



Golden Arrow Archery Club  
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## The Golden Arrow

July/August 2007



### JOAD ARCHERY - JUNIOR OLYMPIC ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT

What a great group of kids we had in our JOAD class on Tuesday nights. All of the kids improved their shooting skills while having a great time. Some nights we shot for score. Other nights we shot 3-D targets, and some nights we shot for candy and prizes. On the candy nights the kid's shooting improved the most. Several of the kids shot in tournaments and 3-D events. Dylan Scriptor went to nationals and did very well. Dylan also won his division at the Holiday Tournament. Dylan and Alex Arnold won gold medals at the Cornhusker State Games last year. Hank Kutilek, Will Thirout, Melanie Sigel, Jessica Sigel, Jack Micek, Dylan Scriptor, Alex Arnold and Justin Wieck have won trophies or plaques in local 3-D and target events. Several of the kids are going to shoot in the Cornhusker State Games at the end of July. We want to wish them all good luck.



Kevin Markt and the kids from the Tuesday night JOAD class.

On the final Tuesday of the year, we held a pizza, candy and cookie party to celebrate all of the kid's hard work. Everybody had a great time. We are going to start the program up again in late August or September.

We would like to thank the coaches (Bill Arledge, Bill Lewis, David Wearne, Chuck Arnold and Kevin Markt) who took time out of their busy schedule to help the kids with improving their shooting skills. We would also like to thank Dave Marsalis for keeping the books, collecting money and recording all of the scores for us all season. That is the part that none of the rest of us like to do. We also owe a huge thanks to the parents for bringing the kids and helping us out. We would also like to thank the club for letting us use the range on Tuesday nights.

Hopefully we are have a future Golden Arrow member or board member in our program. Last time I looked, none of us are getting any younger.

Kevin Markt

- (To find out more about JOAD archery visit the official JOAD web site at: [www.usaarcheryjoad.org](http://www.usaarcheryjoad.org))

**\* IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS\*****• LOCKS CHANGED AT THE INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE**

Thanks to Don Pulsifer for re-keying the locks. You can now begin using the keys handed out at the last club meeting. You can put your old keys in Tom Peterson's mailbox behind the desk at the indoor range. If you have not received your new key, please contact Tom Peterson at 397-3264 to arrange to get your new key. Membership dues must be current to receive a new key. If you need to pay your dues, or have any questions regarding dues, contact Tom.

**• WORKING MEMBERS ARE NEEDED :**

- 1. For the last 3-D shoot of the year on August 18th and 19th. Call Kris Lapalla to find out what things you can help with. There was not enough help at the last shoot.**
- 2. To help rebuild the target butts on the front range of the Outdoor Range on Wednesday August 1st at 5:30 p.m. Call Steve Wiley if you have any questions about things you can help with.**
- 3. We also need volunteers to patch the roof around the exhaust vents, the vent in the seating area is leaking again and needs to be resealed/repared. This is an opportunity for someone who needs to fulfill some of their work required work partys. Please check with a Board member regarding materials, we may already have some patching material that can be used.**
- If you are a working member be sure to fulfill your working membership obligations by helping out.**
- 3-D SHOOTS - The Ted Nugent Shoot was held July 14th and 15th was held at the club's outdoor range just west of the intersection of 84th St and Pawnee Road. The next and last 3-D shoot of the year will be August 18th and 19th at the same location. To check on details for upcoming shoots and to check scores from past shoots, go to the club's website at [www.archeryclub.com](http://www.archeryclub.com).**
- TROPHIES - Just a reminder that club members who win trophies at the club-sponsored shoots will now be required to pick them up at the indoor range or at the next 3-D shoot on August 18th & 19th. They will no longer be mailed out to you as we are trying to save on postage.**
- CLUB NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL - We are now sending the Club's Newsletter by e-mail and also posting the newsletter on the club's homepage at [www.archeryclub.com](http://www.archeryclub.com). Thanks to those who have volunteered to take their names off the hardcopy mailing list and receive their newsletter by e-mail. It saves the club a lot of postage. If you haven't already done so and would like to take your name off the hardcopy mailing list, you can send an e-mail to the newsletter editor at: [tkwelsh@msn.com](mailto:tkwelsh@msn.com).**

**\* (MORE) IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

**TURN OFF THE LIGHTS & AIR!** Saturday night Dale McPheeters received a call from a member who had just arrived at the indoor range, he told Dale that all of the lights, the radio and the air conditioning were on, but nobody was around. Members using the indoor range are reminded to be sure you turn off all the lights, the radio and make sure the air conditioning is reset to 78 or 80 degrees when you leave. (Note: When adjusting the temperature while using the range, simply use the up/down arrows to set the thermostat to the desired temperature...**DO NOT PRESS THE HOLD BUTTON!** By using the up/down arrows, the thermostat will automatically reset to the programmed temperature on the next cycle.) If this continues to be a problem we'll have no alternative but to install a lockable thermostat so no one can adjust the temperature. Please respect the range so other members can also enjoy it!

Your cooperation is appreciated.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please join in welcoming the following new members to the club:

Kale Hueton – (Working Members)

Andrew Pedersen – (Non-working Members)

**A SPECIAL BELATED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TONY COOK:**

“I would like offer a belated congrats to Kris Lappala for winning the late winter/spring Monday night league..... and he didn't even set the course up.....ha,ha,ha!”

**450 FITA ROUND SHOOT**

**Tracie Archer** will be a holding 450 FITA Shoot on Saturday August 4 at 7:00 in the evening at the indoor range. For those that don't know the indoor range is at 11212 North 72nd Street and it's air conditioned! Cost is \$12 per person (\$8 for Cub and Youth). Please call Tracie to pre-register. Space is limited. Tracie: 676-1940.

## ***BOWHUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES***

### **August 22nd, 23rd & 25th**

Kevin Markt from Golden Arrow will be teaching bowhunter education classes on Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 & 23rd from 6-9 p.m. and on Saturday, August 25th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students need to pre-register with the Nebraska Game and Parks. Kevin's class will be limited to 30 students. He will have room for an additional 10 students for the field portion of the test on Saturday for persons who have taken the written portion of the test online. The Wednesday and Thursday classes, for the written portion of the test will be held at the Golden Arrow Indoor range 11212 North 72nd Street . The Saturday classes, for the field portion of the test, will be held at the Golden Arrow Outdoor range just west of the intersection of 84th Street and Pawnee Road.

For questions you may contact Kevin at 740-0793.

### **September 4th, 6th & 8th**

Sonny from Woods & Waters will be teaching bowhunter education classes on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4th & 6th from 6-9 p.m. and on Saturday, September 8th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students need to pre-register with the Nebraska Game and Parks by calling or registering online. Sonny's class will be limited to 30 students. She will have room for an additional 10 students for the field portion of the test on Saturday for persons who have taken the written portion of the test online. The Wednesday and Thursday classes, for the written portion of the test will be held at the Golden Arrow Indoor range 11212 North 72nd Street. The Saturday classes, for the field portion of the test, will be held at the Golden Arrow Outdoor range just west of the intersection of 84th Street and Pawnee Road.

For questions you may contact Sonny at Woods & Waters 331-2742.

**Note: You can find maps to the Club's indoor and outdoor ranges by going to the Clubs website: [www.archeryclub.com](http://www.archeryclub.com). Pick: 'Area Range Maps', then 'Golden Arrow' (at the top of the list).**

## ***A NOTE FROM THE TOMCAK FAMILY***

The club received a special thank you note from the Tomcak family for hosting the Brandon Tomcak Memorial shoot at the outdoor range this year. The Tomcaks and a group from Orian Archers of Blair also made surprise visit to the club's June meeting to personally express their heartfelt thanks to the club for hosting the shoot. As a token of their appreciation they presented the club with a donation of \$250.

"Mike and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for everyone's help in making this event a huge success! It makes our heart swell knowing that Brandon's memory lives on in many ways especially in this event. I know he was there in spirit and has that big smile on his face, thank you again. It was a great fun day and so full of love and smiles!"

Cindy Tomcak

## **CLUB DONATIONS**

At the July meeting the club voted to donate \$250 from the Ted Nugent shoot to the Ted Nugent Camp for Kids program.

The club also voted to take the \$250 donation it received from Orian Archery Club for hosting the Brandon Tomcak Memorial shoot, make a matching donation of \$250, and present it to the Tomcak family as a \$500 scholarship fund.

## **THE 5 YARD SHOT**

### **Setting Your First Sight Pin**

Have you ever taken a shot at a deer at 10 yards or less and have your arrow sail over its back? Or maybe you hit the deer and were able to recover it but were shocked to see how high you actually hit the deer in relation to where you were aiming. If you have your first pin set to hit dead on at 20 yards you may hit as much as 4 or even 5 inches high if you shoot at a deer that is standing 8 to 10 yards away. This is because the arrow does not hit the peak of its trajectory until 8 to 10 yards from your bow.

A better method is to set your first pin to hit dead on at 16 yards. With the speed of today's bows, you should only be 1 to 2 inches low at 20 yards, which is well within the kill zone of a whitetail, especially given their habit of ducking at the sound of the shot. The advantage of course is that, with your pin set to hit at dead on at 16 yards, you should hit only 1 to 2 inches high at 8 to 10 yards.

Set your second pin at 25-1/2 yards to cover shots of 24, 25 or 26 yards.

Use the gap between the first and second pins for shots of 21, 22 and 23 yards.

The third pin is set at 30-1/2 yards and is used for shots of 29, 30 and 31 yards.

The fourth pin is set at 35-1/2 yards and covers shots of 34, 35 and 36 yards.

The fifth pin, if you have one, is set at 40-1/2 yards and covers shots of 39, 40 and 41 yards.

I read about this pin setup in an article by Bobby Worthington of North American Whitetail and have been using it for the last few seasons. It seems to have reduced the number of high shots I've had on deer since I started using it. The only drawback I have found is that, if you use your hunting bow for indoor 20 yard target shooting during the fall and winter, you have to keep resetting your first pin.



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