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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jim Tubbs, President

Deer archery season is half over. I have had my chances to shoot a couple of nice bucks, but have not scored yet. But there is plenty of season remaining. Good luck to all of you. Remember to get your pictures to Jay for the website.

The 3-D and Tournament schedule is set for 2008. We will have it in the December issue of the newsletter. Some of the shoots will be at Prairie Bowmen's Outdoor Range and some shoots will be held at the Lincoln Archery Range at 44th & Superior Streets. I signed a contract with Lincoln Parks & Rec and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for Prairie Bowmen to manage the new range. If you are out there shooting and see any problems, please let one of the Board Members know, so we can address the issue. One of the first hurdles will be to educate the public on safety. I feel things will work out and benefit Prairie Bowmen.

Elections were held at the Club Potluck Dinner at the Indoor Range on Saturday, Nov. 17. Retaining their positions were Rob Hickman as Target Rep., Jay Spencer as the Website Coordinator and John Elliott as Rangemaster. Rob Barlow did not run again and Cindie Jisa will take over as Treasurer. Thanks to all of you for doing a great job. Thanks to Rob Barlow for his years on the board. If you missed the potluck, then you missed some good food and great conversation.

Thanks to Belinda Hickman for decorating the Clubhouse for the Halloween party. Also thanks to Don Miller for the hayrack ride and to Patty Hickman for preparing the food. I believe everyone in attendance had a good time.

Our Annual Banquet this year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Country Inn & Suites at 5353 N. 27th Street. The Social Hour will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner following at 6 p.m. Kriss Tripp, Banquet Chairperson, has again found us a great place to hold this event. Kriss does a wonderful job with this and she puts in many hours to make our banquet a great success. Our guest speaker this year will be Gloria Erickson. Gloria is an extraordinary woman, who is an avid hunter and angler. She serves on many boards and has hunted most of the bear species. If you have not had a chance to hear her speak, this will be the time. **The deadline for reservations is Jan. 7. No tickets will be sold at the door.** Please see the enclosed flyer for the details.

Hope you all stay healthy and find success in whatever you do.

PRAIRIE BOWMEN ANNUAL BANQUET

SATURDAY, JAN. 12, 2008

THE COUNTRY INN & SUITES, 5353 N. 27TH ST.

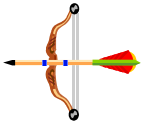
SOCIAL HOUR 5 P.M./DINNER 6 P.M.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JAN. 7, 2008

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

ADULT TICKET \$25/YOUTH TICKET AGE 12 & UNDER \$15

GUEST SPEAKER: GLORIA ERICKSON



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2007 Archery Tournament Schedule

Dec. (Target)

1-2 -- 300/Round – Fremont

8-9 -- State Indoor FITA – Ahamo

15-16 – FITA – Woods & Waters

Dec. (3-D)

Contact Names & Numbers

Ahamo	Ed	345-7608
Atlantic	Bob	(712) 763-4326
Denison	Dale	263-6262
Fremont	Brad	727-1842
Golden Arrow	Jason	891-8111
Lincoln	Rob	416-7005/Chad 560-2879
Norfolk	Marv	379-1041
Platte Valley	Pat	447-6388
Pottawattamie	Rick	(712) 487-3013
Woods & Waters	Sonny	331-2742

WEBSITE COORDINATOR REPORT

By Jay Spencer, Website Coordinator

Thank you for all the harvest photos that have been sent. I have been trying to post them to the website about once every two weeks, so they can be viewed by all of our visitors. It looks like some very nice animals have been taken and I'm sure that some very nice stories will be associated with these kills for years to come.

Now with rifle season over, things get a little tougher for us bowhunters, but try to get out and enjoy the woods. You just never know when Mr. Big will be walking by. Good luck for the remainder of the season and as always, shoot straight and shoot often.

TARGET REP REPORT

By Rob Hickman, Target Rep.

Pizza League has been going good and we always have room for more shooters. Show up and see if you can win a pizza gift certificate on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Indoor Target League will start up in the New Year, beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Our next shoot will take place after the start of the New Year. We hope to see you there!

BOWHUNTER REP REPORT

By Chad Scott, Bowhunter Rep.

The winter Indoor 3-D League will start on the first Thursday of January, which is Jan. 3, 2008. We will split up into flights again after the third week and they will be set for the rest of the season. You will need to shoot all the weeks that we shoot to qualify for the top three. You will be able to make up one miss.

NOTICE!!!!

By John Elliott, Membership Chairman

Statements will be going out due in January for 2008. If they look like they have been tapered with, they have. Due to a mistake on my part in the billing, I had to open all or 98% of the statements. To save on postage and envelope costs, I am using the same envelopes and stamps, with some tape on the envelope. Please excuse how the envelope appears. I will be sending out statements for those of you who have sponsored a youth membership. They are also due on Jan. 1, 2008.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience, because I am still in a learning curve for handling membership responsibilities and trying to serve you in the best way possible.

2008 ANNUAL BANQUET - SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 *By Kriss Tripp, Banquet Director*

It won't be long at all and the Annual Banquet will be here. I hope you all are planning on attending this year. I am so excited about this year's banquet. If you read your last newsletter, then you know that our location has changed. The Villager has closed its doors to banquets and so we have moved to The Country Inn and Suites. The date is still the same. The Banquet will be held on Jan. 12 and it will start with the social hour at 5 p.m. Dinner follows at 6 p.m.

Ticket cost for adults is \$25, and for kids age 12 and under, the ticket cost is \$15. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 7.** Please send your reservation checks to the address printed below.

Please make sure that you get your trophy photos sent in to Jay and that you let Chad know if you have shot any trophies, as you could qualify for awards. You can bring those trophy animal mounts to the banquet and we will have tables set up for you to display them. Remember, any harvest is a true trophy.

With the help of Cindie Jisa, we are starting to collect donations for door prizes. Please feel free to call me if you have something to donate and I will be happy to pick up those items. If you can think of a business that might be willing to donate, please let us know and we will send them a letter. Again, I hope to see you all there!

Please send your checks to:

Attn: Prairie Bowmen

C/O Kriss Tripp

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Lincoln, NE 68512

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JUNIOR YOUTH MEMBERSHIPS

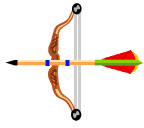
By John Elliott, Membership Chairman

All Junior Memberships will expire on the **LAST DAY OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.** At that time, the \$12 fee will be due. Sponsors, please contact your Junior Member with this information. Remember that the Junior Member is not to have the combination and that the Junior Member is only allowed to go to the ranges with his or her sponsor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By John Elliott, Membership Chairman

Prairie Bowmen Lincoln Archery Club would like everyone to welcome three new family memberships to our flock. They are Jeremy and Angelia Boyer, Robert and Linda Bergholz, and Steven Jensen and his family, Sandra, Taylor and Harrison. Please make them all feel at home.



RANGEMASTER REPORT

By John Elliott, Rangemaster

This is the shortest report ever. The Outdoor Range has been winterized and the Indoor Range needs to have the backstop fiberboard replaced. This date will be announced in the next newsletter, or if we need this done before that, we will call people for help to do this. As of the Potluck Dinner, Rob Hickman, Rob Barlow and Gary Kurtzer had not decided on a date for working on replacing the fiberboard. Speaking of the Potluck Dinner, if you missed it, then you missed a lot of good food. Lastly, I still have two (2) lockers for rent. Please contact me if you're interested.

WANTED

By John Elliott, Rangemaster

This is not a request of sorts, but one of the members was going to donate some 1-1/2" or 2" PVC pipe and some flange fitting. I have lost your name. Please contact the Rangemaster, John Elliott, at 466-6391 or 540-7238. I must be getting too old to remember things without writing them down first. Thank you again. Waiting to hear from you.

YOUTH ARCHERY UPDATE

By Gary Waters, Youth Education Coordinator

The Fall Youth Archery Session has ended. We ended on the last night with fun shoots and handing out awards. Everyone enjoyed a great time. The next session will start on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008. There will be two sessions each week. The first session will start at 8 a.m. and go until 9:30 a.m. This session is for all youth **who are not** involved in the NASP program. A second youth session will start at 9:30 a.m. and go until 11 a.m. for those youth **who are** involved in the NASP program.

Plans for Kids Camp are underway. Kids Camp will take place on Saturday, May 24, 2008, at the Outdoor Range. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact me. If you would like to make donations for this of money or prizes, please contact me.

Well, that is all for now. Until next month, enjoy the turkey and remember the true reason for the season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By John Elliott, Rangemaster

I will be calling for volunteers to man our booth and archery range at Sports Show at the Lancaster Events Center in January. This event will be held Jan. 24-27, 2008. Those of you who are coaching youth groups, this is an excellent opportunity for your students to help out with this event.

ADDRESS CHANGE

By John Elliott, Membership Chairman

If your address changes or is going to change in the near future, please let us know. Trying to locate members' address changes are both time consuming and frustrating, at times, to say the least and this is also costly for the club, with extra postage when we cannot get your correspondence to you on the first time. Also, letting us know when phone numbers and email addresses are changed would also be appreciated. Contact John Elliott at 466-6391, or email me at: jell912662@aol.com with changes. Thank you.

Prairie Bowmen Board Meeting

The next Prairie Bowmen Board Meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at 7 p.m., at Season's Choice Shooting Range, 4713 Hartley St. All Club Members are invited to join the Board Meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **December 17 -- Prairie Bowmen Board Meeting, Season's Choice Shooting Range, 4713 Hartley St., 7 p.m.**
- **January 3, 2008 – Winter 3-D League begins, Indoor Range**
- **January 5, 2008 – Youth Session begins, 8-9:30 a.m., Indoor Range**
- **January 5, 2008 – NASP Youth Session begins, 9:30-11 a.m., Indoor Range**
- **January 7, 2008 – Deadline for ticket reservations for Annual Banquet—TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**
- **January 8, 2008 – Winter Target League begins, Indoor Range**
- **January 12, 2008 – Annual Banquet, The Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N. 27th St., 5 p.m. Social Hour/6 p.m. Dinner**

SEARCHING THE ARCHIVES
By Charles E. Beardslee, Club Historian

“DICK’S HOBBY CRAFT”

These advertisements for Dick’s Hobby Craft in the 1969 notebook bring back lots of memories. I’m not sure when Dick and Mary Koch went into business, but it may have been around 1950, since the write-up under the “O” Street photo states they have “been filling the needs of Lincolniters for over 20 years.” My first encounter with their business was in the mid-50s, before I joined Prairie Bowmen. Their store was located on the south side of “N” Street, between 12th and 13th Streets, just west of the Lincoln Theatre. My mother-in-law, Louise B. James, took her crocheted items there to sell on consignment. She also purchased paints and supplies she used for decorating tea towels and pillow covers. I don’t recall Dick having any archery supplies at that time. His expertise was in jewelry making and leatherwork. (You may recall my article on Jim Iund, in which Dick Koch and Bob Ellis gave him a hand-tooled leather quiver.)

It must have been around 1960 when Dick and Mary moved to 1414 “O” Street. Dick had the archery area at the rear of the store with bows hung from a rack behind a glass display case. Through a door at the back and down a flight of stairs led you to the basement practice range where Dick would have customers try out a new bow or help fine-tune their own equipment. Dick provided a full service for all archers. He carried most all the top brands of bows as shown on the advertisement. He fletched arrows and applied multi-colored crests to personalize these for the archer. He always gave the impression that he was there for service to the archery public, whether it included the sale of equipment or not. In fact, many archers frequented his shop for advice, which Dick was more than willing to give—free of charge.

Dick and Mary were charter members of the Prairie Bowmen Archery Club and played an integral part in the Club’s development. Although he was asked many times and was probably nominated for an office in every election, he would not accept—agreeing only to be a director. His reason was that he didn’t want to get in a position creating a conflict of interest between the Club and his business.

Dick excelled in the sport of archery and won many awards. There are many photographs of him in the archives showing him receiving a trophy. One award I’m sure he regarded most highly was the “Perfect Pin” awarded by the NFAA and presented to him by Bob Ellis.

Both Dick and Mary were very generous with their time, offering to help in any way possible and participated in almost every event the club offered. Much of the time that I was serving as president, Mary took care of the registration at the tournaments and recorded all the results. They also helped financially in many ways, too. As I’ve mentioned before, we had quite a time keeping the road into the range passable. One spring, Dick and Mary bought at least three loads of rock to spread on the west slope.

I still have an arrow case that Dick made. He made it for himself, but “outgrew” it, so he passed it on to me. When I got my Bear take-down, then I had my own case, so I passed the case on to one of my kids. It’s not used much anymore, but I can’t throw it away.

Dick was a member of the exhibition team...but that’s another story.

(See photo on back of this page.)

2008 PRAIRIE BOWMEN ARCHERY BANQUET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

5353 N. 27TH ST.

(PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE, LOWER LEVEL)

SOCIAL HOUR AT 5 P.M.

DINNER AT 6 P.M.

COST IS \$25 FOR ADULTS

\$15 FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR TROPHIES

DOOR PRIZES – RAFFLES – AUCTION

GUEST SPEAKER – GLORIA ERICKSON

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