



Golden Arrow Archery Club

The Golden Arrow

March/ April 2008



*** NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- **Monthly Meetings**

Remember that the club's monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the indoor range. This is a meeting open to all members, working and non-working. The next monthly meeting will be on April 15th so get those tax returns done early!

- *** Annual Club Banquet to Elect New Officers***

The club's annual banquet will be held at Pizza King in Council Bluffs on April 12th. Don't be misled by the name, Pizza King is a supper club. It is located near the intersection of North Broadway and Kanessville Blvd, just northeast of the hospital. In order to attend you need to leave a \$20 dollar deposit with Tony Cook (402-390-0546). Your deposit will be refunded at the door and we will order off the menu. Those planning to attend should get there at 6:00 p.m. and we will have some drinks and appetizers while we conduct the election portion of the meeting. The main meal will follow the election.

* Absentee Ballot Forms: If you are unable to attend the banquet, you can obtain an absentee ballot from Daryl Clark by calling or e-mailing him (402-572-6181, darylclark@juno.com). Please have your completed ballot back to Daryl by April 11th.

- **Work Party To-Do List**

Here are some of the work items that were discussed at the March 18th club meeting that need to be done:

- Patch hole in roof at the indoor range again.
- Clear limbs that have fallen on the trails at the outdoor range. Chains saws will be necessary. Steve Wiley says the front range is the main problem area.
- The indoor range frequently needs vacuuming and the garbage taken out. The vacuum cleaner and extension cords are in the closet next to the bathrooms.

Contact Steve Wiley for other items that need done: 402-238-3299

*** SPRING/SUMMER 2008 3-D SHOOT SCHEDULED ***

The dates for Golden Arrow's spring & summer 3-D shoots have been set.

The Club decided over the winter that, due to a lack of support by many working party members at last year's 3D shoots, this year we would hold fewer 3-D events while trying to focus on making the remaining events as successful as possible. There will be a total of three club shoots this year:

May 24th and 25th—The Nugent Kamp for Kids 3D

June 21st and 22nd—The IBO World Qualifier 3-D

August 30th and 31st—Golden Arrow's Own 3-D Shoot

Note:

A work party lead person has been assigned to each of the three shoots. Working members should be deciding which dates they can work and contact the lead person for each shoot they plan on helping out with. Remember your work party obligations! Let's not have a repeat of last year where the same group of people were required to work these events over and over by themselves.

Brandon Tomcak 3-D Shoot

A fourth one-day shoot will be hosted at the club's outdoor range and will be put on by Orion Archers of Blair, Nebraska:

June 1st—Brandon Tomcak Memorial Shoot

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Tracie Archer will be having mixed target league starting March 31 and running through April 28. It will run for 5 weeks on Monday nights, starting at 7:00 pm, and it will be a 360 round- shooting the NFAA single spot & 5 spot; FITA single spot and 3 spot, and animal targets. The shooters will rotate lanes, left to right and top to bottom. The cost is \$3.00 per night, and as usual, if you start the league, after the second night you are obligated to pay for the entire league, regardless if you finish or not. If there is enough interest, we can discuss teams vs. individuals. Please call or e-mail to confirm if you want to shoot- this will just be a fun night to keep you shooting until the outdoor season. If you missed the first night (March 31st) you can still join starting the second night (April 7th), but after that it will be closed to new shooters.

You can contact Tracie at: (402) 676-1940 or tarcher@gmail.com.

Welcome New Club Members!

Travis and Stacey Peters

David Kipple

John & Niki Schrader

Welcome Back Old Member! ('old' as in 'former', not 'old' as in 'old'!)

Dave Hauge

Congratulations!

Kenny Byington (son of Kevin) for being the overall winner of the Male Cub Freestyle division in the Winter Archery Festival this year. Good job, Kenny!

THE 5 YARD SHOT

Shoot More Does Next Season

With the ever increasing deer numbers throughout the state, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has made significant moves to get hunters to remove more does from our deer herds. The fact that they now allow an additional antlerless deer to be taken on the same license indicates they are really getting serious about reducing doe numbers. If significant progress isn't seen in the next few years, we may be looking at an earn-a-buck system soon where hunters would be required to shoot a doe and check it in before they are allowed to take a buck.

We probably all know some bow hunters who try to hold out for a buck right up until the end of the season before they consider taking a doe. The problem with that approach is that by that time the does have all herded back up and are much more difficult to draw a bow on because all those eyes, ears and noses are now working together instead of separately, not to mention the fact that they are a lot more nervous from being hunted all season. Also, since all the leaves have fallen and most of the vegetation has gone dead, there is a lot less cover around your tree stands to provide camouflage and a lot less natural scent in the woods to help cover your human odor. Under these circumstances, it actually becomes easier to shoot a roving young buck than it is to shoot a mature doe from a group of females. Unfortunately that is often what many hunters do, which results in more does and fewer older bucks the following year. Perhaps what deters a lot of bow hunters from taking a doe early is the warm weather or maybe the high cost of processing deer these days. It certainly pays to be able to process your own deer under those circumstances. Learning to process your own deer is really not that difficult, especially with all the information available on the internet. In the early season, nothing beats having an old refrigerator in your garage that you can stick the back straps, hind quarters and shoulders into and allow yourself to do the final cutting and packaging at your leisure. Or if you really don't want to deal with processing an extra deer next season, line up a person ahead of time who will take that extra doe off your hands. It won't be costing you anything and you will have benefited the deer herd by removing that extra deer from the population.

Another thing we seem to encounter a lot is a new bow hunter that thinks they are going to shoot a buck their first year bow hunting and will not even consider taking a doe no matter how good a shot opportunity comes along. There are a lot of hard lessons that have to be learned in bow hunting and, in my opinion, a new hunter would be better served learning those lessons by trying to shoot a doe when a good opportunity comes along. There are just too few shot opportunities at mature bucks during the season for a new bow hunter to learn much about waiting for the shot to develop and blood trailing wounded deer.

So take advantage of that extra antlerless tag next year and shoot a doe for the freezer or give it to someone else who might appreciate it!



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