

# Nebraska Traditional Archers



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## The Nebraska Traditional Archer



# 2013 Calendar of Events

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**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 – 10, 2013**

Outdoor Expo  
Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Aurora, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Self Bow Jamboree, OJAM  
Stillwater, OK – [www.ojam.org](http://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 22 – 23, 2013**

NTA Fiberglass Longbow Building Class  
Izaak Walton Park, Fremont, NE

**Jun 13 – 16, 2013**

Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

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

Nebraska BOJAM – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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** – Part of the Nebraska Traditional Archers exhibit at the Outdoor Expo in Aurora, Nebraska, held February 9-10, 2013.

## 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.

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

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Balance Reported Last Issue, Dec 8, 2012 ...	\$11,670.07
New Balance Reported Last Meeting Mar 8, 2013 ...	\$8,638.62
Balance Reported One Year Ago Mar 31, 2012 ...	\$8,206.93

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Greetings everyone. The snow is melting, Spring is in the air and turkey season is just about here. I'm sure looking forward to getting out in the woods again.

We have had a very busy winter after deer season ended: the Nebraska Big Buck Classic, the Outdoor Expo in Aurora, the Traditional Archery Pheasant Hunt, the Annual Meeting & Banquet, and the Traditional Archer's Triathlon 3-D Shoot. I want to thank everyone who has helped and participated in each of the events we have sponsored so far this year.

We had a good turnout at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic with lots of help from the membership. We drew a great deal of attention to our exhibit with several of our members working on staves and making a mess with wood shavings all over the floor.

The club sponsored an exhibit booth at the Outdoor Expo in Aurora, Nebraska in an effort to gain more exposure in the central part of the State. The many members who helped with the exhibit were obviously more than successful as The Nebraska Traditional Archers exhibit won "Best in Show", and was featured on the front page of two area newspapers.

We held a pheasant hunt again this year. The board was unanimous in their decision to sponsor this event and restore it to its annual status. It was held in January and despite the short notice for the membership, we still had a good turnout. Everyone had over a dozen shots at pheasants in flight, and some birds were taken.

As usual, the Annual Meeting & Banquet was a great time for all attending members and their families. We had a good turnout, everyone enjoyed an exceptional meal, and members took home some great gifts. Thank you to those who donated to the Yankee Gift Exchange, Card Raffles, and Silent Auctions, and to those who participated in these fund raising efforts. This year we generated record income from this event. A special thanks to everyone who brought food. There were many gracious comments about all of the outstanding food that everyone brought for the pot luck dinner. The club provided the pork and it too was some of the best we have ever had. Elections were held. Results appear on the facing page.

Our most recent event was the Traditional Archer's Triathlon 3-D Shoot at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. The course consisted of 15 targets and participants shot the course 3 times, once each with a longbow, a recurve and a selfbow. The largest combined score for all three rounds was the winner.

Although I was really looking forward to this shoot, I reluctantly was forced to stay at home as were many others who intended to participate. Mother Nature turned on us, dumped up to 10" of snow with high winds in a blizzard across much of the eastern part of Nebraska. I heard we had 11 Traditionalists who braved

the elements to shoot the course and despite the inclement weather, everyone had a wonderful time.

We have some exciting events coming up in the near future. First is our Annual Spring String Shoot that will be on April 21.

In May, Vince Smith, Jacob Friedrich, and I will take a couple of lucky young hunters on a Mentored Youth Turkey Hunt. Details will be in the Newsletter or interested parties can call me or Vince Smith.

In June, we are planning to have our first ever 2-Day Laminated Fiberglass Bow Building Class. Details are in this newsletter. If you are interested in attending be sure to call Vince Smith or Cory Engert depending on the type of laminated bow you want to build.

Our Board is also talking with Izaak Walton about holding a May or June carp shoot at their Fremont lakes to help eliminate some of the problem carp in their lakes.

Again, thanks to everyone for all the help at our events and for everyone who has participated and donated to make these events possible. Let's keep going in the direction we are heading and make this the best traditional archery club it can be. We have a solid group of Board members and a great core group of volunteers who make everything happen. We would love to have more people step up to help out and/or participate. The more help we get and the more participation we have, the better we can make our club and our events.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member to the club.

Ted Graves                      Grand Island

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# 2013 Election Results

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In following the Nebraska Traditional Archers Bylaws, at the February 23 Annual Meeting, the membership voted for 12 Directors to serve on our Board.

Members who were elected to the Board of Directors:

Eric Wellman	Dave Manwarren
Vince Smith	Brian Shea
Randy Nielsen	Ken Oberschulte
Curt Friedrich	Jeremy Misfeldt
Cory Engert	George Kaplan
Brian Hoefener	Wade Phillips

Complete contact information for each member of the Board of Directors is listed in the right hand column of page 3 in this issue.

In following the original 1996 Bylaws, the 12 Board Members held a brief meeting, and from their ranks, they elected the following officers:

President	Eric Wellman
Vice President	Dave Manwarren
Secretary	Vince Smith
Treasurer	Brian Shea

The club would like to thank Ken Oberschulte for his many years of service as Vice President. Ken asked not to be considered for reelection as Vice President because his increased responsibilities at work have left less time to devote to fun things like the Nebraska Traditional Archers. Ken has graciously agreed to stay on as a Director and as the Concessions Chairman for club events.

The club would also like to thank Frank Hicken for his years of past service on the Board of Directors and all that he has done and will continue to do in the future for the Nebraska Traditional Archers. Frank asked not to be on the ballot for the Board of Directors because he has purchased a new, bigger and better Portable Saw Mill and will devote more of his free time to his wood business. We are all looking forward to Frank cutting more trees for use as bow wood!

In addition to the nine returning Board Members, the club welcomes three new faces to the Board of Directors, Brian Hoefener of Omaha, Cory Engert of Exeter, and Curt Friedrich of Fremont. Among the many talents these three new Directors bring to the Board, each is a true gentleman and legitimate woodworking craftsman in his own right.

The "Definition of Bowhunting" as published in a previous Newsletter appeared on the ballot for vote by the membership. It was adopted by an overwhelming landslide margin. All of the ballots that were cast for this ballot item were for a "YES" vote.

At the bottom of the ballot, the last section was titled "Comments or Suggestions to improve the NTA". Several lines were provided for members to write their thoughts. A total of eight comments or suggestions were written as follows:

1. Advertising of events in archery magazines – PA/Traditional Bowhunter, String Shoot, Bow Building Class.
2. Let Chairmen or members under 18 vote for the Board of Directors.
3. Aerial shoots. Doing a great Job! Very pleased with the club.
4. I love the NTA Members! They will help anyone out with the drop of a hat!!
5. We need water on the course at the Rendezvous!
6. Great group of guys.
7. Doing a great job. Would like to see some new African Plains game targets.
8. Really enjoyed all the new targets on last year's shoots.

Many thanks to those who took time to jot down their thoughts. Some of the suggestions have already been discussed at great length by the Board and will be implemented. In the future a complete report on these suggestions will be printed.

After the meeting, a suggestion was offered that we need a woman on the Board of Directors.

If any female member of the Nebraska Traditional Archers would like to step forward to volunteer to be a Director, please let one of the Board members know.

When the Board, recently changed the number of Directors from 10 to 12, the Board clearly illustrated that they are willing to change the Bylaws to increase the number of Directors in an effort to get more members actively involved with the club.

## Nebraska Traditional Archers

### 3-D Spring String Shoot

Sunday April 21, 2013

Registration 9:00am to 1:00pm

Hormel Park, Fremont

On Site Lunch Available

# Nebraska Traditional Archers



## Laminated Fiberglass Longbow Building Class

### 2 Days of Building Laminated Bows

*Sat & Sun, June 22 & 23, 2013*

*8:00am to 6:00pm Sat*

*8:00am to 3:00pm Sun*

If you have ever wanted to build your own custom long bow, this is the class for you.

**Learn** Basics of bow design  
Tapered and parallel laminations  
Limb cores & limb profiles  
Handle accent laminations  
Fitting the handle to the form  
Tillering  
Laying out the bow  
Shaping & finishing  
Overlays and much more

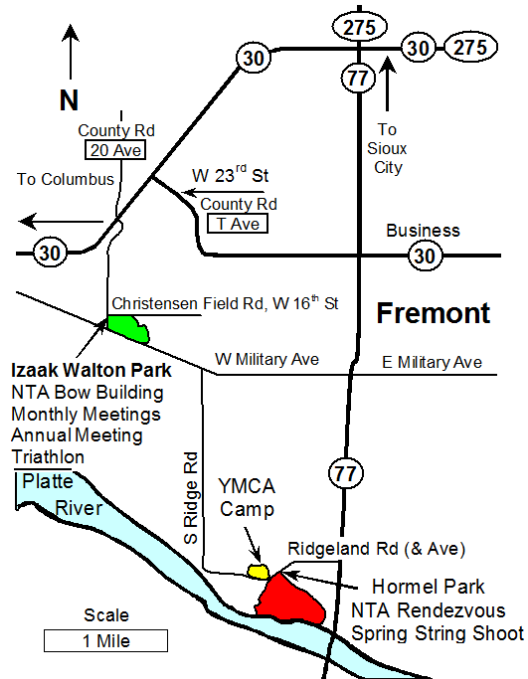
Prior to the class, participants submit requests for draw weight, bow length, and handle wood, along with their class fee and registration.

When registration is received, instructors glue up Bow Blanks to the student's specifications. During the class, each student finishes the glued up bow blank that they ordered to their specifications.

\$300 1-Piece Bow  
\$350 3-Piece Takedown

Class is taught by Vince Smith and Cory Engert, with over 15 years combined bowyer experience.

**Izaak Walton Park - Small Lodge**  
**2560 W Military Ave**  
**Fremont, NE 68025**



On Site Camping Available, Fri & Sat  
Free Showers Available  
20 to 50 yd Practice Range

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# Nebraska Traditional Archers



## Laminated Fiberglass Longbow Building Class

**Sat & Sun, June 22 & 23, 2013**

**8:00am to 6:00pm Sat**

**8:00am to 3:00pm Sun**

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Define Bow Specifications

Draw Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (30 to 100 lbs +/- 5 pounds)

Draw Length \_\_\_\_\_ (54", 56", 58", 60", 62", 64", 66", 68")

Handle Woods (*circle 1 or 2*)-(Osage, Walnut, Purpleheart, Zebrawood, Fishtail-Oak, Paduk, Maple, Bubinga)

#### Select Bow Style (check 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 1-Piece Bow

3-Piece Takedowns

\_\_\_\_\_ \$350 Front Mount Limbs

\_\_\_\_\_ \$350 Rear Mount Limbs

Send Registration Form with  
Above Fee, \$300 or \$350 to:

Brian Shea, Treasurer  
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After mailing registration, consult with  
Vince Smith or Cory Engert, depending  
on bow style that you choose from those  
shown at right.

**Class Size Limit - 10 Students**



1-Piece



Front Mount Limbs



Rear Mount Limbs

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# 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

No Sights \* No Stabilizers \* No Mechanical Releases

#### 4 Classes

Shoot for Trophies or Just for Fun

**Longbow** - string does not touch belly of limbs

**Recurve** - string touches belly of limbs

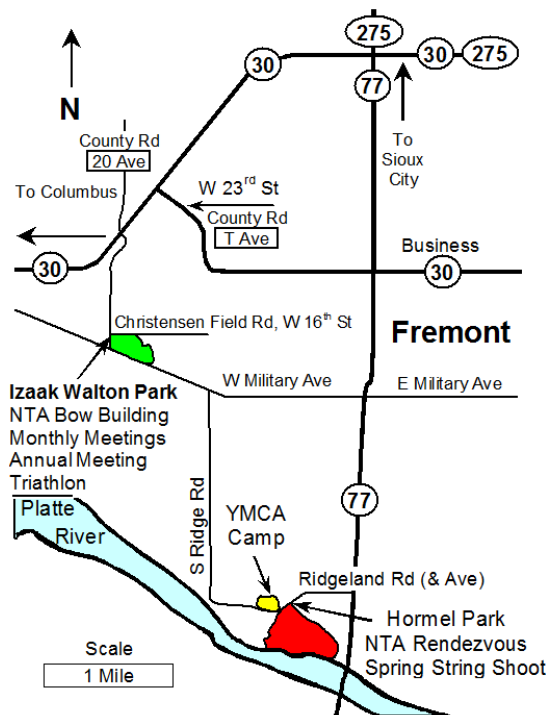
**Primitive** - wood self bow & wood arrows  
-natural backing on bow is permitted

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

#### What is a String Shoot?

A String Shoot adds another challenge to a 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.

### Hormel Park Location



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# Make Plans Now to Attend these 2013 NTA Events

## Nebraska Traditional Archers

18<sup>th</sup> 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

18<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Rendezvous

Sat August 31 & Sun September 1, 2013

Ranges

Vendors

Registration

On Site Lunch

Hormel Park

1254 Ridgeland Avenue

Fremont, NE 68025

Families Welcome

Traditional Bows Only

Unlimited Shooting on 3-D Courses

Many New 3-D Targets

Novelty Targets

Official Trophy Measuring Booth

YMCA Camp

1302 Ridgeland Avenue

Free On Site Primitive Camping

Free Showers

Saturday Night Potluck Dinner

NTA Will Supply the Pork

Auctions Follow Dinner

Door Prizes

2013 NTA Dream Raffle Drawing

2013 Self Bow Raffle Drawing

Kids' Auction

Silent Auctions - Used Targets

Glenn St. Charles Memorial Pie Auction

Special Guest Speaker

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# Annual Pheasant Hunt



After the first two pheasants were brought to bag, the bowmen stopped on the downwind side of a hill for a quick photo with the wind at their backs and facing the warm sunshine. Standing left to right are Brian Shea, Brian Hoefener, Jon Manwarren, and Dave Manwarren, kneeling, Vince Smith, Cory Engert and Jeremy Misfeldt. Missing from photo are the photographers, Eric Wellman and Wade Phillips.

On January 12, 2013, nine members of the Nebraska Traditional Archers braved the more than brutal minus 20 degree wind chill temperatures to participate in the Annual Traditional Archery Pheasant Hunt at the Little Creek Game Bird Farm, located 9 miles west of Blair on Hwy 91.

The nine bowmen from across the State who endured the weather and tested their wing shooting skills against the 35 to 46 mile per hour winds were rewarded with five pheasants for their polar expedition type efforts.

Eric Wellman	Lincoln
Wade Phillips	Omaha
Vince Smith	Fremont
Brian Shea	Omaha
Dave Manwarren	Exeter
Jon Manwarren	Exeter
Jeremy Misfeldt	Fremont
Brian Hoefener	Omaha
Cory Engert	Exeter

Vince's 8-year old German Shorthair, Jagermeister, did a textbook job of dog work. With the heavy winds and cold temperatures, the pheasants were burrowed under the crusted snow and thick grasses in the terraces. The birds

held so tight that the bowmen had to nearly step on the long tails to get them to flush.



Jagermeister points a rooster, then Brian spots tail feathers sticking out of clump of grass covered with snow, as Brian approaches, he gets ready for the bird to flush.

## Annual Pheasant Hunt *continued*



*Jagermeister retrieving a rooster skewered by one of Brian Hoefener's well-placed shots. Brian's arrows showed up great and were easy to find with their dark red feathers and orange crown dip paint.*



*Jeremy shot quickly as this rooster cleared the grass. He then watched the four arrows in flight in this photo that never caught up with the high flying rooster. There just never seemed to be enough time to get off a second arrow.*



*Jagermeister turns his head as the rooster flushes under his nose. On this flush, the bowmen's arrows fail to connect.*

With most birds holding tight, it was a perfect day for the deliberate and patient Jagermeister and his great nose. He usually stayed downwind of the terraces, and when he got bird scent, he locked up on point as solid as a rock.

Although the dog work was far better than the wing shooting, the bowmen had numerous opportunities to arrow birds. The first bird to fall to an arrow was kicked out of the grass on the end of Wade's boot. He had a line on the rooster from the moment that it cleared the grass and his wood shaft flu-flu tipped with a notched pheasant head,

broke the rooster's wing. Vince Smith and Brian Hoefener also connected with their arrows before the day was over. There were countless close misses, and at nearly flush at least one bowman would harmlessly put an arrow through the tail feathers of a pheasant.

Arrows with red, orange, or pink full size fletching were easy to find and could be spotted from a great distance. Arrows that were the most difficult to find were those with white, yellow, brown or gray feathers or shafts because the colors were well camouflaged in the cornstalks, soil, and snow.

## Annual Pheasant Hunt



An action shot of Vince connecting on a rooster, his arrow can be seen in the tail end of the rooster that is between Jon and Vince and just above Jon's bow tip. Left to right, Brian, Jon, Vince, Jeremy and Cory.

The nine bowmen took five pheasants by 1:00 pm when they finally agreed by a unanimous vote to call an end to the hunting.

Following the hunt, Randy Nielsen, Jacob Friedrich, and Curt Friedrich joined the group at our host's lodge. Dede Smith brought a nice lunch for everyone to enjoy as the pheasant hunters tried to get thawed out.

The January regular monthly meeting followed lunch. Minutes from that meeting appear in the back pages of this issue with other minutes of monthly meetings.

If you missed the 2013 Nebraska Traditional Archers Pheasant Hunt, you missed a great time with some great bowmen and an opportunity for some serious lessons about truly challenging wing shooting. If you would like to hunt pheasants with a bow, this is the one event you won't want to miss in 2014.

**Wanted**

**Newsletter Items**

**Articles & Photos Etc.**

**Send to the Editor**

## Monthly Business Meetings

The Nebraska Traditional Archers 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.

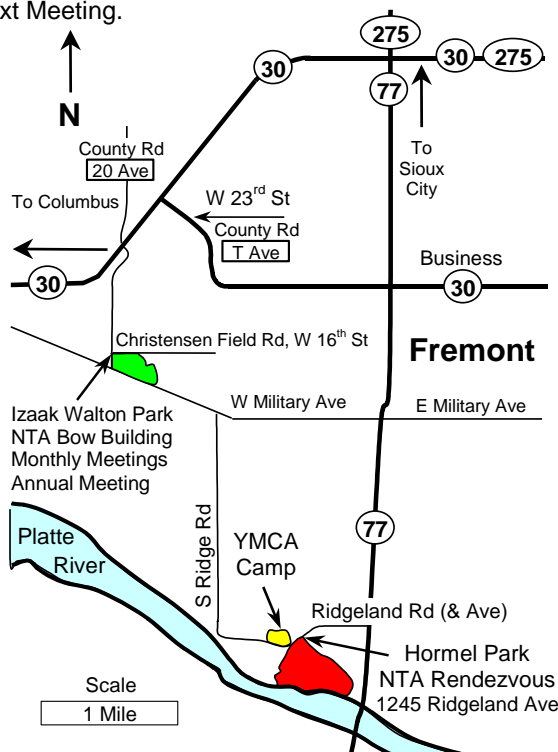
Meetings generally begin at 9:00am and last from two to three hours. NTA business is the main topic of discussion as well as state and national issues affecting bowhunting.

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.



## Smoked Steamed Clams

Carol and I recently had a dental visit in Grand Island and as we always do when we go to Grand Island, we lunched at the Hy-Vee salad bar. And of course, while at Hy-Vee, I checked out their fresh seafood department!

They had fresh clams in a couple varieties of sizes and prices. Yes, they were live clams and very fresh. I selected a couple pounds of the medium size at \$4.99 a pound. On arrival home, put them in a pail, covered them with cold water, and refrigerated them overnight. At noon the following day, a count of 20 fit nicely onto the rack of the Abu smoker cooker lined with heavy duty foil.



*A count of 20 fresh clams fit nicely in the smoker rack that was lined with heavy duty foil.*

After putting a couple tablespoons of Alder dust under the heavy duty foil, I closed the smoker lid and smoked them about 18 minutes. Time is not critical and could be longer. No moisture escaped from the foil to kill the burning Alder dust and it charred up completely. The clams were both smoked and steamed in one simple operation.



*The clam shells open when they are done.*



*The smoked and steamed clams removed from their shells.*

Before beginning, I intended to use all 20 clams for seafood chowder, but couldn't help myself and inhaled a half dozen right out of the smoker. They reminded me of the clams that Glenn and Margaret St. Charles, Carol and I enjoyed from this same smoker out on the Pacific Ocean front back in 1992 after the Pope & Young Club meeting in Seattle. We went to Glenn's old cabin site, and overnighted in his friend's cabin on the beach. That was also the night Glenn and I had a fire in memory of Fred Bear and Bob Munger.

Check the seafood counter at your local Hy-Vee store for some of these clams to prepare a nice treat.

## Whatchagot Seafood Chowder

A few days before preparing the clams, we feasted on Alaskan Crab, and of course, I always save the water to the freezer for later soups. A full ice cream bucket of crab boil stock, then the saved smoky clam nectar added and the remaining clams cut into bits with scissors. The rest is whatchagot (whatever you've got on hand). Chopped a couple big carrots, pack of frozen zucchini (been in the freezer from garden 2010), 1/2 red onion, 1/2 white onion, 3 celery stalks cut into pieces, quart of tomatoes from freezer, couple cups fresh green beans (from Grand Island yesterday), 2 red potatoes cubed, the rest (1/3 cup) of lime juice soy marinade saved from the tuna steaks we grilled Monday night. While stock was boiling, dipped 6 frozen raw shrimp in a strainer, shelled and cut into pieces. Added 2 frozen cod filets and deferred from putting the precooked brown rice in. Rather, lay it as a bed for the chowder, and top with tablespoon or two of Harvey's Bristol cream sherry, some filet or both. Garlic bread toast and my usual everything salad completed the dinner menu. Plenty of fish/clam/shrimp chowder left over for the freezer, might bring some along if we make it to NTA Annual Meeting & Banquet on February 23rd.

Also, saved the clam shells. They have a nice edge that could be used as a scraper for fine scraping a billet, or for scraping a deer hide. I don't believe in wasting anything so rare in the heartlands of America

# Outdoor Expo – Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Aurora

On February 9 and 10, 2013 Ken Oberschulte, Deb Wolf, Dave Manwarren, Cory Engert, Kenny Broman, Ted Graves, Wade Phillips and Jean McIntosh attended the Outdoor Expo at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Aurora, Nebraska and manned a 10 x 20 foot exhibit booth for the Nebraska Traditional Archers.

On Saturday, the Grand Island Independent Newspaper interviewed club Vice-President, Dave Manwarren for a newspaper story.

On the cover of their Sunday edition, the *Independent* featured a story about the Nebraska Traditional Archers complete with a photograph of Jenica Henry, who worked on an osage stave during the Expo.

The Grand Island *Independent* article in its entirety appears below in italics.



*Jenica Henry, 11, of McCool Junction cuts away bark from a piece of Osage orange wood at a booth operated by the Nebraska Traditional Arches during the sixth annual Outdoor Expo on Saturday at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Aurora. (Independent/Matt Dixon)*

*The Outdoor Show featured a wide diversity of booths, including guides, taxidermy, handmade fishing and hunting products, and lodges. There were also special appearances by Dick Turpin from “Turpin Time.”*

*One of the booths was set up by the Nebraska Traditional Archers ([www.nebraskatraditionalarchers.org](http://www.nebraskatraditionalarchers.org)). The organization promotes traditional archery and represents the traditional archery community at state and national events.*

*Its emphasis is to provide traditional archers the opportunity to gather, shoot, maintain and expand their skills and knowledge of traditional archery and its long heritage.*

*Representing the organization at the booth was Dave Manwarren of Exeter. The organization has been around for 16 years. It started in the eastern part of the state, but is spreading statewide.*

*Traditional archery is defined as the sport of archery using “traditional” equipment (longbows, recurve bows, selfbows) and without mechanical or technical aids (compound bow, sights, etc). Manwarren said many of the group’s members make their own traditional bows and archery equipment.*

*Traditional archery, Manwarren said, is “going back to the way it used to be” before the advent of the modern compound bow with its electronic sights and other technological perks. You have to shoot every day to keep accurate.”*

*Manwarren said traditional archery is beginning to pick up popularity among shooters who want to return to a way of shooting that has been a part of humankind for thousands of years.*

*“A show like this helps us spread the word of traditional archery,” he said. “We really like to get youth and families involved.”*

*This is the first year at the Outdoor Expo for Nebraska Traditional Archers, and he said there seemed to be a lot of interest.*

Another highlight of the weekend for the club was when the Expo awarded their “Best in Show” ribbon to the Nebraska Traditional Archers.



*Ken Oberschulte, Dave Manwarren, Kenny Broman and Wade Phillips were four of the five members of the Nebraska Traditional Archers who manned the booth over the weekend. Missing from the photograph is club member Cory Engert who had to leave before the photo was taken.*

The club sincerely thanks all the club members who made items or loaned items that were used in the booth display: Vince Smith, Kenny Broman, Dave Manwarren, Ken Oberschulte, Brandon Abbott, Mike Rhodes, Dick Mauch, and Wade Phillips.

# 2013 Nebraska Big Buck Classic

by Wade Phillips

On January 18, 19 and 20, the Nebraska Traditional Archers and the Nebraska Archery & Bowhunting Hall of Fame, manned a 40 foot long exhibit booth at the Nebraska Big Buck Classic held at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. Many club members shot in the tournament and helped with the displays.

This year's exhibit was highlighted by the self bow building demonstrations with members working on two bow horses throughout the entire weekend.

The exhibit also included over 40 feet of display cases of vintage archery tackle dating back to the 1870s.

The club would like to thank members who set up displays, manned the exhibit, conducted bow building demonstrations, tore down displays and put them away. Big thanks to these members for all of their help:

Eric Wellman  
Wade Phillips  
Vince Smith  
Dede Smith  
Jacob Friedrich  
Curt Friedrich  
George Kaplan

Brian Shea  
Dave Manwarren  
Jon Manwarren  
Jeremy Misfeldt  
Brian Hoefener  
Cory Engert  
Randy Nielsen



*A few of the members of the Nebraska Traditional Archers who manned the exhibit and demonstrated how to make self bows, left to right, Brian Shea, Eric Wellman, Vince Smith, Wade Phillips, and Randy Nielsen. Randy and Jeremy took this stave down about two inches to remove the growth rings with damage caused by wood wasps. Later Vince roughed out a bow from the stave and it was used as a Silent Auction item at the Annual Meeting & Banquet.*



*Vince Smith of Fremont, draws an osage self bow while showing attendees (who shoot modern equipment), how to draw a traditional bow and shoot instinctively.*



*A display was on hand to illustrate some of the steps required to make self bows.*

## Problem Wood

Problem wood is a stave that needs to be manipulated, altered, or repaired in some way in order to make a functional bow from a piece of wood that would otherwise only be firewood.

Some bowyers, Walt Codney being one of them, have never seen a piece of Osage that they could not find a bow in somewhere, just by using what nature gave them, no matter how twisted, knotty, or worm holed the wood is. If a person has the time, talent, and patience it takes to work a very difficult piece of wood into a bow without any manipulation, this column may not be very helpful. However, it will be helpful for those who do not possess the self bow making skill level of Walt Codney or Mike Rhoades, and do not have access to the world's best pieces of wood and want to use the problem wood that they have on hand.

## Holes

The most common cause for holes in a stave is from wood wasp damage. Wood wasps bore in to the bark and lay their larva in fresh cut wet wood. When the larva hatch they eat wood until they morph into wasps. Many say that wood wasps don't hurt much because the larva eat mostly sap wood and don't bore into the heart wood much. However, most of the wood wasp damage that I have seen was bored into an inch, or two, or more.

These wood wasp holes present a problem because if they are in the working portion of the limb, they expose a rough, unfinished edge that can allow a splinter to lift and ruin a bow.



*Wood wasp holes in back of osage stave.*

The simplest way to repair a worm hole is to get the bow to the floor tiller stage, then carefully drill out the worm hole to the same diameter as a dowel, then glue a piece of wood dowel in the hole using epoxy.



*Dowel glued into drilled out hole.*



*Dowel plug cut off and sanded down to be flush with surface of the back of the bow.*

If a worm bored lengthwise along the stave rather than down through the stave, cut a plug and shape it by hand to fill in the hole, then epoxy the plug into the hole.



*A wood wasp still in elongated hole in back of stave.*



# The Bow Horse *continued*

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Another fix is to fill the hole with epoxy and back the bow with rawhide.

If at all possible, it is far better to completely remove all the worm holes by using a draw knife to take the stave down to a single growth ring under the deepest worm holes. Removing all of the damaged growth rings of wood will make the bow building process much easier.

If making a bow from an old fence post, there may be old staple holes in the wood. These small diameter staple holes can be left in the bow, simply chamfer the edges of the holes and build the bow as normal.

## Knots

Knots are another cause of holes, or humps, in a stave. The easiest way to deal with a small knot is to leave extra material around it and leave a hump on the back of the stave. This hump will be a few rings up from the back of the bow but that will not hurt anything. Basically just, work around the knot. If you want the knot to be on the same ring as the back of the bow, or if you just want a cool knot hole in the limb, then you will have to work the knot. Don't try to draw knife the knot. It is too easy to gouge out a chunk of wood behind the knot and ruin the bow. The easiest method to work knots is to leave a mound when draw knifing, and then take a rasp and scraper and rasp the knot and scrape it to get it down to the same growth ring of the back of the bow. It is very likely that it will dip lower than the plane of the back of the bow, or hump higher, so carefully scrape all of the undulations of the knot hole without violating the growth ring. I use a special knot hole scraper made for me by Micky, "The Ferret", Lotz. It's a simple tool made from a straight screwdriver shank with 3/8" of the tip bent at a 90°, sharpened, and attached to a turned Osage handle. It's a handy little item to have and makes quick work of knot holes. Remove any bark or rotten wood from the inside of the knot hole as well as any rotten wood that may be running lengthwise from the knot.

## Bending Wood

When the limbs of a roughed out bow are naturally twisted off center, it may be desirable to permanently bend or twist the wood in a different direction. When bow tips are twisted to opposite sides of the bow, like a plane's propeller, the bow is said to have a "prop" to it. You can try to keep a string on this bow while you work on tiller by making pin nocks, cutting the tips down to having round pins on the ends of the bow, so the string can swivel as the limbs bend and, hopefully, not pop off, or you can bend the wood to make it do what you want. I had a tillering nightmare stave with one limb tip reflexed five inches while the other was on a flat plane with the handle. After a little bending magic, I had a nice flat bow. If you get to the first stringing stage and see the string tracks three inches to one side of the handle, a little gentle bend can bring that string right back in line. This method can also be used to fit the bow to a form, either a recurve or a reflex-deflex bow. There are two methods of bending a bow, dry heat and wet heat.

## Dry Heat

Dry heat is just as its name implies, applying heat to bend the bow from a dry heat source such as a heat gun, torch, or campfire. I once attended a demonstration on dry heat bending. The demonstrator had a microwave oven with a hole sawed in both ends. He could slide a bow through the microwave and cover the holes with rubber. The premise was that he could insert the bow in the oven to the spot he wanted to bend, turn the oven on high for three minutes, remove the bow and bend it quite easily. I have never stuck around to see how this method worked and wouldn't recommend that you try it. Dry heat is normally used when bending a small area; i.e. the string tracking problem. First, coat the area to be heated with Crisco or petroleum jelly to minimize scorching of the wood. Then heat up the handle area of the bow until you cannot touch it. Then clamp the bow down to something solid in a manner that will bring the string in line. Bend the bow a little farther than needed, and then let the bow cool. Dry heat is often used to take prop out of limb tips. Heat the limb up in the same manner as before and clamp the limb to something flat bringing the tip in line; this is usually done one limb at a time. The advantage of using dry heat over wet heat is that moisture is not introduced into the bow, so as soon as the bow cools it can be worked. The disadvantage of dry heat is that you can over heat the spot being bent, and scorch the wood removing all moisture and create a hard spot where the bow can crack very easily.

## Wet Heat

Wet heat is bending a bow by either boiling water or steaming. Steaming a bow requires a steam chamber that you can place the bow in and bring water to a rolling boil channeling the steam into the chamber. This is the method used to bend the Ash to make snowshoe frames. I have never used a steam chamber as I have only bent one limb at a time and never needed anything other than my boiling tube.



Boiling Tube, 4" diameter thin walled steel tube 48" long.

## The Bow Horse *continued*

My boiling tube is a 4" light wall steel tube 48" long welded to a 6" by 6" steel base plate. To use, place the limb in the tube, fill the tube with water, and place it on a camp stove burner and bring it to boil. After the water is boiling, let the limb boil for 45 minutes to an hour. Then pull out the bow and clamp it to a form to shape the limb. If recurving the ends of a bow, start at the limb tip, clamp the tip to the form with the bow standing straight up from the tip and use a thin metal pressure strip on the clamp side so as to not damage the softened limb tip with the clamp. Slowly push the bow down onto the form, clamping it in two or three more spots. You will be amazed at how easily the wood bends once it has been boiled. Let the bow cool for a couple of hours and then remove it from the form and do the other limb.

I like bows to be at a floor tiller stage before recurving the tips so it is less likely to lift splinters on the belly. To retain as much of the recurved tip as possible, you will need to back the bow with sinew, Hickory, or bamboo, otherwise when you start using the bow, the recurved area will relax and become just a reflexed tip. The disadvantage of wet bending is that a lot of moisture is introduced back into the bow and you must let the bow set and dry out again slowly.

If bending a bow, wet bending is my favorite method because I can make the bow do whatever I want. The extra time to let it dry does not bother me.

### Cracks

Cracks often occur with knot holes, fence posts/standing dead, and drying too fast. Cracks are either checks in the wood from drying too fast/too much or are caused by an imperfection in wood. Imperfections often stem from knot holes or limb holes. I have a flat bow that has long cracks extending from a hole in the bottom limb that I have shot for years and never had a problem with. Cracks are easy fixes. First, fill them with liquid super glue, let soak in and let the glue dry. If the crack is not filled after the glue has dried, fill it a second time and let it dry. If the crack is still not filled after the second application of liquid super glue, fill it again with super glue gel and let it dry. Repeat until the crack is filled. After the crack is filled, wrap the bow limb with serving above and below large cracks. If the crack runs off the limb, wrap it at the point it runs off and shoot it.

### Checks

Checks are caused from moisture leaving the back of the bow too quickly, or from drying too much. Checks are common in standing dead trees and fence posts. They can also occur if you wet bend the limbs and try to speed up the drying process. Fortunately, checks are easy to take care of. A liberal dose of superglue to fill in the checks will fix the problem. Multiple applications of super glue may be required for some severe checks. After filling the checks, finish making the bow as you normally would.

If you have any other wood problems that are not covered here, don't hesitate to give me a call for help.



*This homemade boiling tube is being heated on a propane turkey cooker. Top limb is clamped to a recurving form as bottom limb is in the boiling tube. Note boiling tube is secured to the chain link fence so it cannot tip over off of the turkey cooker.*

## Member Photos



A Montana pronghorn taken at 20 yards by Bryce Lambley on August 19, 2012. Bryce was on a Do-It-Yourself hunt using a 64", 55#, "Green Machine" Pronghorn.



A Platte River whitetail taken at 15 yards by Bryce Lambley on December 20, 2012, the evening after the blizzard. He was using a 62", 53# Pronghorn "Curly Ash" takedown longbow. Bryce reported that it was a tough season with tremendous EHD losses in his area. Like many traditional bowmen, his persistence was rewarded.

### **BOJAM**

### **Instructors Workshop**

Saturday, May 11, 2013

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Izaak Walton Park, Small Lodge

## Tournament Challenge

by Wade Phillips

### The United Bowmen of Philadelphia



### America's Oldest Archery Club

The United Bowmen of Philadelphia was established on September 3, 1828 as America's first organization devoted to target archery. The Founders developed, and the club continues to shoot, the oldest modern standardized target archery round in the English-speaking world – "The United Bowmen Round". It was first shot on June 23, 1835, nine years before the first documented shooting of the York Round in 1844. For the past 178 years, this is only round that has been shot by the United Bowmen at their Club Meetings. The Bowmen Round consists of 14 ends of 6 arrows each shot at the 48 inch (122 cm), 5-color, target face, from a distance of 80 yards. The Imperial scoring system (9-7-5-3-1) is used. Shooting is discontinued at the completion of seven ends for refreshments at a "Halftime" break of 30 to 45 minutes. The Halftime custom has been part of shooting The Bowmen Round since 1835.

On February 27, I received a call from Dave Baier, who is a Board Member of The United Bowmen of Philadelphia. Dave said "We challenge the Nebraska Traditional Archers to become target archers for one afternoon and shoot in our mail-in team tournament. There's nothing more traditional than shooting the oldest round in the world."

Dave explained that in 2012, they had 12 teams from 5 countries that shot the 84-arrow United Bowmen Round in their mail-in team tournament. He said there are men's and women's divisions, as well as recurve, and longbow divisions and that a shorter distance is offered for juniors. The minimum team size is four archers. Awards are presented for high team and high individual scores. Participants can shoot on any date in 2013 as long as their scores are received by year-end.

At the March monthly meeting, the Nebraska Traditional Archers Board voted to accept the challenge. At some point in the near future, we will have a qualifying tournament for a 4-man team to represent our club in this tournament. If you would like to participate in the qualification, please contact me, [wadephillips@cox.net](mailto:wadephillips@cox.net), or 402-493-6004.

For more information about this mail-in tournament, visit the web page, [www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com](http://www.unitedbowmenteamshoot.com).

# Traditional Archers Triathlon



*A snow covered mule deer along a frozen inlet at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont during the first ever Nebraska Traditional Archers Triathlon that was held March 10. Despite severe blizzard conditions that dumped up to 10" of snow with high winds and drifts across much of the eastern part of the State, 11 courageous traditionalists endured the harshest of weather conditions, while most who planned to attend, were forced to stay home. Those few, who persevered, were rewarded with a rare treat of Mother Nature's scenic winter beauty and a level of realism that is seldom witnessed at any 3-D shoot.*



*With the lake's water level down, Rangemaster, Vince Smith, was able to set an interesting course along the banks.*

The course consisted of 15 targets. Participants shot the course 3 times, once each with a longbow, a recurve and a selfbow, thus the name Triathlon. Nine of the eleven participants completed the three rounds, and turned in a score card, Dave Manwarren, Wade Phillips, Jim Abbott, Brandon Abbott, Brian Shea, Jon Manwarren, Melonie Abbott, Vince Smith, and Chris Madsen. Our two youths, Jacob Friedrich and Dalton Madsen were unable to borrow light weight self bows to complete the three rounds.



*The raccoon target was out of the wind, but the drifting snow obscured him from the shooters' sight at the shooting stake.*



*The small lodge was encrusted in snow and icicles. The warmth inside provided a welcome break from the blizzard.*

# Traditional Archers Triathlon *continued*



*Brandon, Jacob, Jim, Vince and Melonie shooting in a group and trying to stay warm.*



*Dave Manwarren said that he felt like the “Abominable Snow Man” as he walked away from the wolverine target behind him. Although Dave shot the highest combined score for the three rounds, he said it was the lowest per target score that he can ever remember shooting.*



*The mountain Grizzly was a nice shot.*



*Like everyone, Jon Manwarren was up to his knees in the snow drifts much of the day.*



*Chris Madsen shoots at the wolverine target.*



*Deep drifts built up on the bank behind the Stone Sheep.*



*Melonie Abbott makes a good shot at the Buffalo. The bedded deer under the Buffalo served as an arrow stop.*

# Annual Meeting & Banquet February 23, 2013

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The Nebraska Traditional Archers Annual Meeting & Banquet was held Saturday February 23, 2013 at the Large Lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont, Nebraska. The Lodge provided a rustic setting with a large knotty pine paneled room ideally suited for our meeting, a

fireplace, a full kitchen, and plenty of tables and chairs for the meeting and banquet. The spacious room permitted more than ample space to exhibit the numerous raffle and silent auction items as well as several displays of vintage archery items.



*Participants await the drawing another name in the fast paced Yankee Gift Exchange.*



*All of the food that members brought to the Pot Luck Banquet was exceptional. Nobody went home hungry.*

# Annual Meeting & Banquet *continued*

Forty-four members and guests attended the 2013 Annual Business Meeting & Banquet. Attendees are listed in the order in which they were signed. Please contact the editor if there are any corrections that should be made to this list.

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| 1. Eric Wellman       | Lincoln    |
| 2. Ken Oberschulte    | Aurora     |
| 3. Brooklyn Krause    | West Point |
| 4. Wade Phillips      | Omaha      |
| 5. Vince Smith        | Fremont    |
| 6. Dede Smith         | Fremont    |
| 7. Jacob Friedrich    | Fremont    |
| 8. Curt Friedrich     | Fremont    |
| 9. Brian Shea         | Omaha      |
| 10. Dave Manwarren    | Exeter     |
| 11. Jon Manwarren     | Exeter     |
| 12. Jeremy Misfeldt   | Fremont    |
| 13. Brian Hoefener    | Omaha      |
| 14. Cynde Hoefener    | Omaha      |
| 15. Matt Clarke       | Fremont    |
| 16. Amy Clarke        | Fremont    |
| 17. Cory Engert       | Exeter     |
| 18. Curtis Schneider  | Lincoln    |
| 19. Jacklyn Friedrich | Fremont    |
| 20. Ronna Friedrich   | Fremont    |
| 21. Chris Madsen      | Fremont    |
| 22. Dalton Madsen     | Fremont    |
| 23. Dennis Duckert    | Omaha      |
| 24. Sandi Duckert     | Omaha      |
| 25. George Kaplan     | Omaha      |
| 26. Rob Roettele      | Lincoln    |
| 27. Dee Roettele      | Lincoln    |
| 28. Cory Krause       | West Point |
| 29. Easton Krause     | West Point |
| 30. Shawna Booth      | Genoa      |
| 31. Balke Booth       | Genoa      |
| 32. Calie Booth       | Genoa      |
| 33. Addah Booth       | Genoa      |
| 34. Isaac Booth       | Genoa      |
| 35. Bill Booth        | Genoa      |
| 36. Randy Nielsen     | Bellevue   |
| 37. Ashley Dahlhauser |            |
| 38. Ron Samek         | Fremont    |
| 39. Tina Rose         | Fremont    |
| 40. Frank Hicken      | North Bend |
| 41. Lindsey Nielsen   | Bellevue   |
| 42. Lynn Nielsen      | Bellevue   |
| 43. Kaden Nielsen     | Bellevue   |
| 44. Georgia Nielsen   | Bellevue   |

The Ceremonies opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Annual Business Meeting followed. At the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting, Election Ballots were distributed to each Member at least 18 years of age. Members voted and the placed their ballots in the ballot box. The Board of Directors held a brief meeting, counted the ballots and from their ranks elected the officers for 2013. Refer to page 5 of this issue for Election Results.

## Silent Auctions

Ten Silent Auctions for members ran throughout the evening. The competitive but friendly silent bidding ended when the last name for the Yankee Gift Exchange was drawn.

## Silent Auction Winners

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1959 Little Delta Bowhunters Print | – Eric Wellman     |
| Ash Coat Rack w Turkey & Antlers   | – Curtis Schneider |
| Osage Stave                        | – Wade Phillips    |
| Osage Blank ready to Floor Tiller  | – Wade Phillips    |
| Skunk Skin Youth Quiver            | – Easton Krause    |
| Plum Creek Cabin Log & FB Photo    | – Ken Oberschulte  |
| Side Quiver & Primitive Arrows     | – Dave Manwarren'  |
| Bighorn Little Ram                 | – Chris Madsen     |
| Arrow Shape Bow Rack               | – Rob Roettele     |
| 10 footed Poplar Arrows            | – Rob Roettele     |

## Card Raffles

During the meal, Vince Smith ran a few Card Raffles giving members an opportunity to win some interesting prizes. The first Card Raffle was set up to have two winning cards. The first card drawn won the "Pick of the Litter" which entitled the winner to pick the item of their choice from everything on the Yankee Gift Exchange (YGE) tables before the YGE started. The second card drawn received the "Pick of the Leftovers", which entitled the winner to pick any item on the table that was left over after competition of the first YGE round.

## Card Raffle Winners

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Pick of the Litter        | – Eric Wellman   |
| Pick of Leftovers         | – Dave Manwarren |
| Pick of RH/LH Bighorn Bow | – Eric Wellman   |
| Laminated Bow Class Spot  | – Wade Phillips  |
| Kid's Card Raffle         | – Dalton Madsen  |



After winning three of the four Card Raffles a year ago, this year Frank Hicken failed to win any Card Raffles. However, Frank was the winner of the Mystery Prize.

# Annual Meeting & Banquet *continued*



The Kids line up to get a card from Vince Smith for the Free Kid's Card Raffle.



Members looking over the YGE items and Silent Auction items as they wait in line for their turn to fill their plates at the Banquet.



Jacob Friedrich wore the warmest and most unusual hat of the evening. A few members tried unsuccessfully to make a trade for Jacob's unique headgear.

## **Annual Meeting February 23, 2013 –**

Called to order at 5:30pm

Members present, 29 voting members, refer to list of 44 attendees on previous page.

**Minutes** – February minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** – The February bank statement showed \$10,185.60 in Great Western Bank that total includes a Youth Fund of \$725 and Reserves of \$3,600. Report accepted as read.

**Nebraska Traditional Archer of the Year** – Tabled until a later date.

**Bylaws Committee** – Changes announced in January Newsletter were reviewed. The number of Board Members was changed from 10 to 12 in an effort to get more members involved in the club.

**Traditional Archers Triathlon** – Date set for March 10 at Izaak Walton with lunch provided.

**Laminated Bow Class** – Dates set for June 22 & 23. Class size limited to 10 students to build either a 1-piece bow or 3-piece take-down.

**Election** – 12 Directors were elected: Cory Engert, Brian Hoefener, Curt Friedrich, Jeremy Misfeldt, George Kaplan, Wade Phillips, Randy Nielsen, Dave Manwarren, Brian Shea, Vince Smith, Ken Oberschulte, and Eric Wellman. Vote passed to adopt the Definition of Bowhunting. Club Officers were elected by the Board Members from their own ranks, Eric Wellman as President, Dave Manwarren as Vice President, Vince Smith as Secretary, and Brian Shea as Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn approved 6:19pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Vince Smith, Secretary



Addah Booth is enticed with money to steal Jeremy Misfeldt's YGE item so he can get back into play.



# Annual Meeting & Banquet *continued*

The Nebraska Traditional Archers would like to thank the many members who generously donated the items listed on this page. Donations such as these make everything that we do possible and are sincerely appreciated.

If you missed the Annual Meeting & Banquet, you missed an opportunity to win these items in the Yankee Gift Exchange:

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Osage Bow Stave 1	NTA
Osage Bow Stave 2	NTA
Osage Bow Stave 3	NTA
Osage Bow Stave 4	NTA
Tree Stand	?
Laminated Quiver	Cherokee Slim
Fred Bear Africa Photo	Dick & Carol Mauch
Bow Stings	Dick & Carol Mauch
Elk & Bear Target	Mike Horton/NTA
½ Doz Magnus Bhds	Mike Horton/NTA
Two Digital Scales	Mike Horton/NTA
B-50 Spools	Mike Horton/NTA
Morrell Turkey Bag Target	Mike Horton/NTA
Ames Javelina Burlap Face	Mike Horton/NTA
Morrell Hog Target Bag	Mike Horton/NTA
Longbow Backing DVD	Mike Horton/NTA
Fred Bear DVD Collection	Mike Horton/NTA
Bow Builder's Book	Mike Horton/NTA
2-Sided Burlap Bag Target	Mike Horton/NTA
Antler Neck Knife	Eric Wellman
Bag of Turkey Calls	Doug Sorem
Hand Warmer Muff	Hunter Image/NTA
RW Full Length Feathers	Vince Smith
RW Cut Feathers	Vince Smith
LW Feathers	Vince Smith
Arrow Earrings	Brian Hoefener
Shed Antler Handle Knife	Brian Hoefener
Feather Chopper	Brian Hoefener
Beaded Neck Knife	Hunter Image/NTA
Elk Statue	Dede & Vince Smith
Small Sheath Knife	Hunter Image/NTA
Large Sheath Knife	Hunter Image/NTA
Armguard w/ Knife	Hunter Image/NTA
Custom Armguard	Eric Wellman
Jim Beam Grill Set	Dede & Vince Smith
Guillotine Arrows/Heads	Doug Sorem
Doz Arrows w/ 6 Bhds	Dede & Vince Smith
Grunt Tube	Doug Sorem
Outdoor Edge	Doug Sorem
Small Bowie Knife	Doug Sorem
Large Bowie Knife	Doug Sorem
Turkey Box Call	Doug Sorem
Winchester Knife Set	Doug Sorem
2-DVD Set	Doug Sorem
Jelly Set	Dede & Vince Smith
Pelvis Saw	Randy Nielsen
2-DVD Set	Doug Sorem
Walnut Recurve	Vince Smith
Mystery Prize	Wade Phillips
Art Young & Compton Print	Wade Phillips

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Instinctive Shooting I	G. Fred Asbell
Instinctive Shooting II	G. Fred Asbell
Stalking & Still Hunting	G. Fred Asbell
Asbell DVD	G. Fred Asbell
LH Bighorn Little Ram	G. Fred Asbell
2X Sweatshirt	Compton
Package/Hat/T-Shirt/Mug	Compton
Pearson Bow	Vince Smith
Basket Quiver & Arrows	Wade Phillips
½ Doz Green Kid's Arrows	Dave Manwarren
½ Doz Blue Kid's Arrows	Dave Manwarren
½ Doz Orange Adult Arrows	Dave Manwarren
½ Doz Purple Adult Arrows	Dave Manwarren
Jar Hot Pickles	Dave Manwarren
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Pair of Fishing Arrows	Jeremy Misfeldt
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NTA Package	NTA
Captain Morgan Light	Brian Hoefener
Bag Target	Curt Friedrich
Scent Killer	Curt Friedrich
Knocking Point Gift Cert	Bill Booth
Muff, Multi Tool, Armguard	Dennis Duckert
Hip Quiver	Randy Nielsen
Two Hats	Frank Hicken
Schrade Scrimshaw Knife	Frank Hicken
4 Fish Candles & Hats	Frank Hicken
Knife, Points, Armguard	Frank Hicken
Glove Free Finger Guard	Frank Hicken
3 Wood Rasps	Rob Roettele
Book	Jay Cambell

<u>Silent Auction Donation</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Little Delta Bowhunters Print	Wade Phillips
Coat Rack w Turkey & Antlers	Vince Smith
Osage Stave	Vince Smith
Osage Roughed Out Blank	Vince Smith
Skunk Skin Youth Quiver	Eric Wellman
Plum Creek Cabin Log & Photo	Dick & Carol Mauch
Side Quiver & 6 Arrows	Cory Engert
RH Bighorn Little Ram	G. Fred Asbell
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# Board Meeting Minutes *(corrected & condensed)*

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**January 12, 2013** – Called to order 1:20pm at Little Creek Game Bird Farm, Members present, Eric Wellman, Vince and Dede Smith, Brian Shea, Jeremy Misfeldt, Wade Phillips, Dave Manwarren, Jon Manwarren, Cory Engert, Randy Nielsen, Curt and Jacob Friedrich, and Brian Hoefener.

**Minutes** – August minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – The club has \$11,670.07 in Great Western Bank. Report accepted as read.

**The Nebraska Big Buck Classic** – It was agreed that everyone helping with set up on Friday will meet at Wade's house at 9:00am to load displays for the show. A sheet was made listing workers.

**Annual Meeting & Banquet** – Ken Oberschulte was volunteered to call The Nocking Point to order gifts. Vince volunteered to contact Hunter Image for gifts. Vince and Dede volunteered to be in charge of the potluck, gifts, and card auctions.

**Nebraska Traditional Archer of the Year** – Nominations need to be submitted before the next monthly meeting when the Board will read the nominations and select the winner.

**Lending Library** – A motion approved to create the NTA Lending Library and for Jacob Friedrich to be the Librarian.

**2013 Rendezvous Dream Raffle** – Motion approved for the raffle to consist of a family of three bows. Vince and Cory will build the bows.

**Laminated Fiberglass Longbow Building Class** – The idea was presented and discussed at length for the club to conduct a fiberglass laminated longbow building class in the Summer of 2013. Discussion of details was tabled until the next monthly meeting.

It was decided that a merchandise order would be put together before the summer.

**Youth Committee** – Jacob Friedrich was added as a member of this Committee.

A Youth Turkey Hunt was discussed with the winner possibly being selected through a turkey calling contest at the Annual Meeting. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Youth achievement certificates were discussed. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn approved at 4:10pm

**February 9, 2013** – Called to order at 9:03 AM Members present, Eric Wellman, Vince Smith, Brian Shea, Jeremy Misfeldt, Wade Phillips, Randy Nielsen, Curt and Jacob Friedrich, Rob and Dee Rottele, Larry Matranga, and Dede Smith.

**Minutes** – January minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** – The club has \$10,185.60 in Great Western Bank. Report accepted as read.

**Annual Meeting & Banquet** – Much discussion was held about the annual meeting. It was decided that Vince and Dede Smith will be the chair people for the banquet. They will handle the card raffles, the gift exchange and the food arrangements. The latest sample ballot for elections was approved as submitted with 12 names included for the 12 Board of Directors' positions. The changes from the previous sample ballot were Frank Hicken asked to be removed from the ballot and Cory Engert, Brian Hoefener, and Curt Friedrich were added. The "Definition of Bowhunting" will be on the ballot as defined in April 2012 by the Compton Traditional Bowhunters, the Pope & Young Club, and the Professional Bowhunters Society and previous approved by a unanimous vote of the NTA Board at the August 2012 meeting. Included at the bottom of the ballot will be a section "Comments or Suggestions to improve the NTA" where each member can write their comments or suggestions for improving the club. The Nebraska Traditional Archer of the year nominees were discussed. The winner will be announced during the annual meeting.

**Triathlon** – The Triathlon date was set for March 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont with a lunch provided. Set up will be the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup> following the regular monthly meeting.

**Laminated Bow Class** – June 22 & 23 were selected as the dates for our first ever Laminated Fiberglass Longbow Building Class. Vince Smith and Cory Engert will be the instructors and will glue up bow blanks to the students specifications before the class dates. The class will be held at the small lodge at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. The cost for the class will be \$300 for a 1-Piece bow or \$350 for a 3-Piece take down. The class size is limited to 10 students. Christy Christensen with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission will have the first opportunity to enroll students.

**Website** – During discussion to update our website, it was decided to include our bylaws, "Purpose", and to change the history to be much broader.

**Youth Hunt** – Larry Matranga was added as a member of the Youth Committee. Youth Hunt plans were discussed. A youth spring turkey hunt will be held. Vince Smith and Eric Wellman will host the hunt and determine a date that will work for them to hold the hunt.

Motion to adjourn approved 11:05am

# Free Classifieds

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

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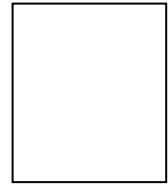


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The NTA publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds an annual banquet, organizes an annual pheasant hunt, an annual spring string shoot, an annual Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous, holds monthly business meetings open to all members, and sponsors several other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

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