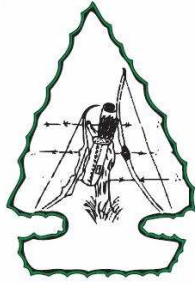


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# 2012 Calendar of Events

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## **Jan 14, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, 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** (snowed out, moved to Mar 17)

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

## **Feb 11, 2012**

Annual Game Feed  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Feb 25, 2012, Saturday, 5:00pm**

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

## **Feb 24 – 26, 2012**

Compton Traditional "Pre-Spring Arrow Fling"  
Tannehill Historical State Park, McCalla, Alabama  
Terry Harris (205) 822-3563 archertw@bellsouth.net

## **Mar 3 – 4, 2012**

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

## **Mar 9 – 11, 2012**

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

## **Mar 10, Deadline for Mar Newsletter**

## **Mar 10, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Mar 16 – 18, 2012**

Oklahoma 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Self Bow Jamboree, OJAM  
Stillwater, OK – www.ojam.org

## **Mar 25, 2012 through May 31, 2012**

Nebraska Archery Spring Turkey Season Open Statewide

## **Apr 14, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Apr 15, 2012, Sunday**

NTA Annual String Shoot  
Hormel Park, Fremont, NE

## **May 12, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **May 15, Deadline for Jun Newsletter**

## **May 27 – 28, 2012**

Iowa Traditional Bowhunter's Society Rendezvous  
Ames, Iowa

## **Jun 9, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Jun 10, Sunday 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Grant Hoefener Memorial 3-D Shoot  
Schram Park Archery Range, Gretna, NE

## **Jun 15 – 17, 2012**

Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

## **Jul 14 – 15, 2012, Saturday, 8am – 6pm, Sunday 8am – 3pm**

Nebraska BOJAM – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bow Building Jamboree  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Jul 15, Deadline for Aug Newsletter**

## **Jul 19 – 22, 2012**

Missouri 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozarks Self Bow Jamboree, MOJAM  
Marshall, MO

## **Jul 26 – 29, 2012**

Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous  
Denton Hill, PA

## **Aug 3 – 5, 2012**

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

## **Aug 11, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Aug 20, 2012 through Dec 31, 2012**

Nebraska Archery Antelope Season Open

## **Sept 1 – 2, 2012**

NTA Annual Rendezvous  
Hormel Park, Fremont, NE

## **Sept 8, 2012, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon**

NTA Monthly Meeting  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

## **Sept 15, through Jan 31, 2013**

Nebraska Archery Turkey Season Open Statewide

## **Sept 15, through Dec 31, 2012**

Nebraska Archery Deer Season Open Statewide

## **Sept 15, 2012 through Jan 18, 2013**

Nebraska Archery Deer "Antlerless Only Season Choice" Areas Open

## **Sept 15, 2012 through Jan 18, 2013**

Nebraska Archery Deer "River Antlerless" Areas Open

## **Dec 15, Deadline for Jan Newsletter**

**On the Cover** – At the NTA's 2012 Spring String Shoot, the club's new Bison target very appropriately represented Nebraska's largest native big game animal of modern times. This is one of many new targets purchased by the club during the past year and provided participants with a scenic shot along the edge of the meadow. Several shooters declared this year's event to be the best Spring String Shoot ever. Nebraska's earliest well known traditional archer of European decent known to have taken a bison with the bow and arrow was pioneer bowman Will Compton, the first inductee in the Nebraska Archery and Bowhunting Hall of Fame.

## Nebraska Traditional Archers

### Purpose

- *The purpose of the Nebraska Traditional Archers is to promote responsible and ethical bowhunting practices and to support other archery organizations who do the same.*
- *To bring together people with a common interest and appreciation of traditional archery equipment and methods for the purpose of increasing their knowledge, skill and enjoyment of traditional archery*
- *To ensure continuation into the future the traditions and skills passed down by those bowmen who came before us.*

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#### Submission deadlines:

Feb 15 for Mar Issue	Jul 15 for Aug Issue
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### Treasurer's Report – by Brian Shea

Balance on May 12, 2012 .....	\$7,264.63
Credits .....	\$2,166.00
Debits .....	\$2,123.62
New Balance on June 9, 2012 .....	\$7,307.01
Last Year's Balance on May 31 ...	\$4,999.07

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Hope everyone had a good spring. Turkey season is over and hopefully everyone who was able to get out to hunt, had success. I was able to fill one tag with a nice tom. As always, it was a busy spring for the club.

First was the Spring String Shoot. We had a terrific turn out despite the weather and a bleak forecast. On Saturday afternoon following the April monthly meeting, we were able to get the course set before the heavy rain came down. We had a great group of guys helping to get the targets set. Everyone I talked with after the shoot said that they were extremely pleased with the course layout. For those who haven't made it to one of the String shoots, you should really try to make it next year. This is truly a fun shoot. I want to congratulate the two winners at the String Shoot Raffle, Johnny Manwarren won the Life Membership, and Brandon Abbott won his 2012 Rendezvous Shooting Fees paid.

We received a lot of good feedback from the membership on the Member Survey that was completed in April. I want to thank those who took the time to fill it out and send it in. This is a big help to ensure that we continue in the right direction. We had a good response and a lot of favorable comments that make me think we are doing things right. If anyone has any additional comments, please feel free to contact any of the board members at any time.

Next was the May meeting. After the meeting, a group of us worked on enclosing a new storage area that the club is renting in the shop building at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. We can now lock up all our bow building tools, bow staves and some targets at Ike's, which allows us to keep everything in one location. The enclosure went together very smoothly and I want to thank all who were involved.

You should have received an email from the board with the Code of Conduct that the board adopted at the May meeting. This is something that all members should read and follow. It is really a simple and straight forward way of acting around people. We want everyone to have a good time and to get along. We know that not all people always agree on the same things. There is always a way to work through the differences and work out a compromise. The goal is to all work together to make this club better than it has ever been. We are on track as events are getting bigger and better. We are buying new targets and tools and improving in many ways. This will only continue as long as we continue to work together.

The board voted to donate to Jerky for the Troops, a great cause that is headed up by NBA and NTA member Craig Schoneberg. For those who are not familiar with Jerky for the Troops, Craig and a group of guys gather venison from the fall hunting season, have it processed into jerky and ship it to the troops serving our country overseas. There are big expenses for processing and shipping. They welcome any donations to help out. I want to thank them personally for what they are doing to make things a little better for our troops.

Well, that's a quick rundown of what we have been doing the past few months. Next up is our July Bow Building

Jamboree, BOJAM. This is a bigger event every year and we already have a large number of pre-registrations.

The Bowyer's Dream Raffle for BOJAM promises to be another great NTA fund raiser. If you haven't sent in your raffle tickets yet for this unbelievable set of equipment, tools, supplies and staves, you need to fill out your raffle tickets and check today and mail them in right away.

If you are a new bowyer, the NTA's Bowyer's Dream Raffle includes everything you need to get started to build self bows. If you are an experienced bowyer, much of the hand crafted solid walnut equipment will be such an unbelievable upgrade to any equipment that you have ever seen that you will really want to own this unique package. A big thanks to all members who contributed to help make this raffle an incredible dream come true for some very lucky bowman whose name will be drawn at this year's BOJAM, July 14-15. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who has helped, donated and participated at events, meetings, and work parties. We are all here for the same goal, to promote traditional archery and give everyone who is interested in our sport, the opportunity to shoot and expand their skills and knowledge.

I would like to welcome our newest members. If you live nearby and don't already know them, look them up and introduce yourself as a NTA member and traditional archer.

## Welcome New Members

Johnny Manwarren, Fairmont  
Brent Kneiff, Sioux City, Iowa  
Chad Michel, Grand Island  
Mathew Miller, Plattsmouth

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# Nebraska Traditional Archers - BOJAM 2012 Bowyer's Dream Raffle

*One Lucky bowman will win this All Walnut "Bowyer's Dream" Package, get your tickets today!*

*Drawing at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NTA Bow Building Jamboree - BOJAM at Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, Nebraska  
Saturday July 14, 2012. Need not be present to win.*

## Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00

### This All Walnut Package includes:

- Stave Press – donated by NTA
- Walnut Stave Press Bench – handcrafted by Wade Phillips,  
NTA Logo engraved by Vince Smith, wood cut by Frank Hicken & Zack Hicken
- Walnut Tillering Tree – handcrafted by Vince Smith
- Walnut Flemish String Jig & Tillering Gizmo – handcrafted by Dave Manwarren
- Walnut Tothing Tool & Walnut Sanding Block – handcrafted by Wade Phillips
- Walnut Handled Nock File – handcrafted by Ken Oberschulte
- Tillering String, B-50 String Material & String Server – donated by Dick Mauch
- Vintage Draw Knife – donated by Dick Mauch
- Vintage Spoke Shave & Hide Glue – donated by Ken Oberschulte
- Bowyer's Rasp – donated by Jeremy Misfield
- Three Assorted Cabinet Scrapers – donated by The Nocking Point
- Deer Rawhide Backing – by Rob Roettele; Deer Sinew – by Vince Smith
- Prairie Rattlesnake Skins – donated by Walt Codney
- Hackberry Stave – donated by Jim Edmonson
- Seasoned Osage Stave, Hickory Stave & Ash Stave – donated by NTA
- Bowyer's Rule, Assorted Sandpaper, Buckskin Grip Stock, Knot Scraper



**For Additional Tickets Contact: Brian Shea - [bowguy50@yahoo.com](mailto:bowguy50@yahoo.com) (402) 812-9807**

**<http://www.nebraskatraditionalarchers.org>**

Fill out your tickets and mail in today with your check

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## Easy Stove Top Smoking Anywhere - 20 Minutes or Less

It is easy to smoke any meat in 20 minutes or less on a stove top or the side burner of a gas grill. After seeing this smoker work for the first time, many skeptics become hooked on this simple method of smoking and completely cooking any meat in meal size portions.

This simple compact smoker is available in two sizes, 7"x11" and 15"x11". Both sizes consist of just four parts, a pan, a drip tray, a rack and a lid. These unique smokers were originally made of black enameled steel by Abu Garcia which is the style used in the photographs for this article. Today these wonderful little smokers are made by Cameron of stainless steel, which is easier to clean and doesn't stick to electric stove top elements like the obsolete enameled steel models that I still use on our gas heat sources. The stainless steel Cameron can be used at home or on a camping or hunting trip on any type of heat source, gas, electric, open campfire and even sterno. At home in the kitchen is recommended to use an exhaust fan.

For smoking use fine wood chips, any heat source and any type of meat, fish, pork chops, ribs, hamburgers, chicken, turkey, shrimp, clams in the shell or vegetables including corn on the cob. Smoke goose or duck legs and thighs in a waterfowl blind. A venison roast sized to the pan's interior can be smoked and cooked to a perfect slightly pink center in 20 minutes, juicy and another great meal for camping.



Put one to two tablespoons of fine chips in the bottom of the pan. Several varieties of chips are available, hickory, apple, mesquite, oak, maple, etc. We prefer alder for smoking fish.



Set drip tray on top of chips and set meat rack in drip tray.



Fill the meat rack and slide the lid on the pan. In these photographs we are smoking 8 scaled green sunfish, a bullhead, some fish eggs and a batch of sandhills shrimp.



Place the smoker directly on any medium high heat source. Close the lid. For small thin fish, after 10 minutes check meat for doneness every few minutes to monitor progress. Smoke time varies greatly with different heat sources, different meat thickness, and the amount of meat in smoker.



After 12 minutes, the catch is fully cooked and completely smoked with full-bodied smokehouse flavor. The meat is moist, flavorful, tender and falling off the bones. Cleanup is easy, wash everything with soap and hot water or put the four parts in a dishwasher. The compact size is simple to store.

If you like freshly smoked meat but don't like the time and expense of using a large smoker, this is a simple and richly-flavored smoking method that you will truly enjoy. I am a Cameron dealer and all NTA and NBA members get a discounted price and all my remaining profits go to Bowhunter Ed fund for "Beyond Fair Chase" booklets by Jim Posewitz.

# 2012 NTA Member Survey Results

by the NTA Board

The NTA Board would like to thank the 43 members who took the time to return the 2012 NTA Member Survey in April. It is important that all members know the NTA Board is listening to the membership and that your feedback is important to help us guide the club throughout the year.

The tabulated Survey results are shown on these two facing pages. For Survey item "5) Comments or Suggestions for improving the NTA", all of the remarks written by members are reprinted here with the exception of one person's, whose comments were directed toward a few individuals, and who agreed not to have those comments printed.

All members who returned the survey were entered into a drawing for a beautiful half dozen Dave Manwarren arrows, which have the NTA Logo on them. The drawing was held at the April 14, NTA Business Meeting at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. The drawing winner was Todd Serreyn of Waco. See article on page 10 in this issue for details.

Survey Results. Note: not all members who responded to the survey answered all questions.

1) If you attended the 2011 NTA Rendezvous, what advertising influenced your decision to attend?

Check all that apply

28	Previous Attendance	11	NBA Nebraska Bowhunters Ad
12	Word of Mouth Recommendation		NBA Website
8	NTA Website		Newspaper Article
9	NTA Newsletter Ads & Articles		Trad Archers World Ad
4	TradGang Talk Forum		Bowhunter Magazine Ad
3	TradRag Talk Forum	8	Traditional Bowhunter Ad
2	Stickbow Talk Forum		Poster in Store
6	Rendezvous Flyer	10	NTA Email Flyer
6	Compton Traditional Bowhunters Ad	8	NTA Mail Out Flyer
2	Iowa Traditional Bowhunter Society Ad	4	NTA Booth at Show

2) Which Nebraska Archery Season Regulations do you prefer?

- 36 2010 Archery Regulations, Longbow Recurve or Compound (only handicapped can use Crossbow).
- 4 2011 Archery Regulations, Longbow, Recurve, Compound, Crossbow can be used by all.

By a 36 to 4 vote, the use of crossbows during Nebraska's archery season was overwhelmingly rejected by 90% of the NTA membership.

3) How would you like to receive your NTA Newsletters?

- 37 Email or read on NTA Website... (costs NTA nothing)
- 6 Hardcopy mailed to you... (costs NTA \$4.00 per issue for printing and postage)

Members will receive Newsletters by the method they listed as their individual preference.

4) Did you receive the four NTA Newsletters published in 2011? If not please explain in Comments.

- 31 Yes
- 10 No

Newer members were those who did not receive all four 2011 NTA Newsletters. Please note that the most recent four issues of the Newsletters are available on the NTA website where they can be read as well as downloaded and printed.



## 2012 NTA Member Survey Results *(continued)*

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### 5) Comments or suggestions for improving the NTA.

1. *I'd like to see more shoots & get togethers, not necessarily for Rendezvous or String Shoots.*
2. *I would like to see some workshops on equipment tuning & improving shooting skills.*
3. *Get more youth involved if possible.*
4. *Acquire NTA bows for women & kids for loan at shoots.*
5. *Have beginner classes possibly at shoots.*
6. *Dick Mauch was our best Rendezvous Speaker ever; get him again for the 2012 Rendezvous.*
7. *For myself, NTA Rendezvous would work better on a weekend before Labor Day weekend – but do what is best for attendance.*
8. *I just wish you could have the Rendezvous sometime other than elk season.*
9. *Maybe have the fall shoot at Big Indian Rec Area.*
10. *Have more 3-D shoots or send info on area events that traditional bow can be used.*
11. *Concentrate on common interests, avoid confrontations. Infighting will tear a club apart - keep it positive.*
12. *Have the State change shooting times to allow earlier and later hunting reflecting archery close ranger hunting, instead of regulating it with rifle in a one fits all mentality.*
13. *Keep camaraderie alive.*
14. *My thoughts are to keep hunting.*
15. *I learned about the NTA from seeing members wearing NTA T-Shirts at the ITBS Rendezvous.*
16. *Hope to make the meetings when I retire.*
17. *Survey is great idea.*
18. *Love the string shoot.*
19. *Great Job Guys.*
20. *Newsletter is awesome-Keep up the good work! Hopefully I can be more involved with the NTA this year.*
21. *At this time, it looks like we have a great board to direct the NTA-No suggestions at this time.*
22. *I think everybody does a fine job.*
23. *No comment, this is a great club to be part of.*
24. *Now that I am retired maybe, I can participate and help out more.*
25. *The "Bent Stick Bulletin" is well done and good info. I'm a new member thanks to Rod Aden.*
26. *This is a great organization. It keeps your interest along with the promotion of our youth. Keeping archery (traditional) alive. Seminars that teach and demonstrate the art of Bows, Arrows and the making of techniques that goes with different people's interests. I'll be here, my wife and grandchildren.*
27. *Wish I could help more. I love your organization & you have a great bunch of guys. We were unable to go to the Rendezvous because our 3-D shoot is the same weekend. It is always a lot of fun when we can come! Keep up the good work. You have a great Newsletter.*
28. *Thanks for all you do! You are doing a great job.*
29. *I really enjoy being a member of what I consider to be a quality organization.*
30. *Love the shoots & bow building seminar.*
31. *Hate to see us viewed as an "elitist" group that thinks we are better than other hunters because we choose to hunt with "traditional" gear. Think us hunters have to support one another whether we hunt with "traditional" or "modern". Unless something is proposed, that significantly or adversely effects our hunting – I don't think crossbows leave or will. Thanks for your hard work!*
32. *I actually prefer getting a letter in the mail as I don't spend a lot of time on the computer. However, at \$4 per issue, it just makes sense to save money. Hope to make this year's Rendezvous as have missed the last two. Really enjoy it. Can't think of much to improve on for the NTA. Very well organized.*
33. *Keep up the good work! Think the best way to draw modern bunch to traditional is with sugar. Your events are part of that, plus I think the NTA's displays at NBA events helps. And would love to someday hear the seminar that Wade was going to put on at NBA banquet this year. That stuff makes people consider going back to the roots!*

# 2012 Member Survey Drawing – Wood Arrows

by Dave Manwarren

For the April 14, Member Survey drawing, we put all the returned surveys in a box and drew out the winner for a half dozen wood arrows that I agreed to donate, made to the winner's draw length and draw weight specifications. Todd Serreyn was the lucky winner and presented me with far more of a challenge than I had anticipated for what I originally thought was going to be a pretty simple project.

Todd's draw length is 32-1/2" but the wood shafts that are available today are only 31-1/2" long. When making a wood arrow the nock end is tapered and 1/2" of length is lost but when the plastic knock is added, 3/4" length is gained. So the net gain is 1/4" at the nock end. We were still 3/4" short.

At the point end, the news is much worse. In cutting the taper at the point end, 3/4" of length is lost and after adding the point, no length at all is gained back because arrow length is measured to the back of point. So we were now a total of 1-1/2" short.

It was obvious that we needed to add length to the wood shafts. I thought of the rare 1930s wood arrow stretcher that Wade Phillips showed me, but remembered he said that it could only stretch arrows up to a 30" length. ☺

It occurred to me that a footing could be added in such a manner as to actually increase the length of the shaft. Footing arrows is a lot of work if you are adding footings just to make the arrows look nice. However, in this case footings needed to be added so we would have shafts long enough to build Todd's arrows.

The first step to building a footed arrow was to cut the footings to size. I cut a 6" long piece of purpleheart into half inch squares using a table saw. The next step was to cut a slot lengthwise into the exact center of the half inch square footing. I cut the slot with a narrow blade in a band saw and cut the slot 4" long.

The next step was to cut the point end of the shaft into a wedge, leaving the tip of the wedge flat and the exact width of the kerf (band saw blade width slot left in the square footing). This allows a tight fit with no voids in the shaft where the two woods join together at the bottom of the "V".

To mount the footing on the shaft, I applied glue to the wedged area of the shaft and slid the slot in the footing onto the shaft, beginning with hand pressure, and then using a rubber mallet to drive the purpleheart footing on until the shaft bottomed out into the end of the slot in the footing.

After letting the glue set up overnight, I hand planned the footing down to be just slightly larger than the round diameter of the shaft and then sanded the footing round to the same diameter of the shaft.

The purpleheart footings are a nice contrast to the cedar shaft and the color goes well with the blue and white theme for the crestring and feathers. The white background of the NTA logo with light blue bands nicely ties the spliced feathers and crestring pattern together.



*Purpleheart footings were added to lengthen the shafts to 32-1/2".*



*The blue and white color pattern has a large white wrapped band which has the NTA Logo on it.*



*Three fluffus were added as an afterthought to make the half dozen into a hunter's set of arrows.*

On Easter morning 2012, it was a little cold considering how warm the spring weather had been. While getting dressed I wished that I had packed enough clothes to stay warm. I should have checked the weather before leaving home to spend the weekend at my parent's place for the holiday.

Dad and I arrived at some public ground around 6:00 am and as soon as we got out of the vehicle, we heard gobbling all around us. The unfortunate thing was that most of the gobbling was from across the river but a few in the distance were on our side of the water. We could hear one on the neighboring ground that we don't have permission to hunt. We have access to hunt the ground on the other side of the neighboring property. We decided to go to the neighboring property to see if anything was going on over there. We spread out and set up hoping to maybe call the tom off the neighbor's property to us. We heard others but they all sounded like they were across the river. After I set up the blind, I saw a deer crossing the clearing to the east. I watched as one by one over 20 deer crossed the clearing. Each waiting for the other to get to the other side before crossing. I had my video camera and managed to film some of them. After getting set up, I started to call, using slate and mouth calls. I noticed a doe come out a little closer to me. I wasn't sure if she was curious about the blind or three inanimate turkeys standing in front of the blind. She slowly walked closer to get a better look. She eventually moved on and disappeared over a little rise.

About 8:00 am, I heard some gobbling a little closer. I heard Dad calling with a slate call and from time to time, a call would come back to us from the east. After about 15 minutes, I saw a couple of hens in the trees, behind and to the east of my blind. I hoped they would work their way into the clearing where I was set up. I noticed a tom in full strut appear a little farther off into the trees. As I called again, he responded, so I began to think, here we go, and got ready. I watched him through a peek hole in the back of the blind. He was starting to work his way towards the blind but stayed out about 30 yards in the trees and behind me. He worked this area back and forth a few times getting within 30 yards and then turning back.

I noticed the hens had disappeared. The tom started to work his way to the field east of me, as he strutted the whole time. He was still responding to my calls. I tried slate calls, mouth calls and even pulled out the tube call gobble. He fired back right at me when I gobbled at him. I kept thinking the gobble will get him riled up and he will come looking for the rival. He finally disappeared out of sight but I could still hear him. I figured the hens moved out to the field and he was going to follow. This had probably taken about 30 to 45 minutes.

As I set trying to figure out what to do next, Dad called on the radio to see if I wanted to pack up and head back to town. We had a family lunch gathering at noon and I knew Mom would be upset if we were late. As we talked, I noticed three hens coming down out of the field into the clearing where I was set up. I called to them a couple of times and noticed one raise her head to locate the other turkeys.

They slowly worked their way towards me. I turned on the video camera and recorded them as they walked past my blind at six to eight yards. Just as they were right in front of the blind, five or six yards away, I heard Dad call on the radio. I reached down and turned the radio off before it spooked the hens. As they moved out of sight I leaned forward to look out the side window of the blind, I saw a tom strutting coming out of the trees about 10 yards away. I hadn't heard him for nearly a half an hour, so I was surprised to see him. I quickly turned the camera on again and filmed him walking by the blind. I grabbed my bow and when he got to within six to eight yards I drew back for a head shot with a Magnus Bullhead broadhead. Just as he lifted his head to get a better look at the decoys, I released. I just missed to the right. He jumped and walked a couple yards to my left. I quickly grabbed another arrow and knocked it. By this time, he was in full view in the next shooting window facing away, the perfect shot. I drew and released. This time I hit the mark, or so I thought. The tom took a few steps and flew off. I watched him fly into the trees near a clearing about 60 yards away. I knew my arrow was still in him and thought I might have hit him a little low. I radioed Dad and told him what had happened. We agree to meet in the clearing where I last saw him fly. There were a lot of downed trees in this area so I knew we would have a hard time trying to find him.

I slowly began walking and checking under every down tree and brush pile looking for any sign of him. I happened to see some bright orange 50 yards ahead of me and knew it was my arrow. I use bright orange 4 fletch for this reason. I couldn't see the turkey from where I was standing but noticed Dad working his way towards me. I waved him over and showed him where my arrow was in the distance. We slowly made our way towards it. As I got about 10 yards from it, I got a good look at the turkey and could see that he was not alive.

After a few congratulations, some story telling about what had happened and a few pictures we decided to get packed up and headed for home so we could make it to Easter dinner on time as it was already 10 am. I didn't weigh the tom but for me he was more than heavy enough while lugging him and my gear back to the vehicle. He had a 9" beard and nubs for spurs.

My set up was a Primos blind, two hen decoys and one jake decoy set about 5-7 yards in front of the blind. I always face the jake towards the blind and the hens away from the blind. A tom will want to face a jake head-on, and approach a hen from behind, which allows for a good shot opportunity. The bow was a 1970's Bear Kodiak Magnum 52", 45# at 28". I shot the turkey with a Goldtip Traditional 35/55 with a Magnus Snuffer broadhead, but missed with a Bull Head broadhead. I used a combination of a slate call, mouth diaphragm calls and a tube call. I like to experiment with different calls when calling to see which one will get the toms to respond. I like to try to mimic what I hear the hens doing, which is always good practice.

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# 2012 Spring Gobblers



At left is Eric Wellmen of Lincoln who took this 9" bearded Spring Tom on Easter morning with a Snuffer broadhead and a 52" Bear Kodiak Magnum vintage recurve that was made when Bear was located in Grayling, Michigan. Eric's story of this hunt appears on the previous page.

Below is Carol Mauch of Bassett with the old Spring tom that she describes taking in her story on the facing page.



At left is Kenny Broman of Aurora with a spring tom taken at 8 yards with a left hand osage self bow, handmade wood arrows with stone points. Kenny normally shoots right hand bows. However, after surgery on his right arm last fall, he started shooting left hand. Ken Oberschulte, loaned Kenny a light weight left hand bow to get started. Later Kenny built himself a heavier left hand osage self bow. It is truly a dedicated and successful bowhunter who learns to shoot with the opposite hand and builds an opposite hand bow so he can bowhunt spring turkeys.



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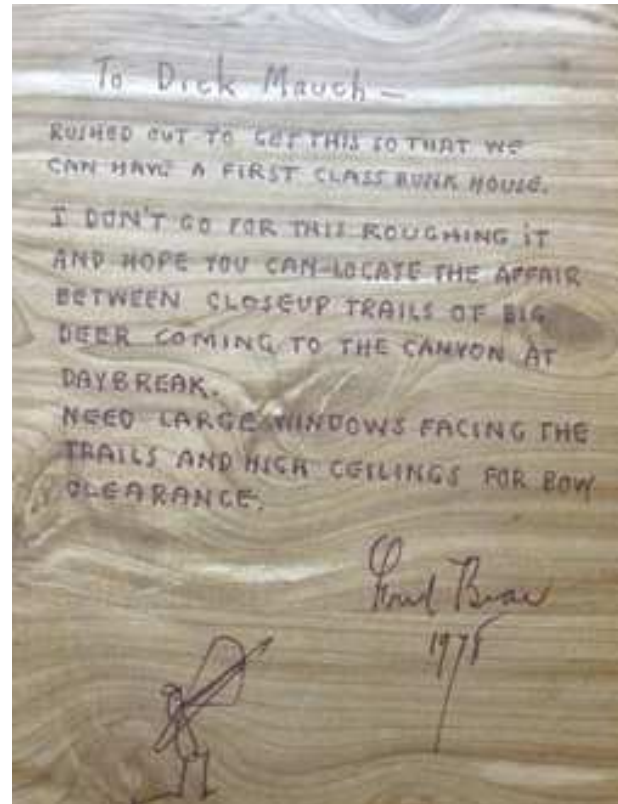
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# Fred Bear Showed Me How

by Carol Mauch

In 1978, Dick was making plans, designing a cabin to build on Plum Creek northwest of Bassett. Fred Bear had hunted there with Dick and had a few suggestions for the project.



In his always helpful and thorough manner, Fred sent Dick a copy of Conrad Meinecke's wonderful book, "YOUR CABIN IN THE WOODS, A Compilation of Cabin Plans and Philosophy for Discovering Life in the Great Out Doors", originally published in 1945.

Dick's design was to 1/4" scale on his Trestle board, the cabin was erected in the fall of 1981. In May of 1982, Fred Bear, Dick Lattimer, and Glenn St. Charles were the first guest turkey bowhunters at the cabin. Fred hung a dinner bell, shot an arrow into the gable end of the cabin and proclaimed that the order was fulfilled.



Porch is at left front of the Plum Creek Cabin. The lane parallels fence with open gate at far left.

Fred's inscription on the inside front cover includes his famous "stickman" illustration that Fred drew on special mementoes since Bear Archery began. Fred's inscription is typical of his great sense of humor and reads...

*"To Dick Mauch - Rushed out to get this so that we can have a first class bunk house. I don't go for this roughing it and hope you can locate the affair between close up trails of big deer coming to the canyon at daybreak. Need large windows facing the trails and high ceilings for bow clearance. Fred Bear 1978"*

As surprising as it may sound, over the years Fred's note about wanting high ceilings for bow clearance, has proven to be much more than just another one of his many humorous inscriptions.

It was a windy day the second week of the 2012 archery spring turkey season, and I knew the turkeys would be roaming the bottoms trying to stay out of the wind. Dick and the dogs were still in town so it was really quiet around the cabin. I parked the pickup by the shed, set up a hen decoy in the front yard then opened the window on the front porch and yelped with an old Ben Lee Twin Hen turkey call. Soon, an old tom and a jake strutted down the lane, right in front of the open gate. It was a clear path to let my arrow fly and at 12 yards, the vintage Bear Razorhead found its mark on the old tom. As the old Bear Archery Company advertisement said, "Fred Bear showed me how".

# 2012 NTA Spring String Shoot

The Spring String Shoot was held Sunday April 15 at the Hormel Park in Fremont. The day before a work party set the targets and Vince Smith did an excellent job of laying out the strings on the course. He changed up the pattern to keep everyone on their toes throughout the course. Registration was from 9:00am to 1:00pm. A lunch of grilled hamburgers, chips and a drink was served by the NTA's resident Bowman-Chef, Ken Oberschulte from his handcrafted Chuck Wagon Trailer.

A total of 34 shooters participated and are listed below in the class that they shot. Please contact the editor if there are any corrections that should be made to this list.

## Longbow

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Dave Manwarren    | Exeter         |
| 2. Cory Engert       | Exeter         |
| 3. Jeremy Misfeldt   | Fremont        |
| 4. Rod Aden          | Lincoln        |
| 5. Chris Madsen      | Fremont        |
| 6. Dalton Madsen     | Fremont        |
| 7. George Kaplan     | Omaha          |
| 8. Brandon Abbott    | Council Bluffs |
| 9. Jacob Friedrich   | Fremont        |
| 10. Bill Booth       | Genoa          |
| 11. Isaac Booth      | Genoa          |
| 12. Vince Smith      | Fremont        |
| 13. Kelly Mueller    | Council Bluffs |
| 14. Jotham Andrews   | York           |
| 15. Alan Dean        | York           |
| 16. Shannon Smith    | Sioux, Iowa    |
| 17. Johnny Manwarren | Fairmont       |

## Recurve

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Terry Rybar      | Omaha            |
| 2. Frank Hicken     | North Bend       |
| 3. Benjamin Alder   | Fremont          |
| 4. Bill Schultz     | Ralston          |
| 5. Kevin Brad       | Sioux City, Iowa |
| 6. Jack Graham      | Sioux City, Iowa |
| 7. Marv Vander Wilt | Sioux City, Iowa |

## Classic - Century

- |                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Jim Edmonson    | Elkhorn |
| 2. Eric Wellman    | Lincoln |
| 3. Brian Shea      | Omaha   |
| 4. Ken Oberschulte | Aurora  |
| 5. Cliff Dale      | Lincoln |
| 6. Wade Phillips   | Omaha   |

## Primitive

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Russ Most     | Elkhorn  |
| 2. Randy Nielsen | Bellevue |

## Women

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Melonie Abbott | Council Bluffs |
| 2. Jean Mueller   | Council Bluffs |

Vintage trophies were awarded to winners of each class. Ken Oberschulte gently cleaned them and installed new plates. Ken said the few vintage blemishes only added to the character of these classics.



*Jerry Bennett donated Historical Trophies from the late 1950s and early 1960s first won by Vernon and Mildred Bishop, Champion Traditional Archers of the Nebraska Prairie Bowmen.*

Winners of the trophies in each of the five classes were

## Recurve –

274 Terry Rybar

## Longbow –

267 Dave Manwarren

## Classic-Century –

243 Jim Edmonson

## Primitive –

156 Russ Most

## Women –

Melonie Abbott

The Classic-Century Class is for older bows, and/or older shooters. To shoot in this Class, either the bow is at least 40 years old or the age of the bow plus the age of shooter equals 100 more years. This Class replaced the previous "Traditional Freestyle" Class which had only two participants in the 2011 Spring String Shoot.



*Because it was Sunday, Ken Oberschulte brought his Sunday bow to shoot, a first year Left Hand Bear A Wood Handle Take Down, appropriately inscribed, "Very Best Bow Ever - Dick Mauch,".*

## 2012 NTA Spring String Shoot *(continued)*



At left, Dave Manwarren winner of the Longbow Division, and a group of shooters, look over Alan Dean's takedown longbow.



The bedded moose along the water's edge was a bonus target. The water proved to be a poor backstop. Several high flying arrows were lost to the scuba divers.



The mountain Grizzly behind the downed logs left only a small vital area to shoot at, but the bright fletch of this arrow tells that it hit its intended mark.

For those who haven't attended this shoot, a String Shoot adds a unique challenge to a regular 3-D Shoot. At each target, the shooter walks along a string tacked to the ground until you think you have the best shot at the target or at least a shot that you can make. You can only move forward. There's no going back. If you reach the end of the string, you must shoot from there.

After the shoot, there were several reports of more than one shooter seen stalking along the string intently looking for the target, only to look back over their shoulder to see that they had stalked right by the target and had to shoot from a less than desirable location.

Just as when bowhunting, having the patience to closely examine the terrain for animals often pays off with better opportunities for a good shot.



Throughout the day, many varieties of longbows, recurves and primitive bows were seen on the course.



At this point on the course, most shooters kept walking along the string in hopes of getting a better shot at this deer.

# 2012 NTA Spring String Shoot *(continued)*

## String Shoot Raffle

Members bought tickets for the two prizes that were awarded for the Spring String Shoot Raffle. A Life Membership was awarded for the first name drawn, and Shooting Fees for the 2012 NTA Rendezvous was awarded for the second name drawn. Congratulations to our winners.

## Life Membership –

Johnny Manwarren's name was drawn by Melodie Abbott.

## 2012 NTA Rendezvous Shooting Fees –

Brandon Abbott's name was drawn by Jean Muller.

For the record, Frank Hicken who won three of the four raffle items at the 2012 NTA Annual Meeting & Banquet, was permitted to enter the raffle, however, his name was not drawn at any time during this event. To everyone's relief, Frank's unprecedented lucky streak can now be declared to be officially over.



*Spring turkey season opened a few weeks before the shoot and the nice big gobbler in the open at the base of the tree made everyone wish they were out in the woods trying to call in a wise old tom.*



*An ideal shot, elk quartering away with vitals exposed and head behind a tree and wind in your face.*



The bedded whitetail was framed perfectly through the trees for this shot at the fully exposed vitals.



*A Dall sheep in the trees facing away from the bowman with a quartering away shot at the vitals.*



*Near the end of the course, many shooters were unable to locate a target close to this sign. They were uncertain if the sign said "Last Target" or "Lost Target".*



# Izaak Walton Storage Area Work Party



Some of the work party enjoying the potluck lunch, Jim Edmonson, Zack Hicken, Ken Oberschulte, Dave Manwarren, Jeremy Misfeldt, Dee Roettele, Wade Phillips, Rob Roettele, Brian Shea hiding behind Rob. Present but not shown in photograph are Frank Hicken and Eric Wellman, who took the photographs.

On Saturday May 12, after the NTA Business meeting adjourned, members enjoyed a delightful pot-luck picnic lunch outside the small lodge at Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. The NTA furnished the Italian sausages, which Ken started cooking in his roster before the meeting was called to order. To the cooking solution, we added a liberal amount of Dick's Herb Mix (refer to page 27 of the October 2011 NTA newsletter for Dick Mauch's World Famous Herb Mix Recipe.) We had assorted chips and unopened condiments, mustard, catsup, relish and drinks that were on hand from the String Shoot four weeks earlier. Wade brought wheat bread that served as buns for the sausages. Vince brought a pasta salad that Dede made. Dave brought a vegetable pasta salad and a German chocolate cake for desert that Bonnie made. German Chocolate is Ken's favorite cake and he took the left over half of cake home with him. Everyone stayed and worked until the project was completed at 6:00 pm.



Dave put everyone's name in a hat for the "Pot Luck Drawing" for a prototype of the set of NTA footed arrows that he made for the April Member Survey Drawing. Dee was the lucky winner of this beautiful footed arrow.



Frank, Dave, Ken Vince and Jim discuss putting a ceiling on the nearly completed storage area.



Ken showing Frank, Dave, Vince and Jim the value of an impact driver.



Ken putting in the final ceiling screws as Jim, Vince and Dave step away in case the ceiling collapses.



Brian Shea converted an old bow horse into a useful Stave Press bench.

# NTA Dart Shoot by Bryan Hast

This event was originally scheduled for February 4, but was cancelled due to our worst snow storm of the year. At the Annual Meeting & Banquet on February 25, it was rescheduled for the middle of March, which was too late for an article to appear in the March newsletter.

On March 17, a sixteen shooter field gathered at DB Archery in Columbus for the rescheduled 2012 Annual NTA Dart shoot to complete in three divisions.

Winners in each division received a NTA trophy.

- Bow Hunter – Bill Booth
- Women – Kali Hast
- Kids – Bruce Kummer

Very special thanks to Jerry Bennett who made a generous donation to cover the Kids' Entrance Fees. I think "Jerry's Kids" is probably a Trade Mark, but on this day, they were "Kid Shooters, sponsored by Jerry".



*Editor's Note: 2012 DART shoot photographs and complete list of shooters was not available so the 2011 photograph was used above. Standing left to right, Ken, Randy, Thoy, Vince, Matt, Rob, Eric, Bryan, Blake, Rick, Dave, Dede, Brandon, Dave and Randy. Kneeling, Brian, Wade, and Dawn the Novice Division Winner, and Bill the Bow Hunter Division winner with his trophy, a mirror coat rack. Not shown Easton, Brooklyn and Chyanne.*

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# NTA Monthly Meetings

The NTA Monthly Business Meetings are held at the Small Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont, on the second Saturday of each month. The exact date of each meeting is published in each newsletter on the inside front cover. If there are any changes to these dates, the time, or the location of the meeting, advance notice is given to the membership via email. In 2011 & 2012, there has been only one Business meeting change, when the time and location of the May 2011 meeting was changed to accommodate and include the Paul Bunyan Stave Cutting Expedition.

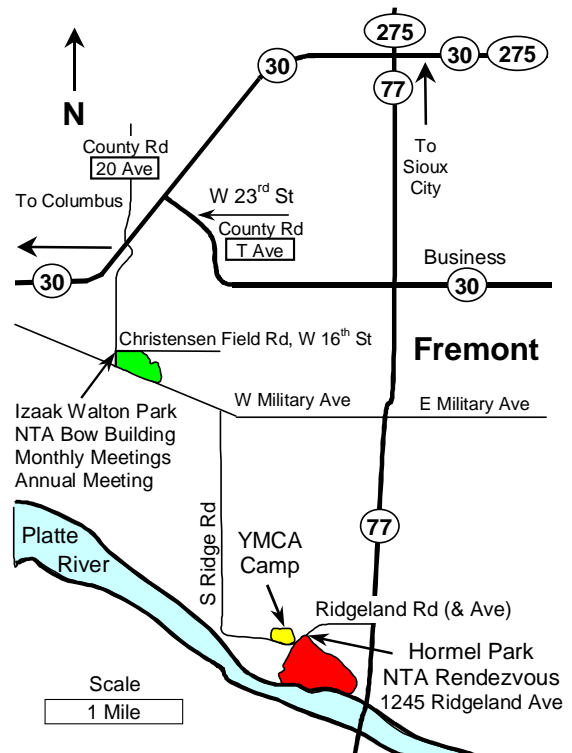
Meetings begin at 9:00am and generally last from two to three hours. NTA business is the predominate topic of discussion as well as state and national issues effecting bowhunting.

After the meetings, a free pot luck lunch is served and we have a free Lunch Drawing for one item that is donated by a member just for this drawing. Members frequently bring new and old items to show and discuss.

After lunch, we generally put everyone to work on club projects or shoot a bit, or possibly both.

A partial map is shown below of the Fremont area that illustrates the location of the Izaak Walton Park on the West edge of town on W Military Ave and County Rd 20 Ave, just South of Christensen Field Rd. This is the same location where we hold the July Bow Building Jamboree, BOJAM, and the Annual Meeting & Banquet.

All members are welcome to attend Monthly Meetings. We are looking forward to seeing everyone who can attend the next Meeting.



# Make Plans Now to Attend these 2012 NTA Events

## Nebraska Traditional Archers

17<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Bow Building Jamboree

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### 2 Days of Building Self Bows

### Bowyer's Dream Raffle Drawing

Sat & Sun, July 14 & 15, 2012

8:00am to 6:00pm Sat

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In this issue, we will discuss backing self bows. There are two reasons for backing bows, one is to add draw weight and longevity, and the other is to compensate for violations in the wood and keep the bow from breaking.

Let's assume that you have roughed out a flat bow from a nice piece of Osage but the rings were so thin that a few are violated. You're not sure you will ever be able to get down to one single ring with no violations on the back of the bow. Is all lost? Heavens no! We can back that rascal with sinew! And if you always wanted a cool looking static recurved self bow, but wondered how to make it withstand that stress, we can just back it with sinew.

The back of a self bow follows the grain of the wood and has all of the undulations that the tree possessed under the bark. To back a self bow, you must use something flexible that will follow the irregular curvatures of wood. The two most popular choices for backing are sinew and rawhide.

Sinew, as mentioned in earlier columns, is the inner fibers of tendons and is an extremely strong material. Whether it is the Achilles tendon or the tissue covering the backstraps of an animal, it is all the same material.



An Achilles tendon from a whitetail in raw form.

One needs to hammer these fibers against a rock or concrete and separate them by hand, the finer the strands the better looking your backing will be. I bundle two or three normal sized deer tendons to a bundle, or a "hank" as it is called.



A hank of prepared sinew from whitetail Achilles tendons.

Separating sinew is a very labor intensive and time consuming project, which is one of the reasons many people have no desire to back a bow with sinew. Once you have the sinew separated in to strands and gathered into

hanks, you can begin the backing process. You may ask "How many hanks do I need to back a bow?" That depends on several factors, the length and width of your bow, the size of your hanks and how many layers of sinew you want to add. For a 66" flat bow 2" wide at the fade-out, it will take about seven hanks to do one layer. If you have ten hanks on hand, you should have more than enough.

To get the most performance from a sinew backing, I attach the bow to a simple backing form. This easy to make form consists of three pieces of treated lumber. One for the body 2"x6"x72" long, and two stands 2"x2"x4" long. The stands have pegs that fit into holes in the form. There are 10 holes at each end of the form that are drilled at 1" intervals. The blocks can be spaced anywhere from 72" to 52" apart on the form. A small eyebolt is attached at the very center point of the 2"x6"x72" form.

Set the stands for your bow length and put the tips of your bow on these stands. Then run a piece of 40# artificial sinew through your eyebolt and pull your handle down to the eye bolt and tie it off. You have made instant reflex in your bow. After applying the sinew, it will dry and shrink, thereby pulling bow tips up and keeping it in this reflexed state.

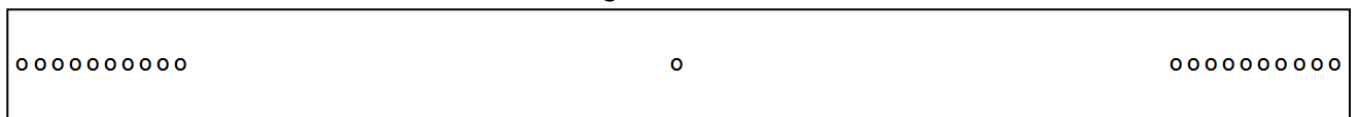


Bow on backing form with 2"x2"x4" movable stands.

What finished state does the bow need to be in before beginning the backing process? It needs to be at least be at the floor tiller stage. I prefer to have the limbs bending with a good tiller to somewhere in the 15" draw range. If you can get the bow to this state before you back it, the tiller process will be much less painful after the backing has dried. The important thing in any bow is good tiller. Backing will not hide or cover-up a poor tillering job.

After the bow is attached to the form, you can "tooth" the back of the bow with a coarse hacksaw blade. Tooothing merely means to take something with teeth

### Backing Form – 2"x6"x72"



Ten holes drilled 1" apart at ends

Eye bolt in center

# The Bow Horse *(continued)*

and scrape the back of the bow to create a rough surface about the depth of the hack saw teeth, which gives the glue something to stick to glue to.

The glue used to attach sinew to a bow is hide glue. You can buy hide glue in a bottle already in liquid form, but I have never used this type of hide glue for sinew backing. I use is the dry crystal form that must be mixed with water.



*Two forms of hide glue, Titebond Liquid and Crystals.*

Mix the crystals with water and heat the mixture until it is warm, not hot because you will have to handle it quite a bit. If needed, monitor glue temperature with a thermometer in the glue. The consistency of the glue should be a little thinner than oatmeal, somewhere around the consistency of mayonnaise. Once the glue is up to temperature and is the proper consistency, you now want to size the back of the bow. Sizing the bow consists of spreading a thin layer of glue on the back of the bow to fill in the toothings and give the sinew something to stick too. Once your sizing layer is tacky, you can begin the backing process.

Put a hank of sinew in the glue and let it soak up glue until it is fully saturated. At this point, I advise to put on rubber gloves. Pull out a small bundle of fibers and squeeze out the excess glue with your fingers. Lay this first bundle in the center of the bow. Work the bundle flat with your fingers making sure there are no air bubbles underneath. If the first bundle did not cover the width of the handle, place the next bundle next to it and repeat. Every subsequent bundle should alternate from bottom limb to top limb. You never want a bundle to start and stop straight across, you want the ends to be like laying cement blocks, interlocked for strength. When you reach the tip of the bow, you have some options; you can use short pieces of sinew to finish flush, cut off the excess, or take the excess and wrap the tip for strength. Whichever way is up to you.

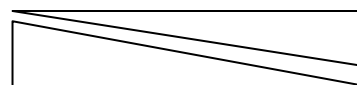
After the first layer is tacky, you can begin subsequent layers if you desire, but remember that each layer adds a considerable amount of draw weight to the bow.

The drying process for sinew can be quite long during humid Nebraska summers. I use my bow oven set at 125°F to speed the process to a few days instead of weeks. I want to caution you that applying the sinew backing introduced an awful lot of moisture to a dry piece of wood, which

needs to dry out again. The sinew must be thoroughly dry before you move on to the re-tiller process or the entire sinew job will pop off the back of the bow and could possibly break the bow.

## Rawhide Backing

Applying rawhide backing is a much simpler process than sinew backing. Make sure your rawhide is thin enough that it will follow the contour of the back of the bow. To thin rawhide, lay it flat and use a sanding block with 60 grit paper to quickly remove material and roughen the gluing surface. The rawhide should be nearly transparent when wet so .030" to .080" thick will do. If you do not have a piece of rawhide long enough to do the whole bow, you can splice two pieces to overlap at the handle using an overlapping skive joint.



*A skive joint used for overlapping two pieces of rawhide backing at the handle area of a self bow.*

I have used Titebond® with great success to apply rawhide to a bow without the hassles of hide glue.

To prepare the stave, use the same process described earlier, tiller, toothings, etc.

Cut the rawhide to be just a little larger than the outline of your bow. Soak the rawhide thoroughly in a pan of water, perhaps 45 minutes. Once wet, lay it out on some wax paper and wring out the excess water.

Put glue on the rawhide, apply glue to the back of the bow and let it get tacky. Apply the rawhide to the back of the bow and work out all of the excess glue and air bubbles. Roll the excess width over the edge, it will be sanded off later. Spiral wrap the entire bow with an ace bandage fairly tightly. Drying time varies according to temperature and humidity. After a few days, take off the ace bandage to allow complete drying, which may take up to a week or longer. After the rawhide is thoroughly dry, you can sand off the excess rawhide on the edges.

Like sinew, the rawhide backing must be thoroughly dry before you move on to the re-tiller process or the rawhide can separate from the back of the bow.

After the bow is re-tillered, snake skins can be applied to cover up the rawhide. Apply a waterproof finish to seal moisture from the backing. Remember that if you use hide glue, it is water soluble, so you need to use a waterproof sealer to protect the backing that you just spent so much time on.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact me, even if it's just to say, "That isn't the way I do it" or "I have a better way to do it..."

Neck Knives have seen a growing popularity in recent years. Survival enthusiasts, bush crafters, military, law enforcement, martial artists, fishermen and outdoorsmen are seeing the benefits of carrying a neck knife. The idea of carrying a small knife on the upper portion of your body with a very convenient carrying option appeals to many folks. Humans normally work with their hands above their waists, which makes the neck area an ergonomic location to have a knife for accessibility. The ability to drop a neck knife inside of your shirt to totally conceal it from the public, is an extra advantage. They are great for bowhunters in case of a tree stand accident where you might get hung up in a safety or climbing harness. If you have ever tried digging into your pocket to retrieve anything after putting on your harness, you know what I mean. If you add your whole body weight into the equation, I doubt that you could even get your hand inside of your pocket let alone get a knife out. Although most of us don't like to think about such things, the neck knife is also a very viable weapon in a self-defense situation, as most attackers would not expect a knife to be produced from a neck sheath.

Neck knives are commonly referred to as neckers. They have been in use for hundreds if not thousands of years by our ancestors. Flint chips carried in a small pouch around the neck would have been the first neck knives in use. Although they are not what we would envision as neck knives, they were cutting tools in a small pouch (sheath) carried around the neck.

The earliest illustrations and photographs that exist in which neck knives can be identified are those from the era when pioneer settlers and mountain men were with Native Americans (Indians).

"Patch Knives" (necker) carried by muzzleloader hunters immediately come to mind when thinking of early neck knives. These knives conjure up the visions of a buckskin clad hunter starting a round ball in his Hawkin rifle, pulling a patch knife from a rawhide sheath attached to his neck by a leather lace, trimming the patch material at the top of the barrel, replacing the knife and completing the loading process. Using a patch knife for this and other chores was easier than pulling out a large belt knife for a small job.

Somewhere during the 1900's this style of knife fell out of popularity with the onset of pocketknives. Notice that I didn't say usefulness, because this style of knife is literally an open bladed pocketknife in a sheath hanging from your neck. I know that most people who carry a pocketknife will tell you that they use their pocketknife multiple times a day. Working around my shop or on a camping outing, I use my knife dozens of times a day, and prefer to use a neck knife as opposed to reaching inside of my pocket and having to open a folding knife before being able to cut or trim an object.

Carrying options vary by knife maker and the purpose for which the neck knife is designed. Most buck skimmers and

re-enactors buy neck knives that are carried handle up and are built to the period that they are trying to replicate. Others, such as skydivers, climbers, law enforcement, military and modern outdoorsmen are finding that a neck knife in the handle down position is extremely handy and quick to deploy. These knives are normally held in a molded thermo-plastic sheath made of materials such as kydex, concealex or other space age plastics, which have quickly become the industry standard for hard sheaths. The Indians and mountain men wrapped their knives in rawhide to protect themselves from being impaled if they fell or sheathed the knife too hard. We are using thermo plastics as modern rawhide for the same reasons.

In the age-old argument of what makes a traditional bowhunter, I was once told that we traditional bowhunters are a society of leather and wool. When looking at the gear we use and the way that we live this day and age, the use of modern thermo plastic covering your knife will not make you less of a traditionalist. Most hunters don't realize that their modern sheaths that are not leather already house a plastic liner to prevent the knife blade from coming through the sheath in the event of a fall or other accident.

There are dozens of commercial knife companies that sell neck knives. There are also numerous independent knife makers who can fill your order for a custom neck knife. On the subject of size, neck knives come in all blade shapes, contours and sizes, but the smaller knives are handier for most day-to-day use. I prefer knives that are 4 to 7 inches long with 2.25 to 3.5 inch blades with slim handles to tackle all of the chores of a small knife.



*Two of my personal knives, a large curved necker with neoprene handles and a micro necker with cord wrapped handle. I carry one of these two knives every day. As you can see the large necker has seen some serious use and abuse and tends to most chores, big and small.*

I once made a neck knife that was 9 inches long, which looked like it would have been more at home in a belt

# Neck Knives *(continued)*

sheath then a neck sheath. The customer was a very large fellow and the knife was not out of proportion when hanging from his neck, but looked like a machete when hanging from mine.

When buying a necker, keep your physical size and frame in mind. Remember that the weight of a necker is also something to consider. If you are not accustomed to wearing anything around your neck a smaller blade may be the way to go.



*Beauty (Honduras rosewood) and the beast (neoprene).*

Handle materials will vary; cord wrapped, exotic woods, g-10, micarta, hard rubber neoprene, molded plastics and just about anything else you can think of can be used as handle material. Handle materials are once again the user's decision when buying a knife.

The primary use for the knife should also enter into the decision. I prefer hard rubber neoprene on my neckers for a grip that doesn't slip even when wet with water or blood. Neoprene doesn't absorb moisture, is impervious to most chemicals, is easily cleaned and to date is the most carefree handle material that I know in existence. It is extremely practical, just not pretty.

For some, exotic wood handles are their choice because of the beauty. Most exotic woods have a very high density and make good handle material. A good wood grain sealer or stabilization of the wood is necessary, and if done properly the handles will last the lifetime of the knife without cracking or shrinking.

The carry-ability of a necker is a personal choice and is one of the first considerations when buying this type of knife. The thickness and length of the knife and sheath together will play a huge role as to when and where you will wear your knife. A large necker may seem out of place while going out for dinner with your wife in your dress up clothes or to work in a business setting, but a micro necker would disappear under any shirt including a tee shirt and looks like a common necklace.



*My only warning is to be sure the cord suspending the necker uses some sort of safety break-away so if it gets hung up, it cannot strangle you before the safety opens up.*

Hopefully this article will open up a whole new thought process about neck knives for those who haven't tried one yet. Neck knives are not a novelty, they are an efficient tool for the modern man.

Long time NTA member Dave Thomas is the owner of Chieftain Knives and lives in Lake Mills, Iowa where he is the police chief.

## Trivia Questions...

Trivia Question #2... Who was the Traditional Bowmen who held the Nebraska State Record Non-Typical Whitetail for Archery as of October 30, 1962? Send your answer to the Editor, address listed on page 3 at bottom right.

Ken Oberschulte submitted the correct answer to Trivia Question #1. The four NTA members who have been continuous members of the NBA since the NBA was founded 28 years ago in 1984, Bryce Lambley, George Kaplan, Wade Phillips and Jim Edmonson.

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# Board Meeting Minutes (corrected & condensed, full minutes on NTA website) by the NTA Board

**March 10, 2012** - Called to order 9:00 am.

Members present - Rob Brooks, Ken Oberschulte, Brian Shea, Jerry Bennett, Wade Phillips, Randy Nielsen, Jeremy Misfeldt, Vince Smith, Rob Rottele, Brian Hoefener, Rich Caldwell and Steve Bunck.

February 2012 Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Ken moved to validate the election, approved 5 to 3.

Jerry Bennett resigned as Director.

Jeremy moved that bylaws section 9.02 clearly gives the 7 assembled directors (a quorum) the power to amend the bylaws, approved 5 to 2.

Ken moved bylaws section 5.03 be amended as such:

- Replace the line: "The number of Directors of the corporation shall be ten (10)."
- With the following line: "The number of directors shall be a minimum of six (6)."

Motion approved.

Jeremy moved that the ballots were valid and they be counted. Motion approved. Rob Roettele and Brian Hoefener counted ballots, all nominees were elected.

Ballot validity protest letter was dismissed.

Steve noted that bylaws section 5.02, states the board of directors must elect its own officers. Nominations were opened. When asked by Steve, Rob Brooks declined to run for re-election as president. Nominations were:

president	- Eric Wellman
vice president	- Ken Oberschulte
secretary	- Steve Bunck
treasurer	- Brian Shea

The above nominees were elected to office.

Rob Brooks noted that signatory powers need to be transferred to the new president and new treasurer. He also noted that the Izaak Walton board needed to be informed of the NTA leadership change.

The string shoot was discussed. Ken asked about the availability of score cards. Vince reported having an electronic version. Vince and Eric will coordinate score cards and targets.

Rob Roettele gave information about his aerial event experiences and brought equipment for archery bowling, which was enjoyed by many after the meeting.

Rob Brooks moved that an external audit of the club's financial records be done. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn approved 12:15 pm.

**April 14, 2012** – Called to order 9:00 am.

Members present - Eric Wellman, Ken Oberschulte, Brian Shea, Wade Phillips, George Kaplan, Vince Smith, Randy Nielsen, Dave Manwarren, Jeremy Misfeldt, Curt and Jacob Friedrich, Jon Manwarren, Robin Phillips, Steve Bunck.

March 2012 Minutes were read and approved with suggested corrections.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. The club has new checks and a P.O. Box. Wade was given the second key to the box. During the February meeting, the board voted to have an external audit of the club's financial records. Brian will arrange for this audit.

Discussion clarified new officers, information, electronic forms, membership lists, responsibilities, keys, etc. Ken returned his set of Izaak Walton keys to Eric.

Randy will investigate establishing a Pay Pal website link for payment of membership dues.

Motion approved for Vince as Range Master.

Motion approved to move NTA inventory to Izaak Walton storage after May meeting and enclose the area.

Motion approved for the 2012 NTA survey results to be included in the June Newsletter. Motion approved for Newsletter to include the definition of bowhunting by PBS, Compton Traditional Bowhunters and Pope & Young Club.

Motion carried for a String Shoot Raffle to include  
First prize – A free life membership to NTA  
Second prize – Fees paid for the 2012 Rendezvous

Bow Build work party established to build bow blanks. Motion approved to order 8 Stave Presses. Motion carried to establish a Bowyer's Dream Raffle for BOJAM.

Motion approved to create bow build display for loan to the Pope and Young/St. Charles Museum of Bowhunting.

Rendezvous - Noted that there were too many raffle items. Larry Matranga, donated back the 2011 NTA Life Member bow earmarking funds for youth archery. Motion approved for 2012 Dream Raffle to be a 1959-1960 Kodiak style recurve & accessories.

Motion approved to loan targets for the Grant Hoefener Memorial Shoot. Motion approved for the NTA to purchase arrows from Dave to donate to the Memorial Shoot.

Motion approved to sponsor a 2012 Mentored Youth Hunt and involve more kids in the process possibly through the Ted Nugent Camp For Kids.

Brian and Eric noted that they have received several email registrations for the July BOJAM.

Adjourned 12:05 for lunch and String Shoot target setup.



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**May 12, 2012** - Called to order 9:03 am.

Members present – Eric Wellman, Ken Oberschulte, Brian Shea, Dave Manwarren, Frank Hicken, Jeremy Misfeldt, Vince Smith, Wade Phillips, Rob & Dee Roettele, Brian Hoefener, Zack Hicken, Jim Edmonson.

April minutes unavailable to be read.

Treasurer's report approved, balance \$7,264.63.

Vince volunteered to take minutes in the interim until a Secretary could be found.

Spring String Shoot – Much positive feedback was received from participants. Use of the garage at Hormel was considered a great addition by all. Detailed accounting of event taken from registration forms and hand written invoices was approved, declared best ever and cited as the most profitable despite the inclement weather.

PayPal – No progress reported to setup account.

Motion approved to form an Advertising Budget Committee of Brian Hoefener, Jeremy Misfeldt, and Vince Smith.

Jerry Bennett's written suggestion prompted the motion, which was approved to print a corrected, condensed synopsis of the minutes of the previous three month's board meetings in each newsletter.

BOJAM - Wade brought bamboo for board bows. Brian and Vince will glue up the blanks. Ken called Mike Horton to have three cans of Urac 185 sent to Vince for glue-up.

Donation of items for 2012 BOJAM Bowyer's Dream Raffle were solicited. Wooden items will be made of Walnut. Refer to full page ad for photographs and details in this issue. Wade made the walnut stave press bench and Vince will wood burn the NTA logo into the bench seat. The NTA donated the Stave Press. Dave will build the walnut string jig. Vince will build the walnut bowyer's tree and the walnut tillering pencil. Dick Mauch donated the draw knife, B-50 string material and will be asked to make a tillering string. Ken donated the spoke shave. Mike Horton donated three assorted cabinet scrapers. Jeremy donated the bowyer's rasp. Jim Edmonson donated a hackberry stave. Walt Codney will donate prairie rattlesnake skins. The NTA will donate three staves osage, hickory and ash.

Rendezvous Dream Raffle theme is 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fred Bear taking the Kodiak Bear from behind the rock on the beach with Ed Bilderback by his side in 1962. The items will be originals or replicas of what was carried by Fred on the hunt. Donation items were solicited. Vince will build a 1962 Kodiak. Ken and Wade will provide an original bow quiver with right and left

provide the broadheads. Wade will provide the photos of the hunt. Wade will provide an original Bear armguard and shooting glove. Eric will provide an armguard etched with the scene of Fred behind the rock as the Bear approaches. For the knife, file & stone set, Vince will provide the file and handle, Brandon Abbott will provide the sheath, Kelly Mueller will provide the knife. Jim Stutsman will provide the sharpening stone.

Motion approved to form a Bylaws Committee. Initial members Eric, Wade Jeremy and Ken volunteered. Additional volunteers will be solicited in the June newsletter. Refer to bylaws article elsewhere in this issue for details.

Resignation letter was considered by the board while those mentioned in the letter excused themselves from the meeting. The board found that the letter had no merit and no resignations were asked for nor offered.

Motion approved to adopt a Code of Conduct as Article 10 of the bylaws to take effect May 19, 2012. Refer to following page for details. It was noted that the Code of Conduct was an agenda item from January 14, 2012 board meeting. Due to possible conflicts or duplication with the recently discovered Bylaws, discussion about the Code of Conduct was tabled in January until directors completed a complete review.

At Rob Roettele's suggestion, motion approved to purchase 12 Traditional Bowhunter window decals to sell to members.

Motion approved to sponsor two targets for \$75 each for the Fremont Izaak Walton archery range.

Motion approved to donate \$100 to the "Jerky for the Troops" project headed by Craig Schoenberg through the NBA with the stipulation that the NTA challenge the other member clubs of the NBA to match or better our donation.

Motion approved at 12:03 to adjourn for pot luck lunch followed by the work party to enclose the 8'x22' storage area the NTA has rented from Izaak Walton since February. Refer to Work Party article that appears elsewhere in this issue.

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## Code of Conduct by the NTA Board

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At the January 14, 2012 board meeting, an agenda item was to adopt a Code of Conduct. Drafts of the Code were emailed to directors earlier in the week. When this agenda item came up, the floor was relinquished to Jerry Bennett who brought forward copies of the original 1996 NTA Bylaws of which none of the other board members had ever seen and were not familiar with at all. Due to possible conflicts with the recently discovered Bylaws, discussion about the Code of Conduct was tabled until the documents could be thoroughly reviewed.

At the May 12 meeting, and after extensive review of the Bylaws by several board members, the NTA board voted unanimously to adopt the following Article 10, Code of Conduct, to become a Bylaw effective as of May 19 and to email copies to the membership...

### ARTICLE 10 CODE OF CONDUCT

#### *Section 10.1 – Ethical, Respectful Conduct*

*Members shall use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times and conduct themselves in an ethical and creditable manner that will bring respect and honor to themselves, the sport of Traditional Archery, and the Nebraska Traditional Archers.*

#### *Section 10.2 – Debate*

*While Members reserve the right to disagree and debate an issue, they shall not engage in personality or character attacks on any Member nor the Nebraska Traditional Archers itself.*

#### *Section 10.3 – Violation*

*Members found to be in violation of the spirit or intention of this Code of Conduct, or any other inappropriate behavior, are subject to disciplinary action by a majority vote of the Board of Directors up to and including Probation or Suspension, Expulsion or Termination as provided in Section 4.3 of these Bylaws.*

For reference, shown below is the original 1996 Bylaw cited above... *Section 4.3 – Suspension, Expulsion or Termination of Membership...*

*A member shall be suspended from membership in the Corporation whenever he or she is in default in payment of annual dues to the Corporation. A member may be suspended from membership by the Board of Directors for any cause whatever whenever the Board shall deem the member undesirable. Suspension of membership shall never be based on sex, religion, race or national origin. Any conduct of a member which is detrimental to the best interests of the Corporation, or is likely to become so, shall be considered just cause for terminating membership. The action of the Board of Directors may be reviewed by the membership at the next regular membership meeting at which time, the member so suspended shall be reinstated or expelled by a majority vote of the members present.*

## Bylaws Committee by the NTA Board

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At the May 12, 2012 business meeting, the board established a Bylaws Committee.

The purpose of the Bylaws Committee is to update the bylaws with the existing NTA practices as well as to correct punctuation errors, typos, word misuse, etc. It is not the purpose of the Bylaws Committee to write an extensive revision of the bylaws. A few of the necessary updates and corrections that have been identified are:

Membership dues stated in the 1996 bylaws have changed over the years. In addition to Annual and Life memberships, we have added Business, Sustaining and Honorary memberships.

The definition of quorum is outdated for our present membership numbers and participation in our annual membership meetings.

The existing bylaws have several punctuation errors, typos and incorrectly used words, e.g., insure – ensure, duly – duty, offer – officer, of – for, or – for, if – is, etc.

The NTA bylaws were adopted in 1996 and are a photo copy of the Iowa Traditional Bowhunters Society bylaws. The NTA bylaws still contain many references to the State of Iowa, which need to be changed to Nebraska

The board would like to sincerely thank former NTA officers Rich Caldwell, Jerry Bennett and Steve Bunk for their many hours of diligent work over the past several months in re-typing the bylaws and identifying many areas that need to be updated.

The board would also like to thank Jerry Bennett for all the time and resources that he spent to track down the 1996 NTA bylaws and for providing a copy to each director at the January 2012 NTA business meeting.

The board would also like to thank Steve Hollis for his foresightedness to safely keep a copy of the original 1996 bylaws for the past 16 years, and for passing them along to Rich Caldwell when requested to do so.

We believe that updated functional bylaws will provide the entire membership with a clear set of guidelines to follow as the NTA continues to move forward.

Volunteers to serve on the Bylaws Committee are being sought. Committee membership is open to any NTA member who would like serve on this committee. If you have experience with writing bylaws, legal matters, technical writing or proof reading, and have some free time to help out, and want to volunteer, contact one of the other volunteer members, Eric Wellman, Ken Oberschulte, Jeremy Misfeldt or Wade Phillips.

The September newsletter will contain a complete progress report from this committee.

## Free Classifieds

**For Sale:** Rattlesnake Skins dried and ready for use for bow backing. Large size, \$30 per pair. Call Rob Brooks (402) 677-8677, brooks.rob@gpcom.net

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

**Wanted:** Old Bear Archery Equipment from 1930s to 1970. Bear Kodiak recurves from 1950 to 1966 any weight or any condition, especially want heavy weight Kodiaks up to 100#. Buying individual items or entire collections. Wade Phillips (402) 493-6004

**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 Vince (402) 727-9141 or (402) 936-0046

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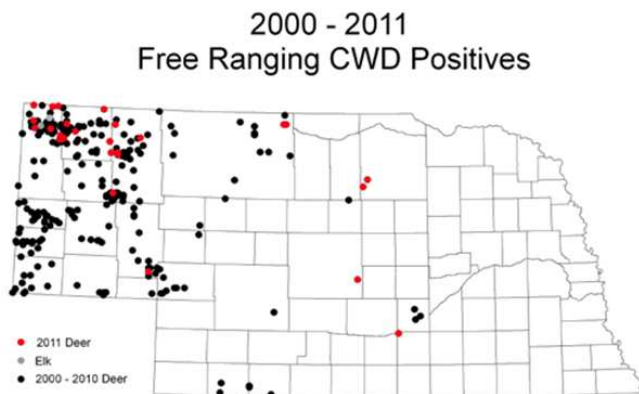


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## Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Update

The map at right is from the 2012 Nebraska Big Game Guide available at locations across the State or on line.

Western states are seeing an increase in the number and distribution of deer testing positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). In 2011, 1,565 lymph node samples were collected during the November firearm season and then tested. Twenty-six positives were confirmed in 2011 and are shown as the red dots on the map at right. Black dots represent the positives from the years 2000 to 2010. CWD is transmissible among mule deer, whitetail deer, elk and moose.

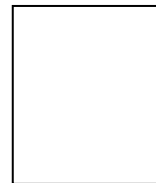


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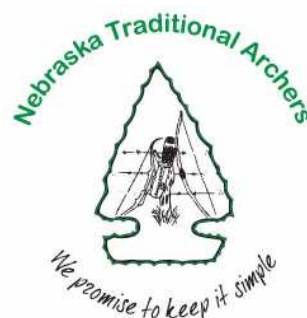
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The NTA publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds an annual banquet, organizes an annual spring string shoot, an annual Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous and sponsors several other events throughout the year including an annual 2-day Bow Building Jamboree,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

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