



Nebraska Traditional Archers

President's notes



Welcome to 2014 everyone! First off I would like to apologize to everyone for not getting a newsletter out to everyone the last part of last year. Wade has had some big changes in his personal life that has taken up most of his time. I want to say thanks to Brian Hoefener for stepping up and taking over the newsletter starting with the March issue.

I want to do a little recap of some events that we have done already this year. First was the pheasant hunt that a few of us braved the bitter cold and winds the last weekend of Dec. We had 10 people show up and ended up taking 4 birds. Big congratulations to Cory Engert for accurately predicting the weather for the event 2 weeks prior ;5 degrees and 30 mph winds.

Next was the MidAmerica Sports Show in Council Bluffs. A big thanks to all that helped at the MAC. We had a good turnout and people always enjoy seeing us making wood shavings. We had a lot of interest in the July BOJAM Weekend as always.

2 weeks later we were at the CenturyLink Center for the Nebraska Buck and Bird Classic. We had a 40' booth again this year and thanks to Wade for bringing some of his collection for display. Again a big thanks to all that helped. We had a lot more interest in the BOJAM and some interest in the Laminated Bow Class. A lot of us took part in the 3D shoot that was put on, some shooting a couple of times. At the end of the day on Sat we took the Atlatl's too the range and had some fun, thanks Dave Manwarren.

We also introduced this year's Dream Raffle for the Rendezvous. We have a terrific package this year and have already sold quit a few tickets. We are giving away 4 bows, 2 dozen arrows and 2 quivers. The big change is there will be 3 WINNERS! The first person whose name is drawn will get his/her choice of 2 bows, 1 dozen arrows and 1 quiver. Second name will get choice of 1 of the remaining bows, remaining arrows and quiver. Third name will get the remaining bow. Vince and d Corey are building the bows. Vince is making a one piece recurve and a takedown recurve. Cory is building a one piece longbow and a takedown longbow. Good luck to all that purchase tickets.

Now on to the upcoming events; first is our annual Banquet and Meeting being held on Feb 22 at the Fremont Rural Fire Dept. We will have our annual meeting, elections, pot luck dinner and white elephant gift exchange. If you wish to donate for the gift exchange please let Vince know so he can get it on the list. The club will supply the pork again. We seem to always have plenty of desserts so let's see if some can bring some side dishes or salads.

March 8th will be our Monthly meeting and on Sunday March 9th we are going to attempt to hold the Triathlon Shoot at the Izaak Walton's. Last year wasn't a bust but only a few made it due to a late snow storm on Sat night. The ones that made it had a blast. This event will entail shooting the course 3 times. Once with each bow type; longbow, recurve and self bow.



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Well that's enough rambling for now. Hope to see you all at the upcoming events.

Please let's give Brian Hoefener all the support we can with the newsletter. This is an essential element to our club. If you wish to submit an article, recipe, classified add or whatever you think some would like to read please send them to him.

Thank you

Eric Wellman

President

Secretary Ramblings

Hello to everyone. As the secretary for the club I felt that it was very important to get some sort of correspondence out to the membership to start the year off. Because of this we will get this informal couple of pages out to everyone now and will resume an actual newsletter in March.

Let me begin my part by re-emphasizing Eric's apology for not getting a newsletter out to the membership for a year. It is unacceptable for us as a board to not keep the membership informed with what is going on with their club. We as a board must accept the blame and make a firm commitment to you the membership to not let it happen again. I hope you will accept our sincere apology and understand that we know that we must do better.

Enough of the gloomy stuff! Banquet!!! The annual banquet/members meeting will be held February 22nd at the Fremont Rural Fire Department hall. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM with an open floor members meeting followed by the election of the board of directors. If there is anything you would like to bring up, or have discussed, or if you'd like to throw your hat in the ring for a board position this will be the time. The election will be followed by the pot-luck dinner with the club supplying the pork, plates, plastic ware, cups, tea, lemonade, and coffee. The dinner will be followed by the closing of the silent auctions, card raffle, and the Yankee gift exchange. The format for the Yankee gift exchange will be the same as in years past; three steals per gift. If you have never participated in our Yankee gift exchange it goes like this; everyone's names go in a bucket, the first name drawn will have a gift number drawn and they receive that gift. The second name drawn has the option to either steal the first gift or draw a number gift. This continues until all the gifts are handed out. A gift can only be stolen three times, on the third steal it belongs to the person who steals it. You cannot immediately steal your gift back from the person who stole it from you. It makes for a fun and exciting evening with everyone getting something cool. It is not required that you provide a gift for the exchange, this is the club giving back to its members, but if you would like to give a gift it would be accepted. Please let me know if you are planning on giving a gift, 402 936 0046 or vsmith2425@neb.rr.com, so that Dede and I can get all the gifts organized.



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The triathlon shoot will be March 9th at the Fremont Izaak Walton League Park. If you have never seen this kind of shoot there will be fifteen targets set out and you must go through the course three times, once with a long bow, once with a recurve, and once with a self bow. The three scores are tallied and there is one winner. Hopefully we will have better weather this year, last year we had a blizzard.

Laminated bow build. For 2014 the NTA will be holding a laminated fiberglass bow building class on June 28th and 29th. If you have ever thought about building your own laminated bow but didn't know where to start this is the class for you. Cory Engert of Heartland Custom Long Bows and myself from Lonesome Wind Custom Bows will be teaching the class showing you every aspect of how we build long bows and recurves, from wood selection, design elements, bow performance, wood splicing, lamination grinding, and finishing. The cost for the class is \$300 for a one-piece and \$350 for a three piece. You will learn all of the techniques on Saturday on a stock bow and then you will finish your bow that has been glued-up on Sunday. Similar classes have been offered by bowyers for two to three times the money. You will never find a better bargain and be able to say, "I did it myself."

The Dream Raffle. The idea for the dream raffle this year came from your board. Several ideas were thrown around and the great idea that was decided on was to go with four bows, two quivers, and two dozen arrows, the bows are a one piece long bow and recurve and a three piece long bow and recurve. I am making the recurves and Cory has made the long bows. I have Cory's bows at my house and they are stunning! Graceful and smooth drawing with great cast and punch, I'll try not to shoot them too much! The quivers are a Great Northern kickback bow quiver and a Dawgware camouflage side quiver. The arrows are a dozen Gold Tip 35-55 carbons, full length with cap wrap and turkey feathers put together by me and a dozen of Dave Manwarren's beautiful wood creations. The first name drawn at the rendezvous will have a tough choice; two of the bows, one of the quivers and one of the sets of arrows. The second name will get their choice of one of the remaining bows plus the remaining quiver and remaining dozen arrows. The third name receives the remaining bow. All of this for only \$5 a ticket or 6 for \$25; Man, what a bargain!! The four bows are worth nearly \$3,000! This is one of the main ways the club finances buying targets and bringing you great events throughout the year so please buy generously.

That's about all from me for now. I hope that gets you caught up with what we are doing and I look forward to seeing many of you at the banquet.

Keep your stick bent!

Vince

Newsletter editor

My name is Brian Hoefener and I will be taking over the newsletter from Wade Phillips, who has done a great job over the years and it will be hard to fill his shoes.



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I am a carpenter by trade so have patience with me.

I have been bow hunting for over 25 years. Started with a compound and played with a Ben Person recurve. For the past 10-11 years I started shooting the recurve more and more. Made it to my first rendezvous where I bought one of Vince's bow on the live auction that the handle was not formed yet. Not knowing anything about longbows or even traditional equipment, Vince took me into his shop and helped me sand on the handle until it felt good in my hand. Since then I have been hooked and enjoy shooting the 2 bows that I have made with Vince and the 1 from Cory. For the last couple years I have hung up my compound and shoot nothing but traditional equipment. I have learned a lot from the articles in this newsletter. I am no writer so I will need lots of help with articles, stories, hunting pictures and recipes to keep up with the great newsletter that we have now.

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19th Annual Meeting & Banquet

Saturday, February 22, 2014

5:00pm to 10:00pm

Fremont Rural Fire Department

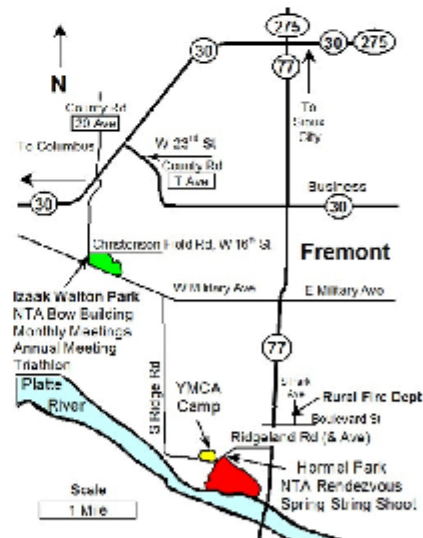
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Annual Business Meeting
Election of Board of Directors
Potluck Banquet Dinner
NTA Will Supply the Meat
Card Raffles
Free Card Raffle for Kids
Silent Auctions
Yankee Gift Exchange

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.

Rural Fire Dept Location



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