the range, which will be convenient to set up a mini 3-D course after meetings or anytime.

NTA Past President, Jerry Bennett conceived the idea for construction of this range and has worked tirelessly for that past two years to complete this project. Several NTA members are also Izaak Walton members and helped Jerry on various work parties for the range.



Nick Roy and daughter Cassidy shooting a few arrows.

If you are interested in joining the Fremont Izaak Walton Park, you can contact Jerry Bennett or call (402) 721-6112. The park is located at 2560 W Military Ave, Fremont, NE 68025. Membership includes a key to the locked gates, access to fishing, camping, and the archery range. Refer to page 17 for map to this location.

Nebraska Traditional Archers

16th Annual Rendezvous

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The 16th Annual NTA Rendezvous promises to be another memorable occasion. The event will again be held at the Hormel Park in Fremont. There will be unlimited shooting on the 3-D Ranges using many new 3-D Rinehart targets. There will be vendors, novelty shoots, on site lunch both days, a kid's shoot and two kids will be selected for the Mentored Youth Hunt.

The Saturday Night Potluck Dinner will be followed by Door Prizes, Raffles and Auctions and will take place just across the road from the ranges & vendors at the YMCA Camp, which has primitive camping and showers.

2011 NTA Dream Raffle - The Lucky Winner of the Dream Raffle will be drawn Saturday Night after the potluck dinner. Buy your tickets now. You need not be present to win.

Life Member Bow Drawing - Lonesome Wing Longbows donated a bow for a drawing for NTA Life Members. Anyone who signs up for Life Membership at the Rendezvous or anytime in 2011, will get their name on one chance for this bow. All Life Members can purchase additional chances for the drawing for \$25 each.

Annual Member Custom Knife Drawing - Ron Foley donated a custom knife for a drawing that is for NTA Annual Members. Annual members can put their name on one chance for this knife and purchase additional chances for \$5 each.

Special Guest Speaker - The Special Guest Speaker after the Saturday night Raffles and Auctions will be NTA Honorary Life Member Dick Mauch from Bassett, Nebraska. Dick is the last surviving original stockholder of the Bear Archery Company. Dick will talk about some of his many hunts with Fred Bear, Glenn St. Charles and other archery legends. Dick will be on hand throughout the day to meet and greet bowmen.

Official Trophy Measuring Booth - NTA member Rickey Krueger, will be set up in the Vendor area on Saturday from 10am to 2pm to officially measure deer and all species of animals for Compton Traditional Bowhunters, Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young, North American Shedhunters and Long Hunters. If you want an animal measured for entry in any of these record books, bring it along to have it officially measured.

Glenn St. Charles Memorial Pie Auction – There will be three pies auctioned off in memory of the late Glenn St. Charles. Glenn loved sweets and was especially fond of pies. In 1989, in Valentine, Nebraska at the Buffalo & Texas Longhorn Auction, Carol Mauch took a photograph of Glenn looking over a table filled with dozens of slices of pies. Glenn had already eaten two pieces of pie and was searching a table filled with slices of pies before finding his third piece. The highest sale price of the three pie auctions will receive a print of that photograph. That trip is mentioned in "Bows on the Little Delta", page 289.

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Paul Bunyan Stave Cutting Expedition

by Brian Shea

On Saturday, May 11, 2011, NTA members met at 7:00am for breakfast, and a short business meeting at the Junction Café, at the Northwest corner of the I-29 and Hwy 30 exchange just west of Missouri Valley, Iowa. The all you can eat breakfast buffet was a big hit with the hungry bowmen who enjoyed the bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. When a couple of members asked for tarter sauce for their fish sticks, our waitress informed them that it was French Toast not fish sticks. At that point I believe that she was ready to ask us to leave. I noticed customers who overheard our conversations, soon moved to distant tables.

After the meeting, members formed a caravan north to the Mondamin, Iowa exit to a prearranged site to cut staves for use at the club's bow building events. We found the 55-acre patch of downed trees in the river bottom. The previously wooded area was being reclaimed for use to plant corn. Downed trees were piled into huge windrows that provided easy access to individual trees. The weather was a chilly 50 some degrees with a stiff wind. The ground was soft from several inches of rain the previous week, but the strong wind saved it from being overly muddy.

Members were armed with an array of chain saws, sledge hammers, wedges, axes and hatchets. Members with chain saws cut six foot plus long logs from downed trees including ash, hickory, locust and hackberry. Using a John Deer tractor, logs were drug back to the trail where the vehicles were parked. After the logs were split into staves, the bark was removed and each stave was marked to identify its wood species. The back and ends of the staves were painted then loaded into one of the trailers.

With the hardy breakfast under our belts, it was understandable that noon passed without mention of taking a break for lunch. However, at mid afternoon when a huge tray of untouched homemade pumpkin bars were discovered in Steve's truck, the entire tray was promptly devoured by our larger than life lumberjack appetites. Members cut and processed over 70 staves for the club. A big thanks to Rob Brooks, Ken Oberschulte, Rick Saar, Vince and Dede Smith, Randy Nielsen, Brian Shea, Jeremy Misfeldt, Wade Phillips, Steve Nimerichter and Rob Roettele for all of their hard work for the club.

At the end of the day, a large walnut root ball was cut into blocks for use as burl wood for risers. The huge root ball quickly disappeared as members carted off chunks of this gnarled wood in a manner that resembled a band of ants carting off crumbs at a Fourth of July picnic. It was well after 5:00pm before everyone with sore muscles left the stave cutting site. Several members re-adjourned later that evening in North Bend, Nebraska for dinner and a party to help celebrate Zack Hicken's High School Graduation.



Rick drives a wedge as Steve and Vince stand back.



Painting and marking staves, splitting and debarking logs.



Brian, Rob and Ken with a trailer full of processed staves.



Break time, everyone with a mouth full of Pumpkin Bars.

In the last issue in the *Questions & Answers* column, we discussed the differences between dynamic tiller and static tiller. In this column we will discuss the details of dynamic tiller as it refers to an all wood bow, regardless if it is backed or not.

The most important concepts to understand in the dynamic tiller of a bow are balance and timing. Several readers are probably wondering, "what's he talking about?" In the words of Dean Torges, a bow is "a piece of dry wood, expertly tillered." It is the "expertly tillered" part that has been the challenge for most hobby bowyers. Understanding the concepts of balance and timing make the job of putting an expert tiller into a bow a much simpler project.

Let's start with balance; a bow must have a balanced load upon the top and bottom limbs in order to survive the day in and day out rigors of being someone's primary bow. By balance I do not mean that handle must be centered between limb tips, quite the contrary. If you were to look at a Japanese Yumi bow you would see that this is a bow with asymmetrical limbs, the top limb is twice as long as the bottom. So in order to make this bow shoot one must ensure that the poundage load is spread evenly over both limbs. How can this be? Let me try to simplify this. Think of it this way, to achieve a 50# Yumi bow you need to build a 22" 25# bottom limb and a 44" 25# top limb. Although the top limb pulls the same load as the bottom limb, it just spreads the load over more length.

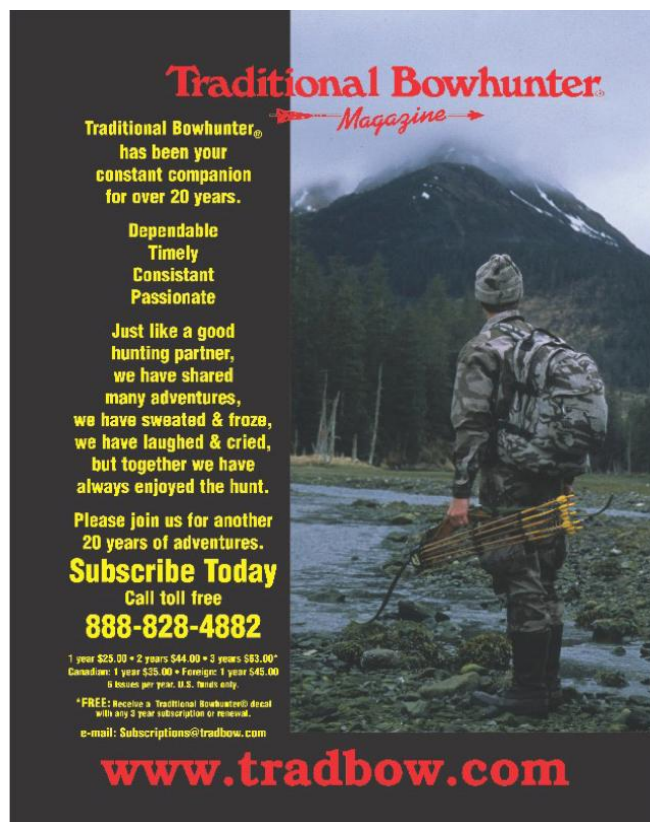
The same is true when working with a character bow. My favorite self bow right now has a large knot hole in the bottom limb, the top limb is straight and perfect. In order to get a 50# bow that shoots well and has as little hand shock as possible, I had to tiller the limbs differently and together. The top limb was a straight forward tiller job. I made the limb bend evenly from the fadeout to the tip.

However, the bottom limb was a very different story. A large knot hole in the center of the limb with a dog leg meant that I had to make the limb bend above and below the knothole, but not through it, and distribute the poundage load evenly over the amount of limb I had to deal with.

When dynamic tillering a bow of this nature you must make sure the limb tips travel in the same plane throughout the entire draw, this is called timing. The easiest way to achieve perfect timing is to have a 3'x6' white board behind your tiller tree that is marked with 6' long horizontal lines at every one inch increment. Using the lines, you can watch your limb tips to ensure that they are both on the same horizontal line through the entire draw. Another method would be to pull the bow to several draw lengths measuring from each tip to the bench or floor at each inch of draw to determine tiller.

A bow can be tillered to do different things. The tiller of a bow has more to do with hand shock than anything else in a bow. You may have heard that an English longbow has a terrible amount of hand shock. A truer statement would be that an English longbow tillered the way the English tillered their war bows had terrible hand shock. It is not the fault of the bow design; it is the fault of the tiller. Accepted tiller on an English longbow is for the bow to bend through the handle, which gives the vibrations of shooting the bow nowhere to go but to your hand. If you take the same bow and tiller it to have a stiff handle, stiff tips, and the bend coming through mid limb, you will have a hard shooting bow with the classic "D" shape without shaking the fillings out of your teeth every time you shoot it. Why didn't the English tiller their longbows that way? The English longbows were built for war and needed to get as much poundage and limb action as possible to cast a long heavy arrow over 300 yards, thus they had a tip to tip tiller.

The great thing about an all natural bow is that you can change the tiller if you don't like the way your bow shoots, or you can build bows of the same profile with different tillers to perform different jobs. The most important thing to remember is that no matter what style of tiller or bow design that you decide to use, if you keep the limbs balanced and timed you will have a bow that not only shoots well, but it will also last a long time.



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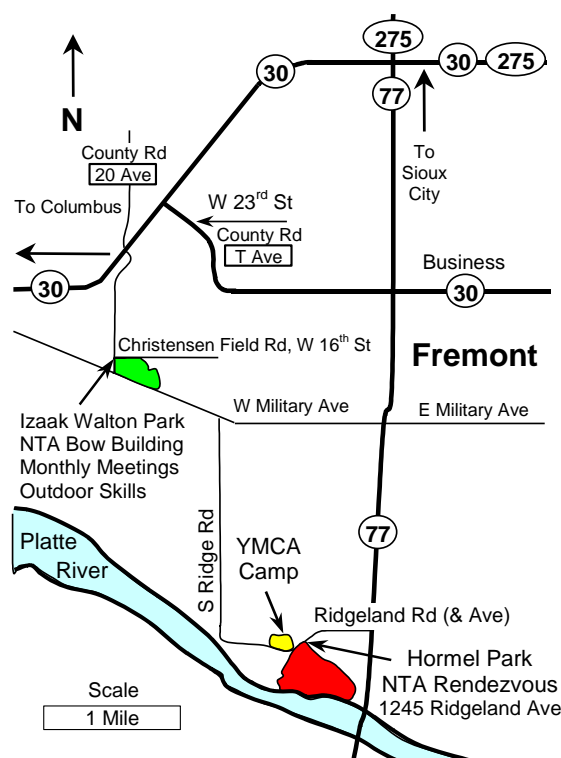
If you would like to learn how to build a self bow or want to finish up a bow that you have started, come join us at the 16th Annual NTA Bow Building Jamboree July 23 & 24 at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont, Nebraska. Bring completed bows to brag on and broken bows to fix. Hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm Saturday and 8:00am to 3:00pm Sunday. Mini Seminar Topics include many facets of selfbow building as well as Advanced Arrow Building and Flint Knapping.

This event will again be held at the Small Lodge near the North West corner of the Izaak Walton Park. Enter through the gate at the corner of County Rd 20 and Christensen Field Rd (old W 16th Street).

The NTA will provide these power tools: band saws, belt sanders and disc sanders. Some extra hand tools and bow horses will be on hand. Members are encouraged to bring their hand tools and bow horses if they have these items available for use. Please mark your tools with your name so we can get any lost tools back to their proper owners.

Members can bring their own bow wood, or can purchase one of several different varieties of bow wood from the NTA. Be sure to bring any old archery tackle that you would like to trade or sell. Lunch & drinks will be available both days. The NTA will supply the hamburgers & condiments. If you would like to bring a side dish, please do so.

There is no charge for NTA Members. There is a \$20 charge for Non Members, which is necessary for insurance purposes and includes a complementary 1-year membership in the NTA.



PEPPERONI – by Dick Mauch

Original recipe is from the Morton Salt Home Guide. These are easy and very good recipes, which I have been innovating from for years.

A mortar and pestle is a great way to crush seeds & ingredients for seasonings. I have also discovered that a small food chopper or a blender works well to combine seasonings and chop up the ingredients.

Per pound of ground venison or beef or combination of the two. Increase quantities proportionally with more pounds of ground meat.

1-½ level teaspoons Morton Tender Quick Mix
¾ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
½ teaspoon mustard seeds
½ teaspoon fennel seeds, slightly crushed
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ teaspoon anise seeds, slightly crushed
¼ to ½ teaspoon garlic powder (per your taste)
1 teaspoon liquid smoke per pound meat

Mix ingredients thoroughly, then blend into meat by hand mixing, use disposable gloves.

Divide into ½ to ¾ pound portions, form into longer loaves 1-½ to 2 inches in diameter. Wrap loaves in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or for 6 or 8 hours so seasonings can absorb throughout the loaf. Unwrap and bake on a broiler pan at 200 degrees F for 4 to 5 hours. If you have sausage casings and stuffer, that method may also be used in lieu of plastic wrapping. I turn loaves at first two hours so even crusting occurs over all sides. Store wrapped in refrigerator, or freeze wrapped in foil. Enjoy.

SALAMI – by Dick Mauch

Similar to pepperoni, but with different seasonings. Per pound of ground venison or beef or combination.

1 ½ level teaspoons Morton Tender Quick Mix
1 teaspoon Morton table salt, (optional, I don't use as we are on low salt diets)
½ teaspoon mustard seeds
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ to 1 teaspoon garlic powder (per your taste)
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Few drops to ¼ teaspoon liquid smoke (more or less per your taste)

Mix all ingredients, divide into portions 1/3 to ½ pound, shape into loaves 1-½ to 3 inches in diameter. Wrap in plastic wrap or stuff into casings, refrigerate overnight, unwrap and bake on a broiler pan 4 to 5 hours, same as for pepperoni above methods. Store wrapped in refrigerator, or freeze wrapped in foil.

CANNED VENISON – by Wade Phillips

This process yields delicately tender meat that will keep in jars for up to two years but seldom survives on the shelf for more than six months before it is eaten. Always a favorite at home or in hunting camp. Serve cold as a snack or appetizer; or heat and use juices to make gravy then serve over potatoes, rice or pasta; or make a quick stroganoff with noodles and sour cream.

Cut venison into 1" to 1-½" square cubes making certain to remove all fat. Thoroughly rinse in large strainer to remove all blood. Refrigerate in covered container overnight. Next morning, thoroughly rinse again in large strainer.

For pint jars put 1 tsp au jus paste in bottom of jar, add about one pound of fat-less venison cubes. For quart jars put 1 Tbsp au jus paste in bottom of quart jar, add about two pounds of fat-less venison cubes. Add ½" of tap water in bottom of pint or quart jar.

Variations - if substituting salt for au jus paste, use one half amount shown above and sprinkle on meat. If substituting bullion cubes for au jus paste, use 1 cube per pint or 2 cubes per quart.

Pack jars finger tight leaving 1" of head space from meat to top of jar. Be sure lid and top of jar are clean before sealing, if not clean the lid will not seal. Seal lids with thumb and ring finger to be sure not to over tighten, then add 1 minute turn.

Place rack in pressure canner, pour 1-½" of tap water in bottom, then set jars on rack. Add 1 tsp vinegar to water to keep pressure canner from dis-coloring. Follow directions on pressure canner for proper use.

For All American Canners – Lubricate bottom of seal with enough Vaseline to wet the edge. Lubricate threads of Bakelite wing nuts in similar manner to keep from seizing. Check vent hole of lid to be certain vent is open. Place lid on bottom and level. Tighten opposite wing nuts at same time to keep lid level.

Place on heat source set on high. Heat until steam comes out vent hole on top of lid. When stream of steam is continuous, time 5 minutes to build good space of steam, removes all canner air pressure. Place the weight on vent hole at 10 pounds, and let steam build pressure until the weight starts to dance. Start timing now for 75 minutes. Slowly turn heat down until the weight dances 4 to 5 times a minute. After 75 minutes, remove from heat source and let canner cool with weight on lid. After 15 minutes, pressure gauge should read zero. After gauge reads zero, remove canner lid and carefully place jars on a wood surface to cool. As they cool, can lids will pop into sealed position. Allow to cool to room temperature before storing in cool dark place in basement.

Pope & Young Club 50th Anniversary

by Carol Mauch

From April 6 to 9, several NTA members attended the Pope & Young Club 50th Anniversary in Rochester, MN. Many members also visited the Pope & Young Club / St. Charles Museum, which features one of the world's most extensive displays of vintage archery memorabilia. The Museum is located in Chatfield, MN, just south of Rochester and is open six days a week during normal business hours. Shown are some items recently donated or loaned to the Museum.



Wade Phillips and Dick Mauch holding the fun poster that Fred Bear sent to Dick circa 1977 when Bear was selling this single deer target. Attached top left is a note in Fred's printing that reads, "If you see two deer, you've had too much to drink". A good example of Fred Bear's great Humor and ability to make smiles. One of several items that Dick donated to the Museum.



Left to right, Joe St. Charles, Wade Phillips, Dick Mauch, Jay St. Charles, viewing the manikin of Glenn St. Charles at his work bench making a self yew bow with lots of shavings on the floor.



Dick Mauch and Wade Phillips holding the only two surviving original Deer Decoys that Fred Bear carried to Nebraska for his first Nebraska Hunt on the Leonard Ranch near Bassett in 1963. Not shown are the plywood pattern head templates for making decoys, which Fred also gave to Dick, and were also donated to the Museum. Fred Bear stated that Dick Turpin mistook these original decoys for live deer and stalked within bow range but missed a shot at 25 yards.



Left, William VanVorst Michigan buck 1937, first deer taken in the US on a B&A license. Display includes antlers, license, back tag, carcass coupon, bow, arrow, quiver, articles & photos. Right, Nels Grumley buck 1937. On loan from Wade Phillips for the Museum's "First Seasons" display.

Compton Rendezvous

by Ken Oberschulte

The Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous was held June 17 to 19, 2011 in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The host organization, the Berrien Springs Sportsman's Club did an outstanding job of putting on this event, which was attended by thousands of traditional bowmen from across the country and around the world.

Several NTA members attended this national event. Jim Stutesman, Rick Saar, Wade Phillips and I arrived at the site on Wednesday morning. Jim worked as a volunteer to help set up the Compton merchandise while Rick, Wade and I set up displays of vintage archery tackle in the clubhouse for all of the attendees to enjoy throughout the week. As a Compton Board Member, Vince Smith was busy all week with Compton business, while Dede Smith worked as a volunteer selling Compton merchandise. Craig Schoenberg worked as a volunteer for Compton and enjoyed his roll so much that effective January 1, 2012, he will officially become the membership chairman for Compton. We all had a great time, enjoyed the seminars, meeting many new friends and nearly every traditional vendor in the country. In a future issue, I'll write more about all the fun we had at Compton this year.

In addition to the Annual Rendezvous, Compton is planning to add some regional gatherings. Since it was founded in 1999, Compton has done more to promote traditional archery, traditional equipment and traditional ideals than any other group in the country. If you are not a member of the Compton Traditional Bowhunters, you should consider joining this fine organization of truly wonderful folks. Refer to Compton website to join.



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Nebraska Traditional Archers

Outdoor Skills Seminar

August 13, 2011

12 Noon to 6:00pm

Izaak Walton Park

2560 West Military Ave

Fremont, NE 68025

No Cost

Open to the Public

Seminar Topics:

Treestand Safety & Placement

Ground Hunting Skills

Fire Starting

Survival Skills & Pack Set Up

Blood Trailing

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The NTA Outdoor Skills Seminar will be held August 13, 2011 from Noon to 6:00pm at the Izaak Walton Park In Fremont, Nebraska. This event is open to all NTA members as well as the public. There is no charge.

The NTA regular monthly meeting will be held that morning from 9:00am to 11:00am. Ken Oberschulte will prepare an early lunch for club members who volunteer to help with the Workshop.

Sessions for each of the six topics will run concurrently and be repeated each hour. Attendees will be broken into six groups. Each group will start with a different topic and rotate between the topics. Instructors will be Vince Smith, Eric Wellman, Frank & Zach Hicken, Dave Manwarren, Brian Hoefener and Rob Brooks. Guides for the six groups will be George Kaplan, Wade Phillips, Steve Bunck, Brian Shea, Rick Saar and Randy Nielsen. If you'd like to help contact one of the above members.

Refer to map on page 17 showing the Ike's location.

From Friday to Sunday, March 25 - 27, several members manned the NTA exhibitor booth at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic at the Quest Center in Omaha. Vince Smith created a Power Point slide show of past NTA events that was shown on a continuous loop on a 32" screen in the booth. Brian Hoefener built the stand for the screen and Wade Phillips built the display showing various steps and tools for making an osage or yew self bow.

The three-day event was well attended by the public. There was a lot of interest in traditional archery. The displays and the slide show drew a lot of attention from sportsmen. We signed up several new members and handed out dozens of membership applications, Newsletters, and flyers for upcoming NTA events.

Frank Addington Jr. put on the best seminar of the show, breaking balloons and aspirins with a recurve. Frank's message to young people to stay away from drugs, and shut down the computer to make time to enjoy some outdoor sports, was inspiring to everyone.

Members who attended and helped out were Randy Nielsen, Vince and Dede Smith, Rick Saar, Brian and Cynde Hoefener, Frank and Zack Hicken, Eric and Lexus Wellman, Craig Schoenberg, George Kaplan, Wade Phillips, Brian Shea, Dick and Carol Mauch. NTA member Ricky Krueger also attended this event and was kept busy with measuring antlers for the North American Shed Hunters Club.



Traditional bowman, Frank Addington Jr. was on hand demonstrating his exhibition shooting. Frank's signature shot is busting aspirins while shooting behind his back. While not performing, Frank hung out with the traditional bowmen at the NTA booth.



Dede & Vince Smith with Dick and Carol Mauch in the NTA booth at the 2011 Nebraska Big Buck Classic.

Spring String Shoot

by Dave Manwarren

The Annual NTA Spring String Shoot was held Sunday April 10, 2011 at Hormel Park in Fremont. The consensus at the shoot seemed to be that everyone had developed bad case of cabin fever following the end of hunting season, and that it was a great feeling to get outside to do some shooting.

We had good turnout and enjoyed a course filled with several new 3-D targets. The NTA resident bowman chef, Ken Oberschulte served us a hot lunch. After lunch someone said that Vince Smith was pretty sick, but according to Ken, Vince was already sick long before he ate lunch. I'm not certain if either account of these events is actually true.

Unlike last year, not one single person jumped out of the canoe and went for a swim in the pond, despite the fact that the weather was a lot warmer this year. There was a glitch with the 4-wheeler used to pull the little target trailer around the course. Frank Hicken quickly solved that problem by getting a replacement. Thanks Frank for saving the day!

This is our only outdoor event that is scored. Division trophy winners were, Primitive - Russ Most 157; Longbow - Mike Marcotte 290; Recurve - Alan Dean 302; and Unlimited Freestyle – Ken Oberschulte 320. A special thanks to everyone who helped out at the shoot. Hope to see everyone at the Rendezvous!!!



Entire families enjoy the wonderful spring day and shooting many of the new 3-D targets on the well laid out course. Although sometimes challenging, even searching for those lost arrows was a welcome break from cabin fever.



Throughout the day, I noticed traditional Bows of all styles being used, both vintage and modern, take downs, recurves, longbows as well as primitive bows. The variety of bows that are in use today is just one of the many aspects of traditional archery that makes our sport so interesting.

Free Classified Ads

Wanted: Bear Takedowns- Limbs, Risers, or complete Bows, or parts Left or Right hand. Ken Oberschulte (402) 694-9318

Wanted: 1871 to 1971 Bows, Arrows, Broadheads, Quivers, Fletchers, Misc Tools, Accessories, Archery Books, Catalogs and other vintage archery memorabilia. Will buy individual items or entire collections. Wade Phillips (402) 493-6004

Feather Grinding: Turkey or goose, trade one for one or 25 cents a feather. Also selling natural turkey fletching, left or right, \$1 each for primaries and 75 cents each for secondary, 25 cents more for dyed. Lonesome Wind Longbows, Vince Smith (402) 936-0046

For Sale: Rattlesnake Skins dried and ready for use for bow backing. Large size, \$30 per pair. Call Rob Brooks (402) 677-8677, crookedstick@bigstring.com president@nebraskatraditionalarchers.org

For Sale: 14'x14' white canvas Don Stintz Officers tent, comes with all poles, ropes, stakes, plus tarps, carpet, wood stove, lantern hangers, a 16'x14' awning, and totes for all the canvas, ropes and stakes. \$1,000 firm (new price for everything is over \$3,000) Call (402) 727-9141 or (402) 936-0046, ask for Vince.

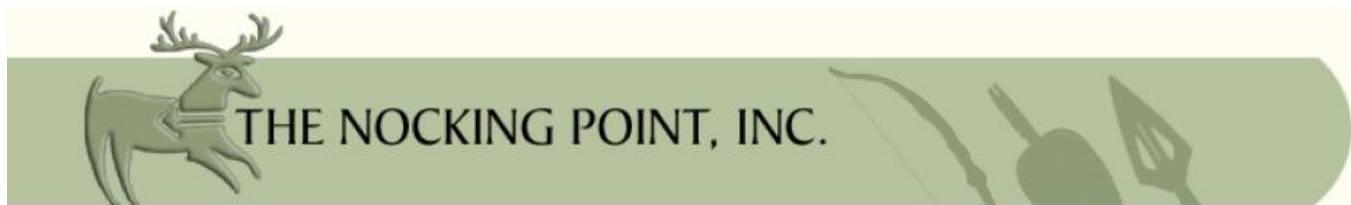
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NTA Crossbow Policy Statement

The NTA does not consider the conventional crossbow nor the compound crossbow to be legitimate hunting bows and will not permit their use, or possession at any NTA event or gathering.

The NTA considers the use of any type of crossbow during any bowhunting season to be the most serious threat that the future of bowhunting has ever faced.

The NTA strongly encourages all sportsmen to boycott the products of companies engaged in the manufacture, distribution, sales or promotion of crossbows, and to express their dissatisfaction directly to these companies at every available opportunity.



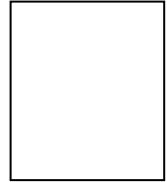
www.thenockingpoint.com – Mike & Brenda Horton (913) 774-7172, 18174 158th St., Winchester, KS 66097

Nebraska Game & Parks Commissioners

Contact information for Nebraska Game & Parks Commissioners is provided for NTA members who are interested in contacting Commissioners who legalized the use of crossbows in during archery seasons in Nebraska.

District	Name	Address	Phone
1	Dr. Mark Pinkerton	114 W 3rd St, PO Box 1127, Wilber 68465	(402) 228-1755
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3	Mick Jensen	PO Box 500, Blair 68608	(402) 426-9511
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5	Jerrod Burke	220 Crook Ave, Curtis 69025	(308) 367-4399
6	Lynn Berggren	514 Westridge Dr, Broken Bow 68822	(308) 872-6684
7	Mark Spurgin	790 Rd East R South, Paxton, 69155	(308) 239-4539
8	Dr. Kent Forney	5001 Trotter Rd, Lincoln 68512	(402) 421-6456
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TO:



The purpose of the Nebraska Traditional Archers (NTA) is to promote traditional archery. The NTA represents the Traditional Archery community at the state and national levels. The NTA provides traditional archers the opportunity to gather, shoot, maintain and expand their skills and knowledge of traditional archery and its rich history. The organization advocates and requires the strict adherence to fair chase principles.

The NTA publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds an annual banquet, organizes an annual spring shoot, an annual Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous and sponsors several other events throughout the year including an annual 2-day self bow building seminar that is free to NTA members.

Membership Application – Encourage Others to Join – <http://www.nebraskatraditionalarchers.org>

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Send a check or money order to:

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- \$20 Annual Membership** (9/1 to 11/30 or after 6/1)
(12/1 to 2/28 = \$15; 3/1 to 5/31=\$10)
- \$150 Lifetime Membership**