



Golden Arrow Archery Club  
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## **The Golden Arrow**

May/June 2007



### ***NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL BANQUET***

The annual club banquet was held on April 14th at the Pizza King restaurant in Council Bluffs. A special thanks to Tony Cook for making the arrangements. The food was fantastic. New officers were elected after dinner and the following fine individuals will be serving for the 2007 year:

**President - Dale McPheeters**

**Vice President - Tony Cook**

**Secretary - Mike Bruster**

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**Dir. of Hunting & 3D Target - Kris Lapala**

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**Newsletter Editor - Tim Welsh**

**Web Manager - Nathan Hauge**

There is a lot of time and effort that goes into these elected positions. The support of all the club members is necessary to help these individuals fulfill their duties. If you're not happy with the way things are being run, get your name in the election box next year and attend the banquet to get your vote in.

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**\* IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

- **NEW/OLD KEY EXCHANGE.** - Tom Petersen will be handing out new keys to the indoor range at the June 19th meeting to all members who are current with their dues. (the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m). Bring your old keys with you. If you did not receive a dues letter, please contact Tom Petersen at 397-3264. Also, if you will not be able to attend the meeting, please contact Tom to make other arrangements to get your keys exchanged.
  - **All Working Members** are reminded of their responsibility to attend at least one third of the club's work parties this year in order to fulfill their working membership obligations.
  - **IBO SHOOT.** - The club's first IBO Shoot was held May 19th and 20th and the second leg of the Heartland IBO Shootout was held on May 27th and 28th. The events were both held at the club's outdoor range just west of the intersection of 84th St and Pawnee Road. Nate Hauge has been doing a nice job of getting the results from posted on the club's web site right after each shoot. To check the results of past shoots and to keep current of upcoming shoots, go to the Golden Arrow homepage at [www.archeryclub.com](http://www.archeryclub.com).
  - **TROPHIES** - Club members who win trophies at the club-sponsored shoots will now be required to pick them up at the indoor range. They will no longer be mailed out to you as we are trying to save on postage.
  - **CLUB NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL** - There has been a fair amount of interest expressed in e-mailing the club newsletter to members who would rather receive it electronically. We are going try this for the July/August newsletter. All members who have an e-mail address on the club's membership roster will be sent an electronic copy of the newsletter. If receive the email but you are not able to open the attached file, a link will also be included in the email so that you can view the newsletter on the club's website. A questionnaire will be included in this e-mail asking members whether they would like to receive their future newsletters exclusively by e-mail. Only members who respond to the e-mail or otherwise volunteer to have their names taken off the hardcopy mailing list will be electronically mailed their next newsletter. Members who do not respond will continue to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter in the mail. The club could save a coupled hundred dollars a year in mailing costs if all members received their newsletter by e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail account listed on the club's roster, or if you have a new e-mail address, you can e-mail the newsletter editor at [tkwelsh@msn.com](mailto:tkwelsh@msn.com) or you can send an e-mail thru the club's webpage.
  - **CONSTRUCTION ON NORTH 72ND STREET** continues to make it a pain to get to the indoor and outdoor ranges. Construction is expected to continue into the fall of this year. Until then, the only way to access the indoor range is from the north. Turn off Highway 36 and come south on 72nd Street. Note that 72nd street is now also torn up on the north side of Highway 36. Of course, if you live up that direction, you probably have already discovered that!
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## ***NEW INDOOR LEAGUE STARTING UP***

**Tracie Archer** will be starting an **American Round League** beginning on **Monday June 11 at 7:00pm**. The league will run 5 weeks, and the cost for the league is \$15.00 per person. If anyone has questions, or would like to join the league, just show up on Monday night at the indoor range or call Tracie at 676-1940.

## ***TROPHY CRITTERS***

- Rumor has it that Kris Lappala shot a 22 pound plus turkey this spring.
- Marcus Dryak wrote in to say that he had shot a 54 pound grass carp!

Congratulations to Kris and Marcus! Don't forget, you can send pictures to our webmaster and he will post on the website under Pictures > Member's Hunting Pictures.

- **Got a trophy critter that you need scored?**

Marcus Dryak is an official Pope N Young and Longhunter Society scorer. If you have anything that you would like scored give him a call, there is no charge for him to score something no matter what it is.

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## **5 YARD SHOTS**

### **How to remove a tick, safely**

Dale McPheeters provide this interesting article on tick removal:

A School Nurse wrote the info below – good enough to share – And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great , because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

### **Paper Tuning Single-Cam Bows**

Are you tearing your hair out trying to paper tune that new single-cam bow?

Single-cam bows do not always provide a perfect paper tear. Sometimes a slightly high, left tear (high, right for left handed bows) is as good as you can accomplish when paper tuning single-cams. In such instances you may have to employ other tuning methods. One simple method is the 'Step Back' technique. Shoot a group of arrows at a distance of 20 yards. Hang a weighted string so it passes through the center of your arrow group. Remove your arrows and step back to a distance of 30 yards. Use the same 20 yard pin at this distance and shoot another group of arrows at the same spot. If the center of your group is to the left of the string, move your rest slightly to the left (to the right for left-handed bows). If your arrows group to the right of the string, move the rest slightly to the right. Go back to 20 yards and reset your sight pin. For finer tuning repeat the process but step back to 35 or even 40 yards as long as you can get a tight group at those distances.

So if you're at your wits end trying to paper tune that fancy new single cam bow, maybe you need to take a break and try a different tuning method.

And stop pulling your hair out!

## **(MORE) 5 YARD SHOTS**

### **Turkey Broadheads**

Did you have to chase that turkey into the next county this spring after shooting it?

Turkeys usually fly away after a body hit from conventional or mechanical broadheads. Unlike deer, a flying turkey gives you no blood trail to follow, so locating your bird may require considerable random searching. This gets even more difficult toward the end of the archery season when the grass is starting to get taller and trees are usually leafed out. For next year's season, I've been considering trying one of the mega-diameter broadheads designed for head shots. I've been looking at one called the Gobbler Guillotine by Arrowdynamic Solutions. In the March/April issue of Bowhunter Magazine, Matt Futtere, maker of the Gobbler Guillotine, offered some advice on aiming points and arrow selection.

**Aiming Point** - According to Matt, the middle of the neck is best aiming point, not the head. Aim for the middle of the "S" shape in the neck. Although the head may bob, the pivot point in the middle of the neck remains a relatively steady focal point for aiming.

**Arrows.** Specialized arrows may be needed to get the 4 x 4 inch, 125 grain Guillotines to fly straight. First, shoot very stiff carbon shafts at least one level stiffer than recommended by the manufacturer's arrow selection charts. Matt recommends the stiffest you can get to fly off your bow. For instance, out of a 55-60 pound bow, best results were achieved with Easton A/C/C 3-71 and Gold Tip 75/95 shafts. Second, leave arrows full length to ensure clearance in front of the riser and sight bracket. Third, fletch arrows with 5 to 5-1/2 inch feathers with a strong helical twist. Finally, use the aerodynamic plastic sheaths that come with the broadhead to get better arrow flight.

All this seems a bit tech-heavy, but it might beat the alternative. I'd sure hate to have a well-hit turkey fly over onto the anti-hunting neighbor's land next year.



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