



THE NISHU NEWS

President's Message

It's hard to believe that 2010 is almost over and another new year is upon us. Some of us still have our deer tag in our pocket but that's not unusual for many of us.

For many, just the opportunities, experiences, along with mixed emotions and good friends and family are what make bowhunting our passion. But the fact is for everyone, bowhunting gives us the opportunity to make of it what we wish, the answer to that for each of us is as different as we all are.



Living in the middle of some of the best hunting in the country is just a dream for many. For us it can be just out our back door. To be able to watch a nice buck sneak along through the woods, watch an antelope buck try to keep his does in line or a bull elk tip his head back and scream are experiences many of us will never forget. Because we value these experiences it makes them priceless. To those that think they can just buy these experiences, well I think they are missing the boat. Yet to keep these opportunities, show appreciation for them and value these experiences we must stand together as one.

Make sure to set some goals for yourself and shoot one of the 3-D leagues or 360 target leagues we have starting in January. Along with our 3-D shoots and our annual banquet which is the same weekend as the Scheel's Shootout, it's looking to be another great year. Because we are all about bowhunting and archery - from beginners to veterans, longbows to high-tech target bows - we are Nishu Bowmen.

Shoot straight and have fun - Ryan Bauer

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.

Nishu Bowmen Clothing

If you are interested in purchasing Nishu Bowmen tee shirts or hats, please ask at the office at the archery complex during open shooting hours or leagues.

The NISHU Bowmen present their

2011 INDOOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

25 3-D Targets ~ 10 Cub Targets ~ 300 & Vegas



January 21-23, 2011

(Marked Yardage 3-D round)

February 18-20, 2011

(NDBA State 300 Qualifier)

March 25-27, 2011

(Scheels Shootout)

Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex

1409 Riverwood Dr., Bismarck ND

<u>3-D Shooting Fees:</u> Adult - \$15.00 Y Adult (15-17) - \$10.00 Youth (12-14) - \$10.00 Cub (11 & under) - \$5.00 Family - \$35.00	<u>Registration</u> Fri – 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sat - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sun - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	NDBA State 300 Qualifier February 18-20 Only Competitive 3-D team shoots and Challenge round with 50% money payback
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February 19th - Saturday Night Money Shoot (100% payback) 7:00 p.m. ~ Must shoot trophy round prior to team event, \$15 per shooter, 2 person teams best arrow, teams will be randomly drawn at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration available, 25 teams max.

Visit the Nishu Bowmen Web Site at
www.nishubowmen.com

For more information contact
Ryan Bauer at 701-220-0094

Or email Nishu at
nishu@bis.midco.net



Nishu 2011 Membership Dues

Your membership in the Nishu Bowmen keeps the club financially sound and helps to support the many tournaments and club events, as well as maintenance of the outdoor range. A notice for renewal of your annual Nishu Bowmen dues for 2011 went out a couple of weeks ago. The 2011 dues are the same as 2009 and 2010; Single -- \$50, Family -- \$75, Youth – \$25 and are payable on January 1, 2011. Thank you for your continued membership and support of the Nishu Bowmen.

Donation Wanted

The Nishu Bowmen archery club is seeking the donation of an ATV and trailer (together or separate) for use in outdoor range maintenance and cleanups and for the placement and retrieval of 3-D targets for outdoor tournaments. If you have an ATV and/or trailer you would consider donating to the club please contact Ryan Bauer or any Board member. Thank You.

The Nishu Bowmen Board of Directors

The Nishu Bowmen board of directors welcomes your comments and invites you to attend the monthly board meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex, 1409 Riverwood Drive, in Bismarck.

Nishu Bowmen 2011 Banquet

Mark your calendars or make a note in your Blackberry – the Nishu Bowmen 2011 Banquet will be March 26th at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck. This will be a fun-filled evening with great food, awards, raffles, door prizes and games for young archers.

Bow Lockers Now Available

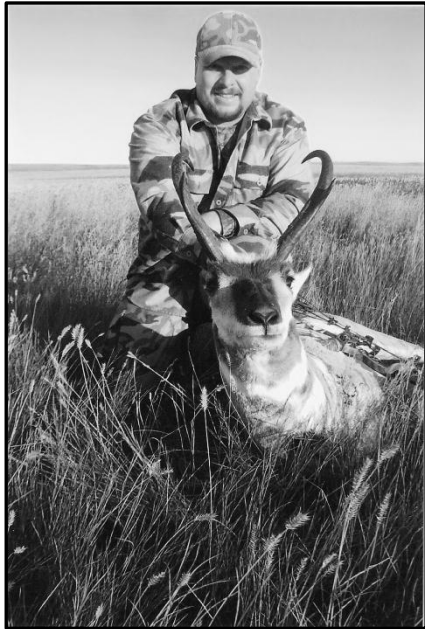
Tired of hauling your archery equipment down to the range? We now have 16 bow lockers in the upstairs target range, for rent to Nishu members on a first-come, first-served basis. The annual rent for these new lockers is \$60.

These new lockers were designed and built by Mike Dahl and have hooks for your archery equipment. For more information contact Steve Goroski.

ANTELOPE STEW FOR TWO

By: Steve Arnold

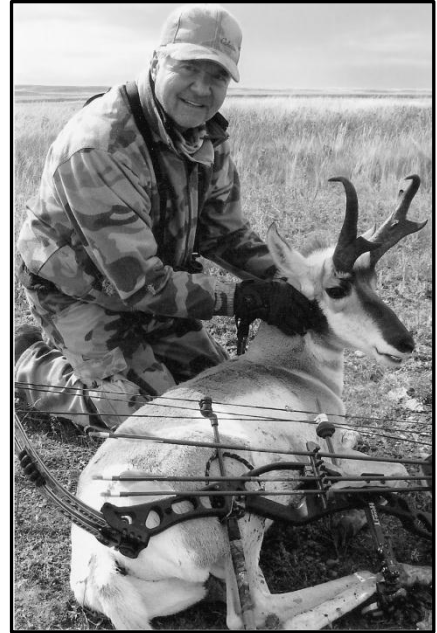
First, take two bow hunters that love to hunt antelope. Make sure the rut is nice and hot, right around the fifteenth of September will do. Add some decoys and Double Bull blinds. Blend with a big slice of Montana real estate that just plain holds antelope. Don't forget to throw in a huge dose of patience and there you have the recipe for a tasty antelope stew.



My hunting partner, Doug, and I have been using this recipe for antelope hunting, successfully for the last few years, and this year in Montana was no exception.

A full day of scouting revealed antelope movement that we liked and at dusk we set up the Double Bulls.

At first light the second day, it was clear we had made the right choice because we were seeing goats in every direction and they were definitely chasing.



Doug was the first to score on a nice 14" antelope after passing many lesser bucks – some of which literally attacked his full-body decoy!

The fourth morning found me in Doug's blind and by 9:00am I had arrowed a nice P&Y goat. Long story short, six hours later I had my antelope and our stew was complete.

Nishu Bowmen Upstairs Range

This fall, the Nishu Bowmen board of directors authorized the purchase of carpet and new fabric target butts for the upstairs range. Replacing buffalo board with fabric target butts will keep the range much cleaner and the carpeting will make the range much quieter. Pictured below are members of the Nishu board working on the installation of the target mats, and a picture of the nearly-completed range.





2011 Nishu Archery Leagues



All Leagues are held at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex

January 3rd - Target League Organizational Meeting. An organizational meeting for the 360 round target league will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday January 3rd, 2011 at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex. Bring your bow and shoot your bank score for handicap. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 per person. This will be a 4-person team event. If you are interested in shooting and would like to join a team, contact Steve Arnold.

January 5th – Wednesday Morning 3-D League. The Nishu Bowmen daytime 3-D league will start on January 5th with an organizational meeting to determine the interest in hosting this league. Plan on attending the organizational meeting to be held on Wednesday January 6th at 9:00 am and be prepared to shoot. Participants must arrive on time for a shotgun start.

January 5th – Target League for Women Only. An organizational meeting for this league will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday January 7th, 2011 at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 per person. For more information contact Lisa Engelstad at _____.

January 6th – Individual 360 Target League. An organizational meeting for the Individual 360 round target league will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 6th. Bring your bow and be prepared to shoot a handicap score. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 per person (adult) or \$25 per person youth. For more information contact Steve Goroski at 258-5817.

January 11th – Tuesday Night Team 3-D League. The Nishu Bowmen will host a Team 3-D & Animal League on Tuesday evenings. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 for adult members, \$75 for Nishu Family members or \$25 for youth members.

January 12th – Traditional / Short Yardage League. The Nishu Bowmen Traditional / Short Yardage league will start on January 12th, at 6:30 pm. For more information about this league contact Bill Helphrey at 255-0192.

January 13th – Thursday Night Individual 3-D & Animal League. The Nishu Bowmen will host our Individual 3-D & Animal League on Thursday nights only. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 for individual Nishu members, \$75 for Nishu Family members and \$25 for youth members. Persons not participating in the league can also shoot on Thursday night for a nightly rate of \$8.00/night for members and \$15.00/night for non-members, \$4.00/night for youth.

January 16th – Kids Archery League. The Nishu Bowmen will host a Kids Archery League on Sundays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm starting on January 16th at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex. The cost will be \$25.00 per shooter; kids ages 7 to 14 are welcome to participate. All participants must have their own archery equipment and be a member of Nishu Bowmen. For more information about this league, contact Kendall Bauer at (701) 255-2369.

Now Accepting Nominations for Nishu Awards

Nishu annual awards shall be awarded to recipients at the annual banquet on March 26th 2011. Nominations for these awards must be provided in writing to the board of directors by the monthly meeting prior to the banquet. Nominations may be made in person. The board of directors must approve the nomination by a 2/3 majority of members present. If a member of the board is nominated, they may not vote, and should be excused for discussion. In cases of more than one nomination, a majority vote will determine the award winner. The award (certificate, plaque, trophy) etc. will be decided on by the board of directors.

Nishu Bowmen Rookie of the Year

This award is to be given to a new member (1 -2 years), who has been active in club functions. He/she would have attended and helped in most club activities, and has shown a sincere interest in the performance and direction of the club. Most importantly, this new member must demonstrate a good attitude and willingness in his actions in club activities.

Nishu Bowmen of the Year

This award is to be given to a member that has had an extraordinary year. He/she may have had a particularly good year in competitive archery; having done well in many events, or exceptionally well in a special event, i.e. state, regional, sectional, national. Or, he/she may have had an exceptional year hunting; harvesting several animals, or one or more exceptional animals. They must, however, sign a fair chase statement if requested by the executive committee. In addition to these accomplishments, the winner of this award must be an active member that regularly helps and participates in club functions, (leagues, banquets, tournaments).

Nishu Bowmen Hall of Fame

This award is to be reserved for longtime leaders of the club who have devoted countless hours and many years to the betterment of Nishu Bowmen and the sport of archery. This dedicated member, or past member must have been an active helper and participant in club functions and events, (leagues, banquets, tournaments, and meetings). He/she must have a minimum of 15 years of membership, (not necessarily consecutive), and should have had a major role in shaping the direction of the club. This nominee, above all, must be someone that has been a positive role model in representing Nishu Bowmen. More than one person can be inducted into the Hall of Fame at one time.

Nishu Award

This award will be the highest award given by the Nishu Bowmen. The qualifications for this award must be similar to the Hall of Fame Award, only more. He/she must have been a member for 15 years. The award nominee must have been a hard-working leader of the Nishu Bowmen for many of these years. The recipient of this highest honor, however, must have considerable involvement outside Nishu Bowmen. His/her association and leadership with these organizations must in some way directly or indirectly involve the sport of archery. More than one person can receive the Nishu Award at one time.

Nishu Special Award

A special award will be given to any member harvesting an elk, bighorn sheep, or moose in North Dakota with bow and arrow.

Nishu Big Game Award Application/Requirements

The Nishu Big Game Award is an annual award given to the member harvesting the highest scoring antelope, mule deer, and whitetail deer in North Dakota. A special award will be given to any member harvesting an elk, bighorn sheep, or moose in North Dakota with bow and arrow. To be eligible he/she must be a paid member prior to the start of the big game season and in good standing with Nishu Bowmen Archery Club. Animals must be taken with a bow and arrow under the rules of Fair Chase during legal hunting seasons, as well as in accordance with the controlling hunting regulations.

The trophy must be measured in accordance with Pope & Young scoring, including a non-typical category. However, only one buckle per species will be awarded based on the highest percentage of Pope & Young minimum score. Velvet and hard-horned antlers will be scored equally. An animal's antlers or horns must dry, at room temperature and normal atmospheric humidity in an unaltered state, for a period of at least 30 days after the date of harvest to be officially measured. The awards will be selected by the board of directors. Minimum scores of all categories must be 80% of P&Y to qualify are: Antelope: 53.6, Whitetail deer: 100 – typical, 124 - non-typical. Mule deer: 116 – typical, 136 - non-typical. If the final score meets or exceeds the established minimum score requirements for that species, the following rules must be followed and listed materials supplied for recognition of the Nishu Big Game Award:

1. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all forms are submitted to the Nishu board.
2. Applications must be submitted on or before the monthly Nishu board meeting prior to the yearly awards banquet.
3. Scoring form completed by the official measurer.
4. Fair Chase Affidavit completed by the hunter.
5. A field photo, if available, is beneficial to include.

"Fair Chase" Affidavit

Simply defined, fair chase is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit of free-ranging wild game animals in a manner which does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the animal. It does, however, extend beyond the hunt itself; it is an attitude and a way of life based in a deep-seated respect for wildlife, for the environment, and for other individuals who share the bounty of this vast continent's natural resources.

The term "Fair Chase" shall not include the taking of animals under the following conditions:

1. Helpless in a trap, deep snow or water, or on ice.
2. From any power vehicle or power boat.
3. By "jacklighting" or shining at night.
4. By the use of any tranquilizers or poisons.
5. While inside escape-proof fenced enclosures.
6. By the use of any power vehicles or power boats for herding or driving animals, including use of aircraft to land alongside or to communicate with or direct a hunter on the ground.
7. By the use of electronic devices for attracting, locating, or pursuing game or guiding the hunter to such game or by the use of a bow or arrow to which any electronic device is attached.
8. Any other condition considered by the Board of Directors as unacceptable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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