

# BLACK EAGLE BOWMEN WINTER 2010/2011 NEWS



2010 was a good year for us here at Black Eagle and we are hoping for a repeat in 2011. Membership, at 214, is the best in recent years. The range and clubhouse are in good condition, and attendance has been increasing at our 3D shoots with over 480 shooters participating during the 2010 season. Attendance at our other events, including indoor tournaments, field tournaments, meetings and work parties is still below expectations. We will be trying several new projects to make some other activities more appealing. We want to maximize your membership's value. There is some news to report at this printing, but we are devoting much of this newsletter to inform you of some issues we have been facing lately, and to generating new ideas. There is some older information being included for the benefit of our newer members. This newsletter will be posted on the website.



## MEMBERSHIP

We enrolled 214 members in 2010, with over 40 family memberships. Your 2011 Membership Application is enclosed. It is also available on the website. Feel free to print extras to share with friends, archery shops, work-place. Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, just like your fishing license. General Membership meetings for 2011 are April 6 and September 7, at 7pm at the clubhouse. Let us know how we can improve your experience. Are there events you would like to include? You may bring guests for a one-time visit each. They just pay for targets used and the \$1.00 fee.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections were held at the September meeting. All board members have retained their positions: Mark Deitrich as President, Dave Murray as Vice President, Jack Thorpe as Secretary, Steve Shaffer as Treasurer and Board Members Kevin Novosel, Eric Wagner, Don Confer, Robert Fenton, and Jim Bechdel. The next nominations will be conducted at the April General Membership meeting. Board meetings are held at the club at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the months of January thru September, and after deer season in December. Contact info for directors is on the website and posted in the clubhouse by the main door.



## TREASURY

Costs of propane, gasoline, targets (which are petroleum based), taxes, printing, postage, tools, supplies etc. are rising. You will note a nominal increase in some fees for this year. This is our first increase in 12 years, and it is necessary in order to maintain a healthy balance in the treasury to ensure smooth running and provide a quality experience for all. You can be assured that this was done only after careful consideration and talking with as many members and visitors as we could. An entire year here still costs less than one day of golf.



## IMPROVEMENTS

This year we were able to upgrade the water system, restrooms, indoor and outdoor target butts, indoor and outdoor lighting, signs, parking lot, pavilion, and re-seal the roof. We have new floor mats and have a contract to wax and buff the floor. The kitchen is again operational. We have our own trailer for transporting the targets. Most of our projects are being done by volunteers, the only 'payment' is a free 3D round. Come and join in. Work parties are on Saturday afternoon before each of the scheduled shoots. Additional work parties, when called, are posted on our website. If you have special skills or tools to share, please let Dave Murray know.



## PROJECTS

Black Eagle Bowmen continues to do as much as possible for the 4H, YHEC, and other youth who are interested in archery. 4H will meet three times this winter at the clubhouse. These great kids are the future of our club.



## KEYCARDS & "STICKERS"

The 'sticker' is to be displayed while using the facility. It has been resized to fit in a fishing license holder so it can be moved to your hat, belt, quiver etc. The 2011 Keycard and stickers are blue and will be required after January 31. Your 2010 keycards will work until then. The new stickers will have a place to display your optional season pass.

## CHANGES FOR 2011

The phone has been disconnected, emergency numbers are still posted for cell phone use. Winter indoor '600' shoots have been discontinued due to low interest. Please feel it part of your membership benefit to come up with ideas for us to improve your experience and your value here. Those who have visited other clubs agree that we have one of the best, but it can be made even better with your help.



## INDOOR

Indoor shooting is available to all members. All indoor shooters sign in and pay fifty cents for each target used. Deposit \$1.00 per visit in the jar to help cover utilities, unless you purchased a season pass that covers the \$1.00 visit fee. If shooting a league score, deposit league fee (\$3.00) and scorecards in the 'slot'. Indoor league will run from January to March. Scores will be posted continuously throughout the schedule. Shoot and pay for six league scores and receive your choice of a free hat or T-shirt. Pick up your hat/shirt at any 3D Shoot or Monthly meeting after end of the league.



## NC3D ASSOCIATION

The North Central 3D Association (Black Eagle, Clarence, Three Point) schedule has been established. Schedule cards will be available at the clubhouse and other locations, and will be posted on the website. The NC3D shoots will be held late spring through early fall and are open to the public. A new Mathews Monster was presented to Jerry Bechdel whose scorecard was drawn from among all cards turned in during the entire season. There will be another new bow given away this year.



## BLACK EAGLE 3D LEAGUE

The BEB 3D League, for members only, will be held late summer, into the fall. Payment and scorecards should be placed in the 'slot'. Shoot six or more scores and get your choice of a hat or shirt that you can pick up at any scheduled event or meeting. Scores will be posted. Additional information will be in your Summer 2011 Newsletter.



## FIELD SHOOTING

Field rounds are the most demanding and rewarding forms of outdoor shooting. You have seen the field targets on the big round butts on the range with shots from 12 to 80 yards. We are again participating in the NEPAC Conference and have a field shoot scheduled here in June, 2011. We are offering an orientation to field shooting on Sundays in May. Check the clubhouse bulletin board for information. Please consider participating. There is no better way to improve your archery skills.



## BEYOND BLACK EAGLE

There were many opportunities for archery fun in Pennsylvania and elsewhere this year. If you know of someone who deserves recognition, let us know, and we will include it in the next newsletter. You can also post on the bulletin board. Consider PSAA, NC3D, NEPAC, ASA, USArchery and IBO (which will have several World Championships here in PA).



## BROADHEADS

"Yellow Jacket" broadhead targets are set up at the practice range in September, for members only, and remain there during hunting seasons. Any other use of any style broadhead (practice or hunting) on our grounds, indoors or out, will result in immediate expulsion from our club. Please help enforce this. We have encountered sharp blades when working on the butts both indoors and out. All broadhead styles (both practice and hunting) destroy targets costing you money and endangering volunteer workers. We actually had a report of a 3D shooter using broadheads during the August 30 shoot this past summer!



## WEBSITE

Our website, [www.blackeaglebowmen.com](http://www.blackeaglebowmen.com), is a great source for current information about us and about archery in general. You will also find contact information for board members and other organizations. Check it for news, changes, updates etc.



## RIFLE LEAGUE

For our newer members, please be aware that the local rifle league uses our building and has shoots scheduled throughout the winter. Check the schedule that is posted above the bow-press and on our website. Please adjust your shooting accordingly.



## ISSUES

Some of the issues we, your Board of Directors, have had to resolve lately include: Managing costs and fees, Attracting volunteer help, Choosing clubs to partner with for leagues, scheduling shoots for optimum attendance, Managing and improving the range, Deciding which 3D targets to purchase and set out, Insurance, Purchasing new equipment such as the bow-press, Joining groups such as PSAA, NRA, NC3D, NEPAC, Broadhead use on the range, even during a 3D Shoot, Non-payment of fees by those who choose to shoot for free, both members and nonmembers, Damage to the parking lot by someone spinning out and throwing stones against the building, Four-wheelers using the trails, Broken glass, Arrows being released into the air over targets by people who cannot draw their bow in a level manner.



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Your 2011 Summer News will be sent out after the July meeting. Make sure we have your current address. Have a great winter and spring!