



THE NISHU NEWS

President's Message

The Nishu board of directors continues to make improvements to the Nishu Archery Complex in Bismarck, as we strive to make it the finest indoor archery facility possible. A recent addition is a professionally-installed intercom system that will make our organized tournaments safer as everyone will be able to hear the line judge. This new system will also make announcements easier for everyone to hear and understand, and add a little "something extra" during our indoor tournaments when we play prerecorded wildlife and outdoors sounds.

One of the most popular benefits of Nishu membership is the opportunity to purchase a building access "key card" which allows access to the Nishu Archery Complex on your schedule. The Nishu board of directors recently implemented a new key card policy that should make the process smoother for members purchasing building access key cards.

Starting immediately, Nishu members wishing to purchase a key card should complete the application form, available at the Nishu Archery Complex, and mail their payment and completed application to the Nishu Bowmen, c/o Mona Livdahl at Professional Management Services, 1811 East Thayer Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501. Mona will complete the process by mailing your key card to you at your home.

The final step is for you to stop by the Nishu Archery Complex and complete a building policies review and walkthrough with any Nishu Board member; to learn the location of the light switches and review building security procedures. Card Key Access Policies and Procedures are found on our website: <http://nishubowmen.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CardKeyApplication.pdf>. Remember, this is your facility and we are asking your assistance in making sure everyone is following the policies.

Mark January 3rd in your calendars and join us at the Nishu Archery Complex anytime between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. This is our 2013 Open House and I invite you to stop by and grab a bite to eat, shoot your bow, tour the building, talk to the Nishu member heading up each winter archery league and sign up for the league(s) of your choice.

I would also invite you to participate in one or more of the three tournaments we are hosting in Bismarck this winter:

- January 11, 12, 13, 2013 - Nishu January Indoor Archery Tournament
- February 15, 16, 17, 2013 – Scheels Shoot Indoor Archery Tournament
- April 5, 6, 7, 2013 – NDBA ND State Indoor Shoot in Bismarck, ND

The Nishu board members and I are always open to any thoughts, comments, or suggestions you may have. You can reach me personally at 701-333-8229, or feel free to approach me at the range at any time. We should all take great pride in this club and build a future that creates a legacy for future archers. This is your club -- so get involved! David Shockman

The Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex

The telephone number for the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex is (701) 221-3529. The address for the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex is 1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck, ND.



2013 NISHU Calendar



January 1st, 2013 -- Nishu Membership Renewals are due. Reminder: Full-time College Students ½ price!!

January 2nd, 2013 -- Nishu Bowmen *WORK NIGHT*, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Nishu Archery Complex. We are asking for volunteers to help clean up the club house prior to the Open House!

January 3rd, 2013 -- Nishu Open House 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck). See the flyer later in this newsletter.

January 6th, 2013 -- Nishu membership meeting (membership meetings will be held 1st Sunday from January through March due to the tournament schedules). Time: 7:00 p.m. All members of the Nishu Bowmen archery club are invited to attend all monthly membership meetings.

January 7th, 2013 – 360 Target League begins in the upstairs range. Contact: Austin Fettig 701-527-7479.

January 8th, 2013 – Tuesday night 3D League begins. Contact: Joe Ness 701-255-7193 or Steve Arnold 701-220-5679.

January 9th, 2013 -- Traditional League begins in the main floor archery range. Contact: Bill Helphrey 701-255-0192 or Kevin Jensen 701-663-3274.

January 9th, 2013 -- Women's Target League begins in the upstairs target range. Contact: Pam Ihmels 701-527-7320 or Steph Smith 701-222-2542.

January 10th, 2013 – Thursday night 3-D League Begins. Contact: Doug Kruckenberg 701-400-4315.

January 11-12-13, 2013 – The Nishu Bowmen January indoor archery tournament – not to be missed! Contact Mike Wolf 701-222-4895.

February 3, 2013 - Nishu membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Nishu Archery Complex. All Nishu members are cordially invited to attend!

February 15-16-17, 2013 – Scheels Shoot February archery tournament at the Nishu Archery Complex. One of the biggest and best tournaments of the year!

March 3, 2013 - Nishu Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Nishu Archery Complex. All Nishu members are cordially invited to attend!

April 5, 6, 7, 2013 - ND State Indoor Shoot – Bismarck, ND. April 6th join us at the 2013 NDBA Banquet at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

April 9, 2013 - Nishu Annual Meeting - at the Nishu Range. All Nishu members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the Nishu Bowmen Archery Club to vote for new board members and participate in the discussions that help guide the Nishu Bowmen throughout the year.

The History of Archery – IN THE BEGINNING...

By Bill Helphrey

No I am not talking about the big bang theory and when the world was formed. Or when the Bible says God created the earth, or Adam and Eve, but when the first man discovered that a bent stick would launch a projectile over distance. That event happened, according to scholars, some 50,000 BC.

Virtually every continent and society either invented or discovered the bow and arrow on its own. The concept couldn't be passed from continent to continent; this discovery was a mutually discovered concept.

If you are reading this, you are probably a Toxophilite. Now I am not calling you a bad name, just using a term created by a Roger Ascham (pronounced Ask-am, not Ash-am) who lived from 1515-1568. Ascham wrote a book in 1542-1543 titled *Toxophilus*, the first English book on archery. Toxophilite is a combination of the Greek words *Toxon* bow, arrow + *philos* dear, loving; a person fond of or expert at archery.

But let's move on to something a little closer to home and today. Like when and how modern archery was started in the United States.

When this country was settled, the indigenous Indians were using the bow and arrow from coast to coast for harvesting game and warfare. The European continent had been using the bow and arrow for harvesting game, mostly illegally, and war for centuries. At that time, lawn archery was an accepted entertainment for the European aristocracy.

Organized archery on this side of the Atlantic Ocean owes its beginning to a group of five young gentlemen of Philadelphia; three were English and two Welsh. During the winter of 1827, Samuel Powel Griffiths Jr., a twenty-five-year-old apothecary (druggist) and son of a famous physician, was having a glass of wine with his friend Dr. Robert Eglesfeld Griffith. They talked about archery in England and thought about the idea of bringing it to the United States.

Nothing more happened until the following spring when a cousin of Griffiths joined them; Jacob Giles Morris, aged twenty-seven. These three gentlemen approached two brothers, Franklin and Titan Ramsey Peale. On September 3rd 1828, the five organized themselves into The Club of United Bowmen of Philadelphia. That was on a Wednesday and the following Sunday they held the first organized target practice by a group of archers. Titan Peale won with 4 hits for a score of 10. Dr. Griffith was second with 1 hit for 4 points, and Samuel Griffiths scored 1 hit for 3 points. There is no record of the other two either shooting or scoring. All shooting was done at a distance of fifty yards.

The following week they again participated in shooting, however this time they increased the distance to eighty yards. All five members scored, the results being; Griffiths 3-13, Morris 3-9, F. Peale 2-2, Peale 1-1, Dr. Griffith 1-1. At this meeting they established the oldest regular target round in either England or America; the United Bowmen Round of 84 arrows at 80 yards.

All shooting was in the English mode of double targets, three arrows up and three down, each direction an "end" and both ends a "round". Now you know where those terms came from.

Sources: The Pope and Young Club, "*Target Archery*" by Robert Potter Elmer M.D.

Fred Bear is quoted saying, "the history of the bow and arrow is the history of mankind itself".

The Nishu Bowmen Board of Directors

The Nishu Bowmen board of directors welcomes your comments and invites you to attend the monthly membership meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex, 1409 Riverwood Drive, in Bismarck. (Membership meetings will be held the 1st Sunday from January through March due to scheduled tournaments.)

Bow Lockers Available

Thanks to the efforts of Nishu member Mike Dahl, additional bow lockers are available in the upstairs Target Range. The bow lockers are available on a first-come, first served basis, at \$60 per year. For more information contact any Nishu board member.

Nishu Bowmen Clothing

Nishu Bowmen tee shirts, vests, jackets and hats are available for purchase at the archery complex office during open shooting hours, and at all Winter 2013 tournaments.

The Nishu Bowmen Present the 2013 ***ARCHERY OPEN HOUSE*** **January 3rd 2013**

Nishu Archery Complex 1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

- Visit with Nishu Bowmen Archery Club members.
- Tour the Archery Complex.
- Bring your bow and shoot in the upstairs Target Archery Range or the main floor 3D Archery Range.
- Free food, coffee and pop.
- Sign up for 2013 Winter Leagues -- League organizers will be available from 6:00-9:00 pm to answer any questions and take your registration for the leagues.



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Membership Renewal

Your membership renewal for 2013 is now due. We appreciate your past support and hope you will choose to continue to participate in the many Nishu events which we have listed on our website as well as Facebook.

Remember, you are welcome to attend our monthly membership meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at the Nishu Archery Complex, starting at 7:00 PM. January through March the meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month). This is where we get together to discuss what the Club will be doing, plan and organize events. We want your input.

In order to simplify administration of memberships, memberships run on a calendar year basis, January through December.

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it with payment to the Nishu address. If you would like a key card(s) please go to our website to print and sign the card key policies (include it with your payment):

<http://nishubowmen.com/archery-complex-card-key-access/>.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or visit our website at www.nishubowmen.com.

Thank you!

Samantha Gisvold
Nishu Secretary

Type of Membership for 2013:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone _____ Mobile: _____
E-mail _____

- Youth Membership \$25/year (through 18th birthday)
- Single Membership \$50/year
- Single Membership + Range Key \$150/year
- Family Membership \$75/year
- Family Membership + Range Key \$225/year

*PLEASE provide your email address to get updates

Please list the ADDITIONAL Members Covered (Names & Ages)

Permit Number for Cross Bow: _____

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