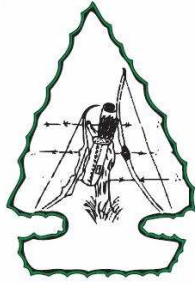


Nebraska Traditional Archers



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The Nebraska Traditional Archer

“The Gentle Woodsman – Fred Bear (1902-1988)”



1993 signed & numbered print by Pat Marino

2013 Calendar of Events

Jan 12, 2013, Saturday, 8:00am – 1:00pm

NTA Annual Pheasant Hunt
Little Creek Game Birds, Arlington, NE

Jan 12, 2013, Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

NTA Monthly Meeting
Little Creek Game Birds Lodge, Arlington, NE

Jan 18 – 20, 2013

Nebraska Big Buck Classic, NTA Exhibit Booth
CenturyLink Center, Omaha, NE

Jan 25 – 27, 2013

Kalamazoo Traditional Archery Expo
Kalamazoo, MI

Feb 9, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Feb 9, 2013, Saturday, 6:30pm

Izaak Walton Annual Game Feed
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE Large Lodge

Feb 15, Deadline for Mar Newsletter

Feb 23, 2013, Saturday, 5:00pm

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

Mar 1 – 3, 2013

Compton Traditional Bowhunters Classic
Kansas City, MO

Mar 1 – 2, 2013

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

Mar 9, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Mar 10, 2013, Sunday, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Nebraska Traditional Archers Triathlon
Izaak Walton Park Archery Range, Fremont, NE

Mar 21 – 24, 2013

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

Mar 25, 2013 through May 31, 2013 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Spring Turkey Season Open Statewide

Apr 11 – 13, 2013

Pope & Young Club Biennium Awards Banquet & Convention
Dallas, TX

Apr 20, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
1:00 – 6:00pm Sort Targets & Range Set Up
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Apr 21, 2013, Sunday

NTA Annual Spring String Shoot
Hormel Park, Fremont, NE

May 11, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
1:00 – 5:00pm BOJAM Instructors Workshop
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

May 15, Deadline for Jun Newsletter

May 26 – 27, 2013

Iowa Traditional Bowhunter's Society Rendezvous
Ames, Iowa

Jun 8, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Jun 9, 2013 Sunday 8:00am - 4:00pm – Tentative Date

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

Jun 13 – 16, 2013

Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Jul 20 – 21, 2013, Saturday, 8am – 6pm, Sunday 8am – 3pm

Nebraska BOJAM – 18th Annual Bow Building Jamboree
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Jul 15, Deadline for Aug Newsletter

Aug 1 – 4, 2013

Nebraska Bowhunters Association Jamboree
Nebraska National Forest, Halsey, NE

Aug 10, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Aug 20, 2013 through Dec 31, 2013 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Antelope Season Open

Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2013

Nebraska Traditional Archers 18th Annual Rendezvous
Hormel Park, Fremont, NE

Sept 7, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Sept 15, 2013 through Jan 31, 2014 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Turkey Season Open Statewide

Sept 15, 2013 through Dec 31, 2013 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Deer Season Open Statewide

Sept 15, 2013 through Jan 18, 2014 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Deer "Antlerless Only Season Choice" Areas Open

Sept 15, 2013 through Jan 18, 2014 Tentative Dates

Nebraska Archery Deer "River Antlerless" Areas Open

Dec 14, 2013, Saturday, 9:00am – Noon

NTA Monthly Meeting
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

Dec 15, Deadline for Jan Newsletter

On the Cover – On the 25th Anniversary of Fred Bear's death, many of Fred's personal items are shown in a portion of the 1993 print "The Gentle Woodsman – Fred Bear 1902-1988", by Pat Marino. A quarter of a century after his death, Fred Bear's innovations and influence on Traditional Archery & Bowhunting live on as a guiding model for many of today's bowmen.

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.*

The Nebraska Traditional Archer is published quarterly for members of the Nebraska Traditional Archers. Articles are the opinions of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the NTA. Members are invited to send stories and photographs for publication to the Editor listed at bottom right of this page.

Submission deadlines:

Feb 15 for Mar Issue Jul 15 for Aug Issue
May 15 for Jun Issue Dec 15 for Jan Issue

Membership in the Nebraska Traditional Archers is \$20 for annual individual or family membership. Life membership is \$150. Business membership is \$40 per year, which includes printing a business card or logo in each quarterly issue. All memberships, renewals and changes should be sent to the Treasurer / Membership Chairman listed in the column at right.

Treasurer's Report – by Brian Shea

Balance on Aug 14, 2012	\$6,778.86
Credits	\$8,365.50
Debits	\$3,474.29
New Balance on Dec 8, 2012	\$11,670.07
Last Year's Balance on Dec 15, ...	\$11,425.11

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Greetings members. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hunting season is about over and its time to get back to club business again.

2012 was another great year for the Nebraska Traditional Archers. We had tremendous participation in our events and recorded record revenue for three events. We bought several new top of the line targets, which replaced many of our old worn out targets that were auctioned off to members at the Rendezvous. We purchased a new band saw and a new oscillating belt sander for participants to use at our Bow Building Jamboree.

On the administrative side, our original Bylaws that were thought to be lost, were re-discovered by Jerry Bennett, and throughout 2012, we worked to update them. They can be accessed and read online at our website. The size of the Board of Directors was increased from 10 to 12 to give more members a chance to become more actively involved with the club.

For 2013, we have increased the number of events planned for members to enjoy. We have re-instated the Pheasant Hunt as an Annual Event, added a Traditional Archers Triathlon, and are talking with Izaak Walton League of Fremont about the possibility of having a 2013 Carp Shooting Tournament at their Fremont Park lakes.

We have also established a Bow Building Instructor's Workshop that is designed for members who are interested in committing to being one of the hands on instructors at our Annual Bow Building Jamboree, BOJAM, which has been our fastest growing event in recent years. More details about the Instructor's Workshop will be published in future newsletters.

We have a busy start to the New Year. The Pheasant Hunt will be Saturday, January 12, from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Little Creek Game Bird Farm near Arlington. Ken Oberschulte will serve a free lunch on site right after the hunt. If you are interested in taking part in this always exciting event, the cost is \$40 per person; reservations must be pre-paid by January 8. Money can be sent to Brian Shea. Prepay your reservations early as spots are limited and only a few remain.

The following weekend, January 18 to 20, we will have a 10 foot x 40 foot exhibitor's area at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. We will have hands on bow building demonstrations and displays of traditional archery tackle. Volunteers are always welcome to help out in the booth.

February 23 will be the Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Large Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. This will again be pot luck, so be sure to start thinking of some good recipes to try. The club will furnish the meat.

At the Banquet, we will again have our Yankee Gift Exchange. This is always a great time. If anyone has any donations for the Yankee Gift Exchange, the Card Raffles or Silent Auctions, please let me or any of the Board Members know what you can bring.

Now that hunting season is nearly over, we will resume having our Monthly Business Meeting the second Saturday of each month in the Small Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

How did everyone do hunting this Fall? Send us your pictures and stories so we can get them in our newsletter, on our website, and on face book. I haven't had any luck so far this year, but did have an opportunity at a nice buck, but it didn't work out.

It will be interesting to learn the final impact that EHD has had on the deer population around the State. Reports from some areas have been severe.

I'd like to welcome our new members. If you live near one of them and don't already know the person, be sure to give them a call and introduce yourself as a fellow traditional bowman.

Welcome New Members

Curt Dodd	Fremont	Dallas Meador	Omaha
Dennis Duckert	Omaha	Jim Motycka	Burlington, OK
Lonnie Janecek	Omaha	Todd Nielsen	Dakota City
Russell Mann	Lincoln	Beau Petersen	Blair
Preston Mass	Omaha	Curtis Schueider	Lincoln

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The club is preparing for our annual election of the Board of Directors. A ballot vote will be held Saturday, February 23 during the Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Large Lodge at the Fremont Izaak Walton Park.

The duties of the Directors are: (1) to attend the monthly meetings, (2) participate in making the decisions to manage the club's business affairs, and (3) to help with running the club's events throughout the year.

If you would like to become more involved with the club, you are encouraged to seek one of the Director's positions.

Details of the election processes are stated in the following three sections of the NTA Bylaws that were adopted in 1996 and are now again being followed after a lapse of several years...

ARTICLE 5, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.02 – Election

Directors shall be elected by the membership at each annual membership meeting. Each director must be at least 18 years of age, and is elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote in the election at the meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5.04 – Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw immediately after the annual membership meeting. The place of the regular Board of Directors' meeting shall be the same as the place of the membership meeting that precedes it...

ARTICLE 6, OFFICERS

Section 6.02 – Election and Tenure

The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from their own body. The officers elected must have served at last one (1) year on the Board of Directors before they could be elected to serve as officers, excepting the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall hold office for a period of one (1) year, or until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and have qualified, or until the officer's prior death, resignation or removal.

In accordance with the 1996 Bylaws stated above, after the Directors are elected by the membership, and after the annual meeting is adjourned, the

newly elected Directors will hold a brief meeting on site during dinner, and from their own body will elect the club officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

If you would like to run for one of the Director's positions, simply contact one of the officers on page 3 to have your name added to the ballot.

If you do not have your name added to the ballot before the annual meeting, you can have your name added to the ballot during the annual meeting, as nominations from the floor will be called for and hand written on the ballot before the ballots are distributed for voting.

Also closely related to the Annual Meeting and the Election, are the Bylaws listed below that were changed during 2012 by unanimous votes of the Board Members present at regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The new text that was added or changed from each 1996 Bylaw is shown underlined in the italicized paragraphs.

Section 4.9 – Quorum and Voting Requirements

Only adult members, those at least 18 years of age, may vote on any issues brought before the membership at either a regular or special meeting. A total of 20 adult members entitled to cast a vote shall constitute a quorum for action on any matter brought before the membership.

Note: The text in the first sentence of the above paragraph was changed to make the age of adult members consistent with other sections of the Bylaws. The text in the second sentence was changed to define a quorum as a total of 20 members; in recent years, attendance at the Annual Meeting has always been well above 20 members. However, recent attendance has been well below the previously required majority of 51% of the membership for a quorum.

Section 5.03 – Number, Tenure and Qualifications

The number of the Directors of the Corporation shall be a maximum of twelve (12)...

Note: The number of Directors was changed from 10 to 12 to encourage additional members to become more involved with the function of the club.

Elections
Annual Meeting & Banquet
Feb 23, 2013
Saturday 5:00 - 10:00pm
Izaak Walton Park, Large Lodge
Fremont, NE

Nebraska Traditional Archers



Annual Pheasant Hunt

Saturday, January 12, 2013

8:00am to 1:00pm

Little Creek Game Bird Farm

21942 Hwy 91

Arlington, NE

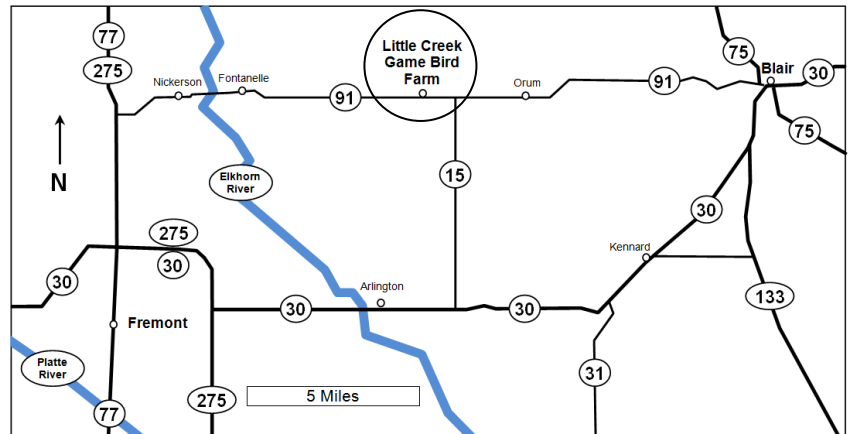
Traditional Bows Only
Prepaid Reservations Required
by January 8, \$40 per Hunter
Limited Spots - Reserve Early
2013 Hunting Permit Required

MAIL \$40 RESERVATION TO:

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Location
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Making Arrows

During the past two years, Jacob Friedrich of Fremont, Nebraska has become one of the most active young members of the Nebraska Traditional Archers. With the help of other members, Jacob has learned to build his own archery tackle. In 2011, Jacob built his own traditional wood bow at Nebraska Traditional Archers Bow Building Jamboree, BOJAM. Jacob has also learned to build his own wooden arrows, and is now helping others to learn this skill.



Jacob's 2012, 4-H project, "Making Arrows, Start To Finish", is shown above. It consists of ten photographs of him making arrows with accompanying text that details the step by step instructions for making arrows.



At the 2012 Dodge County Fair in Scribner, Jacob's Archery Project, "Making Arrows, Start To Finish", won the 4-H "Best of Show" and later at the State won a Purple Ribbon. Congratulations Jacob!

Annual Pheasant Hunt

January 12, 2013

The Nebraska Traditional Archers Annual Pheasant Hunt will be held from 8:00am to 1:00pm on January 12, 2013 at the Little Creek Game Bird Farm, located 9 miles west of Blair on Hwy 91. Refer to map on facing page.

If you are interested in participating in the Pheasant Hunt, prepaid reservations are required. There are a limited number of spots available, so be sure to prepay your reservation early. January 8 is the deadline.

The cost of the hunt is \$40 per hunter.

Hunters are required to have either a 2013 Nebraska Small Game Permit and a 2013 Habitat Stamp, or a 2013 Shooting Preserve Permit, (available at Little Creek Game Bird Farm for \$35), which includes a 2013 Habitat Stamp.

This hunt is for traditional bows only. Although any type of arrow can be used, it is recommended that hunters use flu-flu arrows with bright fletching and bright cresting, which will aid greatly with the task of finding arrows.

Between 6 and 12 arrows are recommended. Broadheads with stoppers are also recommended. Stoppers impede penetration and help the arrow stay in the bird. The added weight of the arrow in the bird helps bring it down.

A back or side quiver is recommended, one that is large enough for your arrows, and one that will permit easy withdrawal of the arrows that you use for this hunt.

The hunt will last until 1:00pm and will be followed by a free lunch prepared by Ken Oberschulte. Lunch will be served in the lodge at the Little Creek Game Bird Farm.

Immediately after lunch, the NTA Monthly Meeting will be held in the lodge at the same facility.

2013 Annual Dues Notice

Membership Dues were due in September. If you missed paying your Annual Dues, you can still re-instate your membership.

\$20 - Individual or Family Membership
\$40 - Business Membership

Mail check or money order to:

NTA Treasurer – Membership Chairman
Brian Shea
PO Box 45902
Omaha, NE 68145-0902

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General
Admission

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- Big Buck Contest & Awards Ceremony
- Golden Arrow Archery Club 3D Classic sponsored by Full Draw Archery
- Scheels Trail Cam Photo Contest
- North American Shed Hunters Contest
- Over 100 exhibitors showcasing your favorite outdoor products & services
- Professional seminars by outdoor industry leaders
- Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids Celebrity 3D Shoot & Live Auction
- Airgun & archery ranges, laser shooting games, antler shed find, face painting, balloon art & more for the whole family



Make your mount a part of our impressive Big Buck Contest display! All entries are eligible for the grand prize hunt giveaway!

Visit the Nebraska Traditional Archers Exhibit & Bow Building Demonstrations

Member Photos



Life Member, Kenny Broman of Aurora with his first 2012 buck, a large bodied whitetail taken at 20 yards with homemade arrows, a Delta Broadhead, and a left hand, 53# longbow that he made.



Kenny Broman with this second 2012 buck that he took with his hand made, left hand 53# longbow.



Dan & Ginger Brockman

Quality archery only

281 Rough Rider Road

whitetail and mule deer hunts.

Nebraska Big Buck Classic

From January 18 to 20, 2013, the Nebraska Traditional Archers will again have an Exhibitor's Booth at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic at Omaha's CenturyLink Center (formerly known as the Quest Center). Members can cut out and use coupons in the advertisement on the facing page for admission discounts.

The Club will have a 40 foot space, booths 111 through 114 that will be in the first isle facing the 3-D shoot. We will have displays of vintage and new traditional archery tackle. We will also have self bow building demonstrations that will run continuously throughout the three day show.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Club's Exhibitor's booth, contact the Chairman for this event, Wade Phillips (402) 493-6004, wadephillips@cox.net

Bring your traditional bow and shoot for fun or competition in the Golden Arrow 3-D Shoot that runs during the Classic at one end of the Exhibition Hall.

Show Hours: Jan 18 Friday 3pm to 9pm
Jan 19 Saturday 9am to 7pm
Jan 20 Sunday 10am to 4pm

Single Day General Admission:

Adults \$10
Kids 7-12 \$5
Under 7 FREE

Friday Night is Free General Admission for Kids Under 12

Big Buck Contest Ticket: \$20 includes 3 day entry pass



Ginger Brockman with a nice North Dakota whitetail in the velvet that she took at 12 yards in September with a RER longbow and a Wensel Woodsman broadhead on her first evening of hunting. After the double lung hit, the buck went 40 yards. Ginger's smile genuinely expresses the emotions that a traditional bowhunter feels at times like this.

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18th Annual Meeting & Banquet

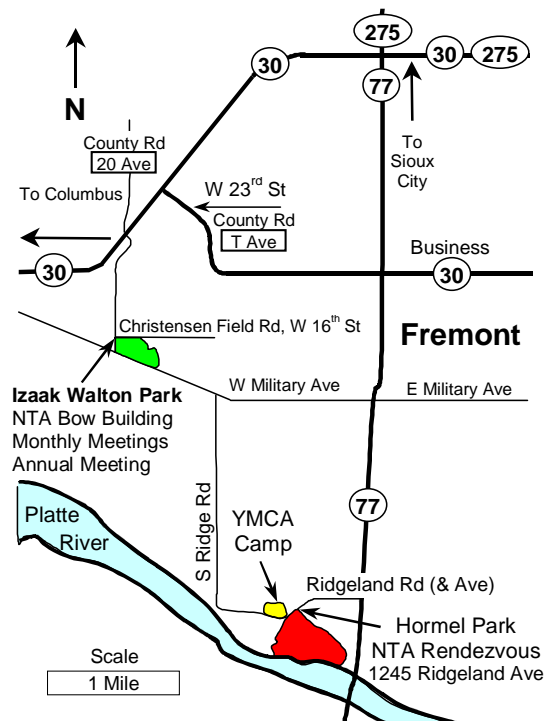
Saturday, February 23, 2013

5:00pm to 10:00pm
Large Lodge
Izaak Walton Park
2560 W Military Ave
Fremont, NE 68025

Annual Business Meeting
Election of Board of Directors
Potluck Banquet Dinner
NTA Will Supply the Meat
Card Raffles
Silent Auctions
Yankee Gift Exchange

The Yankee Gift Exchange is a fast paced fun event that will follow dinner. When your name is drawn or your gift is stolen, you can draw for a gift or steal another member's gift. Each attendee receives at least one gift.

Izaak Walton Location



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Annual Meeting & Banquet February 23, 2013

The Nebraska Traditional Archers Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held at 5:00pm Saturday February 23, 2013 at the Large Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont, Nebraska. A map of the location is shown on the facing page.

The first item on the agenda is the Annual Business Meeting, which will include reports from the Officers and Board of Directors, and then be open to old and new business.

Near the end of the Annual Business Meeting the election of Directors will be held, the ballots will be counted, and results announced. The elected Directors will hold a brief meeting to elect officers. Refer to page 5 of this issue for the Election Notice article by the Board of Directors for complete information about the Election procedures as put forth in the 1996 Nebraska Traditional Archers' Bylaws.

The meeting will be followed by the Potluck Banquet Dinner. The club will provide Barbecued Pork.

During the meal, a few Card Raffles will be held for members interested in taking a chance to win some unique prizes.

The Yankee Gift Exchange follows, which is always the most fun event of the evening. All members' and guests' names are placed in a box and drawn out one at a time. These are the rules:

When a member's name is drawn or their gift is stolen, they can choose to draw for a gift or steal another member's gift.

There is a limit of three steals for any one gift. When a gift has been stolen three times, it cannot be stolen again.

The only exception to the three steal limit is the Mystery Prize, which can be stolen an unlimited number of times, but only once between names being drawn.

Several Silent Auctions will run the entire evening and will include some very nice items. Silent Auctions begin when the doors open and conclude at the moment the last name is drawn for the final prize in the Yankee Gift Exchange.

About February 1st, members receive a Banquet invitation. Reservations will help determine the amount of meat and number of Gift Exchange items needed for the evening.

Yankee Gift Exchange items are requested but not required for attendance.

The Annual Meeting & Banquet is open to members, their families and their guests.

There is no charge for admission to the Annual Meeting and Banquet.

At last year's Annual Meeting & Banquet, the Mystery Prize was a big hit with attendees. Being the only item with unlimited steals, it was stolen dozens of times. Many members had very brief possession of the wrapped Mystery Prize box more than once.



At last year's Annual Meeting, Jacob Friedrich was the last to steal the Mystery Prize and was the lucky person to open the box and take the contents home, two different 11x14 framed photographs of Art Young, Saxton Pope and Will Compton, a bag of barred turkey feathers and a 1957 Bear Leather Cap Bow Quiver.

Mark your calendars to attend. Hope to see you there.

Needed

Yankee Gift Exchange Items

The Nebraska Traditional Archers are currently gathering items for the Yankee Gift Exchange, considered by many as the most fun event at the Annual Meeting & Banquet.

If you can help by donating a new or slightly used outdoor or traditional archery item for this event, it would alleviate some of the stress from those trying to gather enough items to ensure that everyone receives a nice gift.

Please contact the Yankee Gift Exchange list keeper regarding items that you can donate.

Wade Phillips (402) 493-6004
wadephillips@cox.net

Make Plans Now to Attend these 2013 NTA Events

Nebraska Traditional Archers

Triathlon 3-D Shoot

Sunday March 10, 2013
Registration 9:00am to 12:00pm

Izaak Walton Park - Archery Range
2560 W Military Ave
Fremont, NE 68025
On Site Lunch Available

What is a Traditional Archers Triathlon ?

A Traditional Archers Triathlon is a uniquely challenging 3-D Shoot. Archers shoot three rounds using a different type of bow each round, a Longbow, a Recurve and a Selfbow.

Longbow - string does not touch belly of limbs

Recurve - string touches belly of limbs

Selfbow - wood bow, natural backing OK

Shooters who do not own all three types of bows, can borrow needed bows from other shooters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.nebraksatrationalarchers.org

Nebraska Traditional Archers

3-D Spring String Shoot

Sunday April 21, 2013
Registration 9:00am to 1:00pm

Hormel Park
1254 Ridgeland Avenue
Fremont, NE 68025
On Site Lunch Available

Traditional Bows Only

4 Classes

Shoot for Trophies or Just for Fun

Longbow - string does not touch belly of limbs

Recurve - string touches belly of limbs

Primitive - wood self bow & wood arrows
-natural backing on bow is permitted

Classic-Century -

-either bow is at least 40 years old or
-age of bow plus age of shooter equals 100 more years

Bring out those old bows and shoot
in the Classic-Century Class

What is a String Shoot?

A String Shoot adds an additional challenge to a regular 3-D Shoot. At each target, you walk along a string tacked to the ground until you think you have the best shot at the target. You can only move forward. There's no going back. If you reach the end of the string, you must shoot from there.

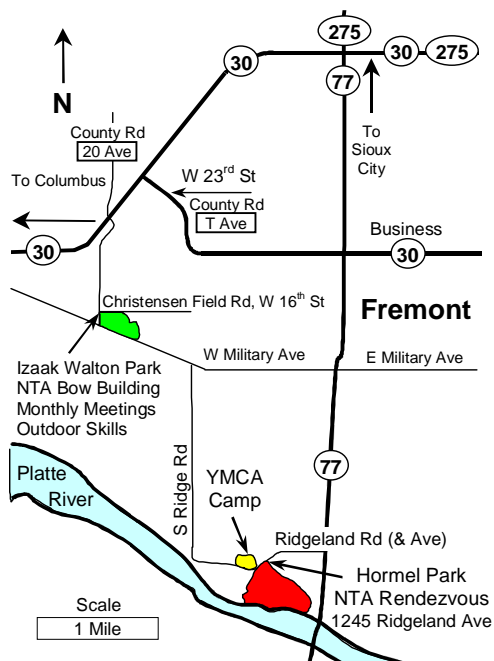
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Nebraska Traditional Archers

18th Annual

Bow Building Jamboree

BOJAM

2 Days of Building Self Bows

Sat & Sun, July 20 & 21, 2013

8:00am to 6:00pm Sat

8:00am to 3:00pm Sun

Izaak Walton Park - Small Lodge

2560 W Military Ave

Fremont, NE 68025

see map at bottom of previous page

No Cost to NTA Members

\$20 for Non Members

Members can furnish their own bow wood
or purchase bow wood from the NTA
Power Tools Provided by the NTA are
Band Saws, Belt & Disc Sanders

Mini Seminar Topics

Basic Self Bow Building

Rawhide & Sinew Backing

Advanced Arrow Building Techniques

Z-Slicing Billets

Removing Twist from a Stave

Recurving Self Bows

Lunch Available Sat & Sun

On Site Camping Fri & Sat

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Nebraska Traditional Archers

18th Annual

Rendezvous

Sat August 31 & Sun September 1, 2013

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Special Guest Speaker

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Registration was relocated to the garage area by the house and provided everyone with much easier access, more shelter, more room and a more secure area.

On September 3 & 4, the 17th Annual Nebraska Traditional Archers Rendezvous was held at the Hormel Park in Fremont, Nebraska. Over 150 shooters registered for this two day event.

Shooters enjoyed unlimited shooting on the 3-D Courses. Several novelty shots were incorporated into the Course rather than have individual novelty shoots. One of the favorite novelty shots was shooting from a saddle in a tree at the buffalo in the open field. Another favorite was the swinging ball.

The physical layout of this year's Rendezvous was changed dramatically from past years. Registration was relocated to the garage by the house and provided everyone with more shelter and more room. The concessions area was relocated to the front of the house and provided a great deal more room as well as full shade throughout the day for concession workers and those having lunch or just simply relaxing. The practice range was moved to be near the registration and concessions areas. The layout of the 3-D Course was basically the same, but order of start to finish was reversed. Shooters provided many favorable comments about the changes as well as several excellent suggestions that will be incorporated into next year's Rendezvous.

The vendor area was packed with vendors from around the country. Bowmen could find nearly any new traditional item they might want as well as hundreds of vintage items including a few rare archery collectibles.

Throughout the weekend, most Rendezvous Staff members were easily recognizable by their glowing florescent yellow ball caps. The only exceptions were those who were still fortunate enough to have a full head of hair.



Craig Schoneberg and Brian Shea behind the registration tables on Saturday. Although most of the day, everyone working registration was busy, Craig and Brian are shown here taking a well-deserved break when registration slowed a bit after lunch.

On both Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 1:00, a tasty lunch of hamburgers, chips and drinks was served by our resident Bowmen-Chef, Ken Oberschulte and his very capable crew of assistants, Easton Kruse, Brooklyn Kruse, Chyanne Kruse, Deb Wolf, and Jim Edmonson.

2012 Rendezvous – A New Registration Area



A few of the many shooters at the new Registration area on Saturday morning.



Shooters talking about the course at the registration area.



Dede Smith talking with Chris and Dalton Madsen.

Complements of the Compton Traditional Bowhunters, Dede gave every kid a colorful new T-shirt with the Compton Traditional Bowhunters logo on the front.



Shooters filling out Registration Cards.



Left to right, Brian, Ron, Dawn, Brandon, Melonie, and Larry at registration.

2012 Rendezvous – A Few of the New Targets on the Course



Many new targets and several novelty shots were included in the course. A couple of novelty favorites were shooting from a saddle in a tree at the buffalo in the open field and shooting through a tube at a bedded deer.

2012 Rendezvous – Shooters Camping at the 4-H Camp



Dozens of traditional bowmen enjoyed the free primitive camping for registered shooters at the convenient and quiet 4-H Camp, just across the road from the 3-D Course. Campers included all types of tents, trailers, teepees, and lean-tos.



2012 Rendezvous – Shooters on the Course



Traditional bowmen taking a break on the course to socialize and enjoy the weather.



An arrow caught in flight just as a well-coached, young bowman with excellent form, released the string and made a perfect hit on the target.



Easton Krause pulling his arrows after a nice hit.



Frank Hicken scores another hit on swinging ball, one of many novelty favorites.



Traditional bowmen enjoyed shooting at a wide variety of big game and small game targets.



Small groups of bowmen were scattered along the course with little or no waiting between targets. Because of the extremely hot, dry summer, even in the thickest part of Hormel Park, the vegetation was uncommonly thin.

2012 Rendezvous – Shooters on the Course



Brooklyn & Chyanne Krause and Deb Wolf, three generations of traditional shooters.



Laurie and Douglas Sorem from Boone, Iowa enjoyed the near perfect weather, the shooting and the camaraderie.



The Burch men, three generations of traditional shooters.



The Burch women, three generations of traditional shooters.



Rob Roettele of Lincoln shooting a rawhide backed bow that he made at BOJAM using the wood from a wooden crutch.

2012 Rendezvous – New Concessions Area



Members gather to socialize and enjoy a tasty lunch of hamburgers, chips and drinks in the new shady concessions area. Both Saturday and Sunday lunch was served from 11:00am to 1:00pm by Ken Oberschulte and his lunch crew. At far left center, Ken is cooking while looking back over his shoulder at the cameraman.



The huge shade trees of the new Concessions area saved everyone from the heat and were enjoyed by all who attended.

2012 Rendezvous – New Area for Vendors

A new area was provided for vendors with additional space and much more shade than previous years. The new Vendor area is situated near the parking area, right beside the new Concessions area and the new practice range, directly across from the women's and men's rest rooms, and at the intersection of the trails leading to the start of the course, end of the course and middle of the course.



At right, Mike Horton of The Nocking Point is set up with a complete line of traditional archery tackle for sale. At left, David Dowell is set up with his longbows for sale. Both Mike and David are seated just left of the center of the image.



Tom Norris from Des Moines, Iowa, relaxes in the shade of his well-stocked Barefoot Traditions vendor's tent.

2012 Rendezvous – Saturday Night Raffles & Auctions

The Saturday Night Potluck Dinner was held just across the road from the ranges & vendors at the YMCA Camp dining hall. Club officers served the meal in military mess hall fashion. Everyone had a chance to go back for seconds and thirds in a nearly successful effort to clean up every dish.

At the end of the serving line, each member received a ticket for a door price. After exiting the serving line with their food, members found the matching number to their ticket on one of the items on the door prize table.

The Pot Luck Dinner was followed by the Raffle drawings.



Eric helped as Addah drew winning names for the Raffles.



Eric with Joel who has a big smile after winning the Self Bow Raffle, osage bow, deerskin quiver and stone point arrows.

The 2012 Dream Raffle was originals or replicas of items used by Fred Bear on his 1962 Brown Bear Hunt, 1962 Bear Kodiak Recurve, Bear Bow Quiver, Arrows, Razorheads, Bear Bowhunter's Kit, Armguard & Glove and Hunt Photos.



Items in the Fred Bear 1962 Dream Raffle Package were all donated by, members Vince Smith, Ken Oberschulte, Jim Edmonson, Brian Shea, Kelly Muller, Brandon Abbott, Jim Stutsman, Eric Wellman and Wade Phillips. These expert craftsmen created exact replicas of original items. Addah Booth drew Wade Phillips' name as the lucky winner.

The three live auctions followed: Kids' Auction, Glenn St. Charles Memorial Pie Auction and General Auction. Together they became the largest fund raising effort of the year.



Kids' gather around Vince Smith for the start of the Kids' Auction. As always, the Kids' Auction was entertaining and a lot of fun for the young bidders. The only attendees who had more fun than the kids were all of the adult spectators.

2012 Rendezvous – Saturday Night Raffles & Auctions



Above and below, after the Saturday Night Pot Luck Dinner, a few of the Auction & Raffle attendees await the beginning of the always popular and incredibly entertaining Kids' Auction.



At left, a few of the dozens of members who participated in the raffles and auctions. With the picnic tables full of bidders, this group wisely pulled up their own lawn chairs and coolers, and opened their pickup tailgates. Members who can be seen clearly enough to be identified in this photograph are, left to right, Shawna Booth, Kevin Hernes, Amy Clarke, Matt Clarke, Jeremy Misfeldt, Ken Oberschulte, Bill Booth and Mike Horton.

2012 Rendezvous – Saturday Night Auctions & Entertainment

The second annual Glenn St. Charles Memorial Pie Auction followed the Kids' Auction. There were three homemade pies auctioned off: 1) a cherry pie donated by Vince & Dede Smith, 2) a Grayling Peanut Butter pie made and donated by Wade Phillips using the recipe from a 2011 Camp Cook Column by Dick Mauch, and 3) a Raisin Pie made and donated by Dick & Carol Mauch. Everyone who ate a piece of the Mauchs' homemade Raisin Pie reported that it was the best pie they had ever eaten, so it is no surprise that their Raisin Pie received the highest bid.

We have Dick to thank for originating the idea of a Pie Auction as a means to remember Glenn St. Charles and as a way to raise funds for the Nebraska Traditional Archers.



During the Glenn St. Charles Pie Auction, Dick Mauch told about the Raisin Pie and recited Edgar Guest's Poem, "Raisin Pie". Refer to Dick's Camp Cook column in this issue for his Raisin Pie recipe and words to the poem.



Several Silent Auctions ran during the potluck dinner and live auctions. Among the Silent Auction items, members could bid on many of the club's old 3-D targets that had been retired well before the Rendezvous set up.

The General Auction consisted of many unique items that were donated by club members and vendors. As always, Vince Smith and his spotters did a great job of running the auction. After the Auctions, winning bidders settled up their accounts inside the Dining Hall with Dede Smith, our very capable auction clerk.

Special Guest Speaker

Our Special Guest Speaker after the Saturday night Raffles and Auctions was Honorary Life Member Dick Mauch from Bassett, Nebraska. Dick is the last surviving original stockholder of the Bear Archery Company. Dick showed 16mm reels of film of his 1961 Grizzly Bear Hunt with Fred Bear in Kissipox, British Columbia. Dick's always entertaining and educational narration of the footage was a treat for the novice as well as the historian. Dick was on hand throughout the weekend to talk with bowmen and sign autographs.

Several members were up early Sunday morning and could be found shooting on the course, attending church services, or standing around the concessions area waiting for Ken to start breakfast earlier than his normal time. There is nothing that Ken likes better than preparing and eating an early breakfast.



John Solanis of Louisville provided the audio and visual equipment for the Saturday evening festivities. John also conducted Church Services at 9:00am Sunday morning at the YMCA camp.

The weather was wonderful on Sunday. It is warm in the afternoon, but nobody worked up a sweat all day, including the tear down crew.

Thank You

The Nebraska Traditional Archers would like to thank everyone who helped make the 17th Annual Rendezvous the huge success that it was by participating in the auctions and raffles, donating items and time, by helping with clearing the range, target repair, preparations for set up, marking the range, showing up to participate and shoot, helping with registration, concessions, food preparations and potluck dinner preparations, running the auctions and raffles, audio and visual setup, entertainment, running errands, moving equipment, cleanup and tear down.

Although we had several glitches with equipment throughout the weekend, nearly everything ran remarkably smoothly because of all the genuine and generous effort by many members who made this event a truly memorable experience.

2012 Rendezvous – “See You Next Year”

The 2012 Rendezvous Tear-Down Crew met at 2:00pm at the target trailer. They tore down the 3-D courses, registration and concessions with precision and efficiency and in record time, despite problems with a 4-wheeler and a flat tire on the small green target trailer.



Left to right are some of the Tear-Down Crew volunteers standing by the large target trailer after all the work was completed, Kevin Hernes, Jay Olsen, Jim Edmonson, Vince Smith, Kurt Friedrich, Jacob Friedrich, Brian Hoefener, Randy Nielsen, Corey Engert, Jon Manwarren and Dave Manwarren. Missing from photograph are photographers Rob Roettele, Ken Oberschulte, Eric Wellman and Wade Phillips.



As the 17th Annual Rendezvous came to a close and everyone began to pack up and to say their farewells, it was always with a big smile and the promise, “See you next year.”

Make Plans to Attend the 2013 Rendezvous Aug 31 – Sep 1

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Izaak Walton Game Feed

Feb 9, 6:30pm

The 2013 Izaak Walton Annual Game Feed will be held on Saturday February 9, at 6:30 pm in the Large Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park, located on the west end of Fremont, at 2560 W Military Ave. If you have any wild game meat that you would like to donate to Izaak Walton for their Annual Game Feed, contact Gary Dather at (402) 727-5622. Any wild game that you can donate would be appreciated.



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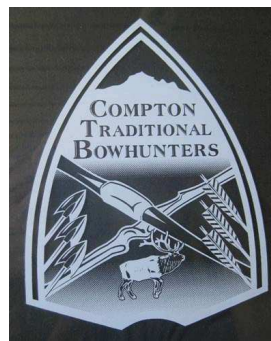
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The Compton Traditional Bowhunters is the national organization for Traditionalists. Many Nebraska Traditional Archers are also Compton members. The 2013 Compton Rendezvous will be June 13-16 in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Each year, this event is the largest gathering of traditional bowhunters in the country. Compton has supported the NTA in many ways. If you are not a Compton member, you should consider joining this fine organization.



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Annual Meeting & Banquet

Feb 23, 2013

Saturday 5:00 - 10:00pm

Izaak Walton Park, Large Lodge
Fremont, NE

Dorothy Lynch Salad Dressing

Dorothy Lynch developed a famous Salad Dressing when she operated a Café in St. Paul, Nebraska. Her recipe was purchased and commercially produced for sale throughout the Midwest, and is sold in retail groceries, but not generally found East of the Mississippi River or in Western US areas.

A second lighter less fat version has also been marketed for a number of years. I do not attest to this recipe being obtained from Dorothy Lynch. Two versions with slight difference of ingredients have been obtained from the local Rock County centennial cookbook that was printed in 1988. I have tested both and find them very much like the commercially sold products, except a bit less dense (thickness) and I have also done some substitutions without noticeable effect to the similarity to the commercial product. Dorothy Lynch Dressing is a proud sponsor advertiser of Nebraska Football Radio broadcasts, our Statewide networks.

Recipe #1, Dorothy Lynch Salad Dressing

1 cup Salad oil, heat to lukewarm
- I use Olive Oil, regular or light
1 cup Tomato Soup (condensed), (alternate 1-12 oz Tomato Paste)
1 cup Sugar
1/2 cup Vinegar
1/8 tsp. Garlic (I like 1/2 tsp garlic & no salt)
1 Tbsp dry Mustard
1 tsp Salt, Variable for salt free diets, or substitute
1 Tbsp Celery Seed
1 tsp Paprika
1 tsp Black Pepper

Recipe #2, Dorothy Lynch Salad Dressing

1 cup Salad oil, heat to lukewarm
- I use Olive Oil, regular or light
1 can (12oz) Tomato Soup
1 cup Sugar
1/2 cup Vinegar
1/3 tsp Garlic
1 tsp dry Mustard
1 tsp Salt, Variable for salt free diets, or substitute
1 tsp Celery Seed
1 tsp Black Pepper

Beat Salad oil and all ingredients until smooth. Bottle and store in the refrigerator. A blender works very well to mix either recipe.

Raisin Pie

For the 2012 Glenn St. Charles Memorial Pie Auction at the Rendezvous, I ordered a 9" double crust Raisin pie for Carol to make using the following recipe. Carol makes a nicer crust than I make, so it seemed fitting that she make this pie, even though it was the first Raisin Pie that she ever made.

2 cups Raisins 2 Tbsp Corn Starch
2 cups Water 1 tsp ground Cinnamon
1/4 tsp Salt 1/2 cup packed Brown Sugar
1 Tbsp Butter or Margarine
1 Tbsp Lemon Juice or White Vinegar
1 Tbsp Rum in lieu of Lemon or Vinegar

Combine Raisins and Water in sauce pan and boil for 5 minutes. Blend Brown Sugar, Cornstarch, cinnamon, and salt together. Add to the hot Raisins. Cook and stir until the syrup turns clear. Remove from heat and stir in Butter or Margarine, and Lemon Juice or Vinegar or Rum. Cool slightly, turn into pie pastry lined pan, add top crust, seal edges, and cut slits in the top. Dust the top with a tsp of Sugar and a sprinkle of Cinnamon. Bake at 425 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

At the Glenn St. Charles Pie Auction, Wade Phillips bought the Raisin Pie. A few days later, we received an email from Wade and he reported that it was completely gone and was one of the best pies that he had ever eaten. He also sent along a photo of the last piece.



The auction also included the recipe above and a copy of Edgar Guest's poem "Raisin Pie" that I read before the pie auctions.

*There's a heap of pent-up goodness in the yellow bantam corn,
And I sort o' like to linger round a berry patch at morn;
Oh, the Lord has set our table with a stock o' things to eat
An' there's just enough o' bitter in the blend to cut the sweet,
But I run the whole list over, an' it seem somehow that I
Find the keenest sort o' pleasure in a chunk o' raisin pie.*

*There are pies that start the water circulatin' in the mouth;
There are pies that wear the flavor of the warm an' sunny south;
Some with oriental spices spur the drowsy appetite
An' just fill a fellow's being with a thrill o' real delight;
But for downright solid goodness that come drippin' from the sky
There is nothing quite like the equal of a chunk o' raisin pie.*

*I'm admittin' tastes are diff'runt, I'm not sittin' up myself
As the judge an' final critic of the good things on the shelf.
I'm just sort of payin' tribute to a simple joy on earth,
Sort of feebly testifyin' to its lasting charm an' worth,
An' I'll hold to this conclusion till it comes my time to die,
That there's no dessert that's finer than a chunk o' raisin pie.*

We pick up on choosing the right knife with blade designs and the cut. We know that one knife can do it all, but can one knife do it all well? The answer to that question seems to be no, since knife manufacturers have many different designs that are labeled for different applications, so it must be true. Here is my two cents worth with an explanation. First, let me define a couple of terms that we will use to describe the blade design. "Back or Spine" of the blade is the top of the blade that is not sharpened on a single edged knife. The sharpened edge of the knife is exactly what it sounds like, no rocket science here. "Belly" is how much curvature that is in the edge coming towards the tip. More curve equals more cutting surface that will produce longer cuts with less hand movement.

The size and shape of a blade dictates what it can do. A machete is designed to hack brush, vines and other plant growth. It will fail miserably at whittling, carving, field dressing game and butchering. I have seen these tasks done with a machete and out of necessity have done some of them myself. But with that being said, because of the blade design, I would not pick the machete for most tasks including cleaning under my fingernails. There are much better choices.

Straight back blades can be one of the most utilitarian blades on the market depending on how the belly of the blade is designed. A mid-sized hunter shown in Photo #1 is an example of a good all round knife. It has a good pointed tip for poking and puncturing, along with enough belly in the blade to skin, field dress, carve and butcher. It also has enough straight edge in front of the handle to whittle, carve or do light chopping that a knife of its size is supposed to. If I were going to buy just one knife this would be the one.



Straight back blades.

I try to drop the blade tip to 1/8" above center line of the blade to give the blade a chance to have some belly on it for an overall, do-it-all knife. A lot of drop point knives will have little belly on the blade, making this knife a little less user friendly when skinning as more wrist and hand movement is necessary to make long cuts. This knife design is chosen by

millions of sportsmen every year for a primary knife. Almost every knife manufacturing company has at least one drop point design in their lineup.



Drop point blades.

Trailing or Swept-point knives, photo #3, are designed to provide the user with a good pointed tip and also a very pronounced belly on the knife. They normally have little to no straight cutting edge on the blade. Marble knives have many designs of this kind of blade in their line-up. Having had one of these knives in my youth, I prefer the straight or drop point knives more. A note on the swept point blade is that the blade tip is above the back of the knife. I have noticed that a lot of sheaths are punctured with swept point knives due to the point and forward cutting surface being forced into the sheath. I have made replacement sheaths for knives with swept points and I will only do so if the owner will allow me to put a kydex liner in the sheath to prevent sheath damage and injury.



Trailing or swept-point blades.

Clip point or bowie style blades, photo #4, are straight backed and then slant abruptly to the point. The spine will drop to almost the mid-line of the blade to put the tip in line with the rest of the blade. This causes a very good point for stabbing/thrusting. A lot of designated self-defense/ military knives will have this type of point. These are also very popular with hog hunters who run catch dogs and finish off

The Sharpened Edge *continued*

their quarry with a knife. Also to be noted, the most popular lockback folder in the world, the Buck 110, is a clip point.



Clip point or bowie style blades.

Deep belly blades, photo #5, also referred to as butcher knives are designed for skinning and butchering. They may or may not have a slight drop point. The Hunter's Pal used by the famous Traditional Bowman, Fred Bear, had a deep belly blade and a slight drop point. Rest assured they are designed for maximum cutting with the least amount of hand movement. With normally 4 ½ to 8 inches in blade length, they are designed to make long cuts with ease. I would definitely have one of these if I were processing large game. I made the prototype below, and it is amazing how much easier it is to butcher big game with this type of blade design.



Deep belly blades.

I have left out many blade designs, including the double edge, warcliff, sheep foot, tanto, spear point and too many others to list, because, in my opinion, they are not field useful for traditional bowmen. Now, with that being said, I didn't say they couldn't be used in the field. Use what you have when you need it, keep your knives clean and sharp, but most of all, carry one at all times unless restricted by law.

Member Photos



Vince Smith of Fremont with a September whitetail taken at 16 yards with a Lonesome Wind Longbow and a handmade cedar arrow tipped with a 2-blade Grizzly Broadhead.



Ginger Brockman with a Colorado mule deer doe taken in September with a RER longbow and a Wensel Woodsman broadhead.

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Send to the Editor

In this issue, we will continue with bow backings and discuss snake skins. I love snakes, especially when they adorn the back of a bow. Most of the bows that I have owned over the years have sported snake skins. Why? Because I believe there is no better way to dress up a bow, or add some "medicine" to it, than to apply snake skins. The bow that I am shooting this season is a three piece take down with three different snakes on its limbs: Prairie Rattler near the handle, Water Moccasins in the middle, and the tips are Black Mamba that I got in Africa. I call the limbs "Triple Threat" and hope they have enough good "medicine" to guide me through a successful hunting season.

Applying snake skins is the same, no matter what type of bow you are working with. The steps we go over here are for all traditional bows, regardless if they are all natural self bows, fiberglass laminated bows, recurves or longbows.

There are two conditions that a snake skin can be in to apply it to the back of a bow. It can be either green (freshly skinned) or it can be dried (sort of a snake skin rawhide). I have tried to apply snake skins to bows that have been tanned by various tanning methods. The results have always been less than favorable.

What is the difference between green and dried? Not much really. The application is the same, except a dried skin needs to be soaked in water to soften it up before it is applied. A green skin is applied to the bow immediately after it is removed from the snake's carcass.

I like to use dried skins mainly because of storage space issues. I usually have between 10 and 20 dried snake skins on hand for backing bows. All 10 to 20 dried skins can be rolled up, placed in a single gallon size zip-lock bag, and stored on a shelf for years if needed. On the other hand, green skins are left on the whole snake and frozen until they are needed. 10 to 20 snakes can take up a lot of freezer space, especially if the snakes are large. A 5 foot rattler or a 6 to 8 foot bull snake begins to take up a lot of space when 10 to 20 of them are put in a freezer. Green skins have to be thawed before skinning, which takes time. I would rather skin several snakes at once, stretch out the skins, dry them, and then have them ready to apply at a moment's notice.

The first thing needed is a snake long enough to cover the bow length, or two half-bow-length snakes, that will each be long enough to cover the back of one limb.

If backing a fiberglass laminated bow, measure from the end of the tip overlays to the handle overlay. If backing some type of self bow, measure the length of the bow and add four inches. At least that much usable snake skin is needed. Usable means measured from behind the snake's head to a point on its tail end that is still wide enough to cover the limb. Don't measure all the way to the tip of the snake's tail.

I can't over emphasize the importance of making certain the snake skin is long enough and wide enough to back the intended bow.

A few places that sell snake skins are Pine Hollow Longbows (my favorite), 3Rivers and The Nocking Point have Diamondbacks. A fellow on tradgang.com, who goes by "snakewood", often has skins for sale. Claw Antler and Hide in Custer, SD has Prairie Rattlers. Snake skins usually cost from \$36 a pair up to \$150-\$200 depending on the size and species of snake.

What snakes will work? Any snake will work to back a bow. Constrictor skins, (Boa or a Python) are thicker, like rawhide backing, and will give added strength to a bow. I have backed short take down bows with a pair of 25" Garter snakes, and I have backed 68" long self bows with one Bull snake, so remember nearly any size snake can be used. You can also splice shorter skins by either doing a nice clean butt joint or wrapping serving over the splice on a self bow to hide it. I prefer to get my own snakes and skin them or trade guys for snakes to keep my supplies up. If getting your own snakes, remember that some species are protected in different states, so be sure to know the laws for the state where you are gathering snakes and be able to identify the different species.

Skinning snakes is a simple process. Start by slitting the underside of the bottom jaw with a knife. Then insert a pair of scissors in the slit and cut the skin down the center of the belly scales to the tip of the tail. Work the skin off the head, being careful not to tear it. After the skin is off the head, it will peel all the way to the anal vent with no problem. Be careful at the vent, use a razor knife to free the skin from the edges of the vent, and then peel the skin the rest of the way off.

After the skin is off, tack it to a board with nails or staples starting at the head and stretching it out as moving back and forth down the skin. Once the skin is dry, usually a couple of days, pull the skin off the board, trim the curled-up edges off, roll the skin up, and store it until needed.

When backing a bow with a green skin, just skin the snake and apply it to the bow immediately, no stretching needed.

Before applying the skins, think about the bow and the color of the surface the skins will cover. If using black skins, the lighter the back of the bow, the better the snake will look. When building a laminated bow an ideal fiberglass color can be selected beforehand. The back of a natural bow can be stained to try to get the effect you want with the snake skins. Think carefully about the skin color and what background color will complement it best.

If applying a snake skin to a black glass recurve, think what snake will look the best with black under it. Prairie Rattlers look very good over black glass because most Prairie Rattlers have lighter skins.

The Bow Horse *continued*

What condition should a bow be in before applying snake skins? I like to have a bow all shaped and finished to 220 grit before applying skins. It is very easy to sand through skins, so I want to have the bow as close to finished as possible.

No matter what kind of bow you are applying skins to, the procedure is the same, just some slightly different finishing techniques. The first thing to do is put painters tape on the belly side of the bow so you don't have to clean glue off of the belly later. Start the process by getting the bow solidly clamped down to a work surface. Make sure the back of the bow is clean and ready to accept skins by wiping it down with acetone. Next, trim the skin to be a little longer and wider than needed for the bow. Then soak it in water to soften it up. If using a green skin, it's a little tougher to trim the skin because it has no rigidity so you have to be more careful.

I use Tite-Bond II or Tite-Bond III for gluing skins because they are waterproof glues and very easy to work with. Lay your skin out on a piece of wax paper, scales down, and blot the excess water off of it to get it nice and flat. Apply a good, heavy bead of Tite-Bond to the whole length of the skin and lay the skin, glue side down, onto the back of the bow. If using two skins for one bow, put the head at the handle and the tail at the tip, this looks better symmetrically. Remember if splicing skins together, make sure the scales go the same direction on both skins.

Start at the tip end of the limb. If you are backing a self bow and want to wrap the skin into the nock grooves, do that now using a bow string to force the skin into the grooves and trim off the excess. If you are backing a bow with a tip overlay or don't want the skins in the string grooves, start with the skin squared off to match your overlay or limb tip, and push the excess glue out with a paper towel.

Make sure the scale pattern is centered on the limb the way you want it and use one inch masking tape as a clamp. Wrap a piece of tape around the limb long enough to stick to itself holding the skin in place by being partly on the bow and partly on the skin. Start working your way down the limb blotting out as much excess glue as possible, making sure the pattern is centered, and progressively taping your way down to the handle overlapping the tape each time. If you are working on a self bow with undulations in the limbs, you can easily follow these with the pattern on the skin and make a great looking bow. Take your time and be very critical of the way you lay the pattern down, as any mistakes in pattern run-off will be glaring when the job is done.

If working with a striped snake on a laminated bow, it is very difficult to keep the stripe running straight down the limb. This is critical for a good looking backing. Try a few non-striped snakes first to get the feel of how a snake lays on a limb.

At the handle, either, 1) square the skin off even with handle overlay and tape it down, or 2) just end the skin in about the center of the bow, tape it down, and later cover it with a handle wrap.



Snake skin laid out, cut to length and ready for glue.



Place the snake skin on the bow, making sure the scale pattern is centered on the limb.



The first tape downs, one inch masking tape secures the snake skin to the limb at the nock end.

Once the whole skin is taped down, start at the handle with a squeegee, and push the excess glue and air out working toward the limb tip. Go over the job several times and really push, as this step makes for a good skin job with no air bubbles under the skin.

The Bow Horse *continued*



After the entire length of skin is taped down, squeeze out the excess glue and air with a squeegee, working from the handle toward the limb tip.

If you have a self bow with knotholes or voids in the limbs, take extra care to push the skin into the knot hole or pack paper towels between the tape and skin to get it all laid down neatly.

After the skin is all laid down, set the bow somewhere warm to dry for a few hours. I generally let it set 4 to 10 hours with the tape on the skin. Then slit the tape on the belly side and VERY CAREFULLY peel the tape off, making sure to not lift the skin off the bow. The skin will not be dry at this point and will come off very easily, so use something to hold down on the edges of the skin as you pull the tape off. Once the tape is off, I put the bow in my bow oven at 100°F for at least a day to completely set the glue and dry the skin. Longer is better than shorter in this case.

The skin must be completely cured before removing the scales or the skin will just peel off. Once the skin is cured, sand the skin to fit the bow. If working with a fiberglass bow,

use 220 grit sandpaper, and sand the sides of the bow to remove the excess skin. If working on a self bow, you can leave the skin wrapped around the edges and sand the excess off the belly, or just have the back of the bow skinned like a fiberglass one. The choice is up to you.

The next step is removing the scales. Most of the scales will come off when removing the masking tape used to hold the skin down during glue up. The scales that remain come off easily by rubbing them with rough steel wool. Once all of the scales are removed, you may think the skin is ruined because it will show almost no color or pattern. However, the color and pattern will return after the finish is applied.

After all of the scales have been removed, use 400 grit sandpaper to smooth the skin down. Just knock off the high spots, the skin does not need to be perfectly smooth. Do not sand too hard as the skin is thin and it is easy to sand right through it. We are just smoothing out the scale pockets in the skin's surface.

After the skin is smoothed down, wipe the skin with acetone. Then take liquid super-glue and, with rubber gloves on, rub a coat of super-glue onto the skin. After a few minutes, apply another coat. I apply three coats of super glue and then lightly sand with 400 grit. I have found that if more than three coats are applied, the glue will tend to crack with use of the bow, and take away from the beauty of the skin. If you touch the snake with your bare hands and then apply the glue, you will get white spots wherever your fingers touched. Police use super-glue fumes to lift finger prints.

After applying three coats of super glue, simply finish the bow in the normal manner. When the finish dries, you can enjoy your beautiful snake skin backed bow!



Above is the upper limb of "Triple Threat", a three piece take down longbow with three different snake skins that are butt spliced on each limb: Prairie Rattler near the handle, Water Moccasins in the middle, and Black Mamba at the tips.



Above is a snake skin backed osage self bow which was made from a character stave, which has an unusual elongated hole near the center of the lower limb. The python skin adds even more character to the finished bow.

September 12, 2012 – Called to order 9:15am
Members present, Eric Wellman, Ken Oberschulte, Vince Smith, Brian Shea, Jeremy Misfeldt, Wade Phillips, Dave Manwarren, Rob & Dee Roettele, Matt & Amy Clarke, and Dede Smith. Guest, Gary Dather, President of Fremont Izaak Walton.

Minutes – August minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – The club has \$11,377.50 in Great Western Bank and about \$4,000 in newly opened account at American National Bank. When remaining Rendezvous expenses clear, the two accounts will be consolidated. Deposit for the Rendezvous was \$8,320.50. Report accepted as read.

Rendezvous Review – 156 shooters registered.

Detailed income report from the registration booth was accepted as format for future use.

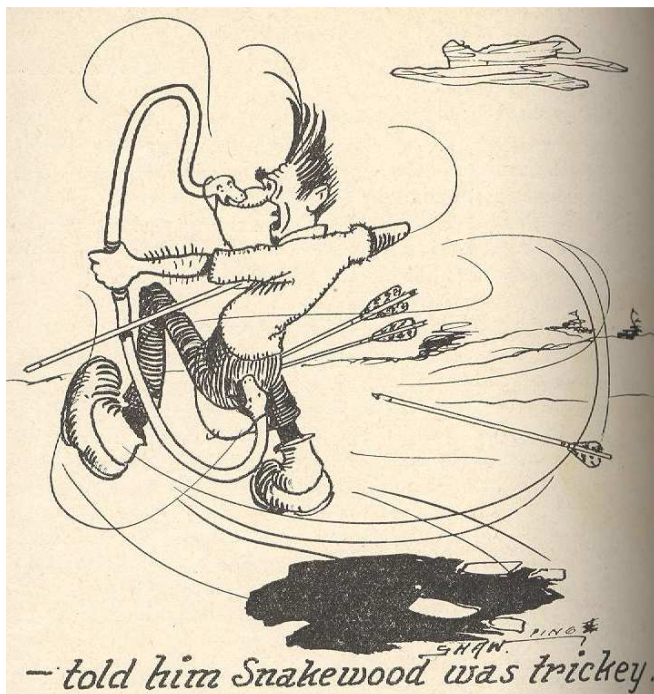
Event schedule will be created for handout at registration.

Better signage will be posted to aid flow of participants.

During the day on Saturday, there will be more promotion at the park for the evening Auction.

Trail cameras will be located around the course to monitor activity so we do not lose any targets.

Motion approved that each youth in attendance at the auction be given five "auction bucks" to spend at the Kids' Auction to help encourage more participation in this event.



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Other Rendezvous items discussed:

- Better trail marking
- Drinking water on the course
- Reinstating the night shoot
- Offering pre-payment for members
- Lower fees for early registration
- More fun shots on the course
- Keeping the layout like this year

Targets – Motion approved to lend Rob Roettele eight targets for a small archery shoot in October at his muzzleloader club.

Annual Membership Renewals – Members who didn't renew at the Rendezvous will be sent an email reminding them that dues expired in September. After the email, remaining unpaid members will be sent a postcard.

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting & Banquet will be February 23rd at the Isaac Walton Large Lodge.

Pheasant Hunt – Discussion was held regarding planning a Traditional Archery Pheasant Hunt. Vince will investigate hunt possibilities.

Izaak Walton – Gary Dather, President Fremont Izaak Walton, asked if we would like to do more things at the Ike's facility. A summer carp shooting tournament was discussed; details will be sorted out at a later date.

Nebraska Big Buck Classic – The club will put all January show efforts into the Big Buck Classic. Jason and John will be contacted about our having a bow building demonstration at the show. If needed, a new power point presentation will be created for the show.

Dart Shoot – Those who have organized and handled the DART shoot for the last three years will be asked if they intend to do so again.

Traditional Archers Triathlon – Preliminary discussions will continue at next meeting.

String Shoot – The String Shoot will be April 21st, The day before, a work party will prepare the course after the monthly meeting and lunch.

Bow Building Instructor Training – After the May 11th monthly meeting, the club will have a bow building instructor training seminar. Details will be determined at a later meeting.

BOWJAM – Will be July 20th to the 21st and will again include a Bowyer's Dream Raffle. All of the items in this year's raffle will be made of Red Cedar that was cut in the Spring of 2012 at Dick Mauch's Plum Creek Cabin.

2013 Rendezvous – Will be August 31st & September 1st.

Motion to adjourn approved 12:47pm

NTA Monthly Meetings

The NTA Monthly Business Meetings are generally 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 was 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.

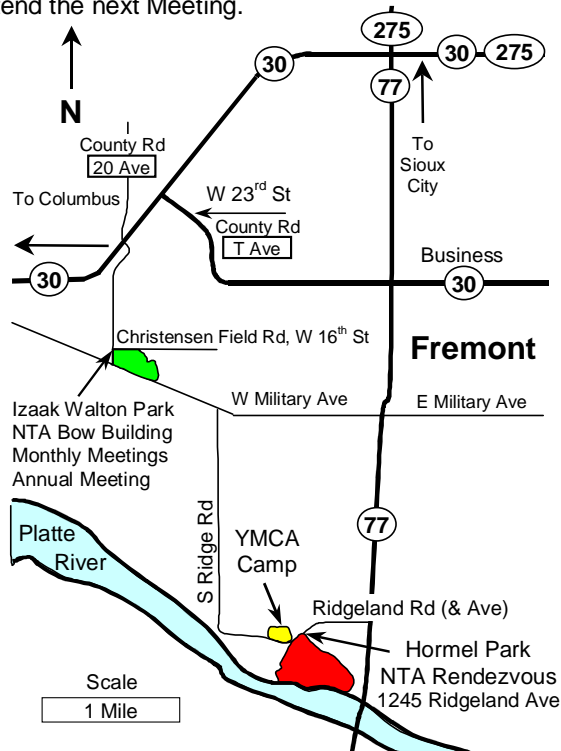
Meetings generally begin at 9:00am and last from two to three hours. NTA business is the main topic of discussion as well as state and national issues affecting bowhunting.

After the meetings, a free pot luck lunch is served and we usually 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.

Shown below is a partial map 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 March Triathlon, 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.



Board Meeting Minutes *continued*

December 8, 2012 – Called to order 9:00am

Members present: Eric Wellman, Ken Oberschulte, Brian Shea, Vince & Dede Smith, Jeremy Misfeldt, Randy Nielsen, Wade Phillips, and George Kaplan. Guest, Gary Dather, President of Fremont Izaak Walton.

Minutes – September minutes distributed via e-mail by the Secretary and accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – All funds moved to Great Western Bank with balance of \$11,670.07. Account has Debit card for set-up of Pay-Pal account, checks will be ordered. Report accepted as read.

Izaak Walton – Motions approved to give annual \$250 donation and pay for three memberships as well as pay the target and trailer storage of \$240 and \$12 and donate \$150 to sponsor two targets. The club will help build a pavilion at the archery range and will sponsor a Bow Hunter Education Course to be held the second week of March.

Traditional Archery Pheasant Hunt – January 12 at Little Creek Game Farm near Arlington. The event is limited to 12 hunters at \$40 per hunter. The January monthly meeting will follow at the Little Creek lodge.

Big Buck Classic – We have booths 111-114. Volunteer work schedule was made for all three days. Motion approved to purchase additional passes.

Traditional Archers Triathlon – Sunday Mar 10, Izaak Walton Fremont Archery Range, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Approximately fifteen 3-D Targets, participants will shoot three rounds: longbow, recurve, and Selfbow. Highest combined score wins.

Sustaining Memberships – The Nocking Point, John Solanis, Bearfoot Traditions, and Hunter Image were granted this status for 2013.

Bylaws – A quorum of Board members were present, motions were made and approved unanimously to change sections 4.9 and 5.03 of the Bylaws. Refer to details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Annual Meeting – February 23. The Bowhunting Definition will be on the back of the ballot for vote by the membership. At the meeting, nominations for Directors will be accepted from the floor. Barbecued Pork will be provided by the club for the potluck dinner.

Youth Committee Formed - Eric Wellman, Vince and Dede Smith will submit recommendations at the annual meeting.

4-Wheeler – Vince will take the 4-wheeler, keep it maintained and running for use at club events.

Motion to adjourn approved 12:12pm.

Free Classifieds

Free Classifieds for NTA Members: Ads run for two issues and are then automatically dropped unless relisted by the member.

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

For Sale: Don Stintz Officers Tent 14'x14', white canvas, includes all poles, ropes, stakes, plus tarps, carpet, wood stove, lantern hangers, 16'x14' awning, totes for all the canvas, ropes & stakes. \$1,000 firm, (everything cost over \$3,000 new) Vince (402) 936-0046

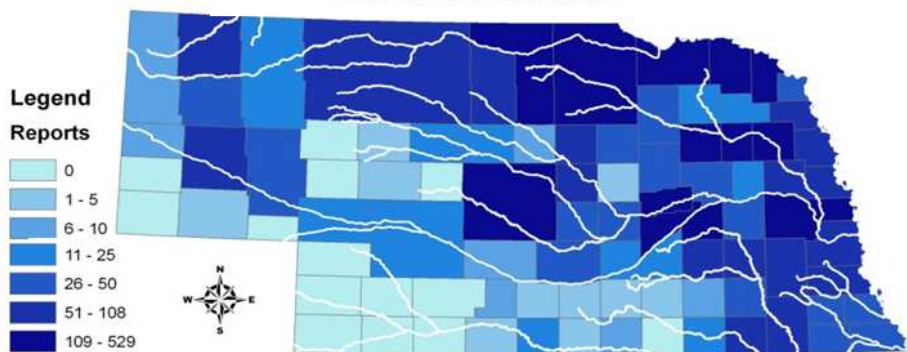
Custom Feather Grinding: Turkey or goose, 25 cents a feather or will trade 1 for 1. Natural turkey feathers for sale, left or right, \$1 each for primaries, 75 cents each for secondary, 25 cents more for dyed. Lonesome Wind Longbows, Vince Smith (402) 936-0046

Wanted: Vintage Bear Archery Equipment from 1930s to 1971. Bear Kodiak recurves from 1950 to 1966 any weight or any condition. Old, unusual or handmade broadheads, bows, arrows, quivers, etc from 1871 to 1971. Will buy individual items or entire collections. Wade Phillips (402) 493-6004



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

2012 EHD Reported Mortalities As of 10/12/2012



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EHD in Nebraska

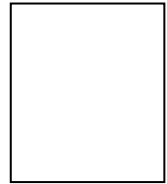
In the whitetail populations of some areas of Nebraska, significant outbreaks of Hemorrhagic Disease, (HD) have been reported. HD includes Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and Bluetongue. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) produced the map at left of the cases that were reported as of October 12, 2012. For more information on the disease and FAQs, visit NGPC's EHD web page at <http://www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov/hunting/EHD.asp>

Nebraska Game & Parks Commissioners

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

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

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