

# THE NEBRASKA TRADITIONAL ARCHER

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Eric Wellman 2016 Spring Turkey

Custom Heartland Bow, Gold Tip arrows and Woodsman Elite Broad head. 24 lbs, 8" beard and 1" spurs.

## Letter from the President

Greetings everyone, Welcome to spring 2016. Most of us are spending our week ends turkey hunting or attending some of the area 3D shoots. A little of what we have been up to the last couple of months.

February 27, 2016 was the date of our Annual Meeting and Banquet. 49 members were in attendance including all board members. Annual elections for board members were also held and the following are your current Board of Directors. Eric Wellman, Dave Manwarren, Vince Smith, Brian Shea, Wade Phillips, Ken Oberschulte, Corey Engert, James Kucera, Brian Hoefener, Doug Warren, Kurt Friedrich and Ricky Krueger.

The Board then elected your Officer for 2016. No changes were made.

Eric Wellman – President, Dave Manwarren – Vice President, Brian Shea – Treasurer and Vince Smith – Secretary.

Brian Hoefener has been working on updating the website. This is taking a little time and we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused anyone. Rest assured we will have the new site up and going as soon as we can. If anyone has any pictures they want to be shown on the website please send them to Brian Hoefener.

Wade Phillips has stepped down as Newsletter Editor and we are currently seeking someone to fill in and take over the newsletter. If anyone would like to volunteer please get hold of any Board Member.



Left to Right: Corey Engert, Doug Warren, Eric Wellman, Brian Hoefener, Wade Phillips, Brian Shea, Kurt Friedrich, Dave Manwarren, James Kucera, Ricky Krueger, Vince Smith and Ken Oberschulte

The NTA's bank account was at \$8059 as of the Annual Meeting. A motion was made to purchase 3 Morel Bag Targets to use on the practice range during events. These will replace the large round straw targets.

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Following the meeting was the banquet with tons of great food on the potluck. Thanks to everyone that brought food. The club furnished the pulled pork sandwiches. After dinner was the White Elephant Gift Exchange. For those that have never attended the banquet are missing out on some great gifts. This is a way for the club to give back a little something to all club members who attend. We had 2 bows, dozens of arrows, tree stands and hunting blinds, Over 100 items were given out that night. Everyone left with some very nice items.



We ask everyone to please try and attend the Annual Banquet next year.

The next event coming up is the Annual Spring String Shoot. We are combining it with the Nebraska State 3D Championship. This event is being held April 30 and May 1. You may choose to shoot one or both days. There is a copy of the flyer attached for your reference. We hope to see you all there. This is a fantastic event if you have never shot a string shoot.

Thank you

Eric Wellman – President

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2016 Trip to Shiloh Ranch

By Vince Smith

“The drive always sucks.” That’s what I was thinking as we started out on Wednesday evening for our Oklahoma pig hunt. The plan was to drive to Oklahoma City on Wednesday night, get up early and finish the drive to Shiloh Ranch in Stillwater Thursday morning so we would be fresh for an afternoon hunt.

After having breakfast and getting our groceries, with some creative navigating thrown in, we arrived at the ranch at 11:30. We went through the orientation, got our stuff, stowed, and were ready to hunt by 3:00. We all headed out to our spots to sit for the evening and see what was moving. As I was walking up to get into my blind I noticed there was a pig bedded against blind door. She was a big hog and I came to kill a meat hog so I pulled a 190gr tipped footed cedar arrow from my quiver, nocked it, and preceded to one lung her through the back. After that the goat rodeo was on! Any of you that know me know that mobility is not my strong point, and now I had a hog with an arrow in her squealing and running around at a place that I knew if she got away from me she would be counted as my hog. So now I run and chase her trying to get to stop so I could get another arrow in her. She would stop for a moment and I would send another arrow while out of breath trying to make a good shot. I ended up putting all five arrows in my quiver in her, the last being a text book heart shot, to make sure I had my hog secured. I probably did not need to put five arrows in her

but I remember reading Dr. Saxton Pope saying that if you can put another arrow into an animal, do it. So I had my hog an hour and a half into my hunt, do not pass up at the beginning of the hunt something you would shoot on the last day.



The next morning the guys went out for a morning hunt with Brian Shea hunting where I was the evening before and scoring on a large orange sow from the blind. James Kucera had a Russian boar come into his set that he got an arrow into. After looking for the hog with a young dog they were unable to find it. James and I went back to the same set that evening without seeing any hogs during our sit. As darkness started to fall I told James I was headed back to camp and he said he was going to look for his arrow since he shoots lighted nocks. Lo and behold James came across his hog! Made for a good night!

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That's how we ended up; three hogs were brought back to Nebraska taken by traditional archers with classical equipment, a great hunt with great guys.

Keep your stick bent!

Vince Smith

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Monthly Meeting are held the second Saturday of every month at the Izaak Walton small lodge in Fremont, Ne. All members are welcome to come.

Important Dates to Remember:

NTA Events

April 30-May 1 – Spring String Shoot and Nebraska State 3D Championship

July 16-17 – NTA BOJAM Bow Building Jamboree

Aug 27-28 – NTA Rendezvous

Dec 10 – NTA Annual Pheasant Hunt

Other Traditional Events:

May 28- 29 – ITBS Annual Rendezvous

June 17-19 – Compton Traditional Bowhunters Annual Rendezvous