



# THE NISHU NEWS

## President's Message

This time of year is a special time for most of us. It is a wonderful time to get out and make memories with family and friends. I hope everyone has that opportunity as this state has so much to offer to those that choose to live here. I'm sure many of you have noticed that the wildlife took a big hit after last year's hard winter. I hope that this year we will all get a break.

As any of you that have used the archery range this summer or fall have seen, the club keeps making improvements; whether it be targets, bow racks, shooting stands or one of the many other projects that made the to-do list. All of this is done by members who are proud of what the club has to offer and help out where they can. All I can say is what a pleasure it is to work with such members.



Nishu has another busy winter schedule planned. With tournaments in January, February and March, leagues, archery classes and open shooting times, the building will be used every day of the week. For access card holders there will usually be at least one of the indoor ranges open during leagues and classes, just for them. If you are interested in helping out and meeting a bunch of good people you can do so by contacting any board member; they are all very helpful and can answer just about any question you might have.

I wish all of you the best of luck and enjoy the fall season while you can. Shoot straight and have fun – Ryan Bauer

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## Contact the Nishu Bowmen Board of Directors

The Nishu Bowmen board of directors welcomes your comments and invites you to call any director to provide input. We also invite 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. Your 2009 Nishu Bowmen board of directors are:

Ryan Bauer, President – 222-1650  
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Curt Pearson – 222-0173  
Bob Richardson – 220-6623  
Jeff Scherr – 255-4008  
Dave Shockman – 221-3172

## **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.

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### **Nishu Bowmen Clothing**

If you are interested in purchasing Nishu Bowmen tee shirts or hats, please contact Greg Luptak at 258-2032. Nishu Bowmen clothing is also available for sale at the archery complex.

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### **Nishu 2010 Membership Dues**

Dues for the Nishu Bowmen for 2010 are the same as 2009; Single -- \$50, Family -- \$75, Youth -- \$25. Dues are payable on January 1, 2010. Watch your mail for your membership reminder, go to the Nishu Bowmen website to print out the membership application form, or pick up a flyer at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex.

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### **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.

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### **Nishu Bowmen Cookbook Recipe Search Nearly Over**

Nishu member Steph Smith has collected over 150 wild game recipes for the first-ever Nishu Bowmen Wild Game Cookbook and is seeking just a few more before the recipe book goes to print. Profits from future sales of this recipe book will help fund the operation of our archery complex.

This is your *last chance* to gain fame as a master of the culinary arts by sending Steph your best wild game recipe(s). We are looking for recipes for fish, ducks, geese, pheasant, grouse, and other small game, on up to big game such as antelope, deer, elk, moose, bear, sheep, etc. If you have any questions, you can call Steph Smith at home at 222-2542, by cell phone at 226-6585 or e-mail Steph at [steph4smith@aol.com](mailto:steph4smith@aol.com).

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### **Nishu Bowmen 2010 Banquet**

Mark your calendars or make a note in your Blackberry – the Nishu Bowmen 2010 Banquet will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck. This will be a fun-filled evening with great food, awards, raffles, door prizes and games for young archers. All members bringing in an archery trophy head for display at the banquet will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$25 gift certificates.

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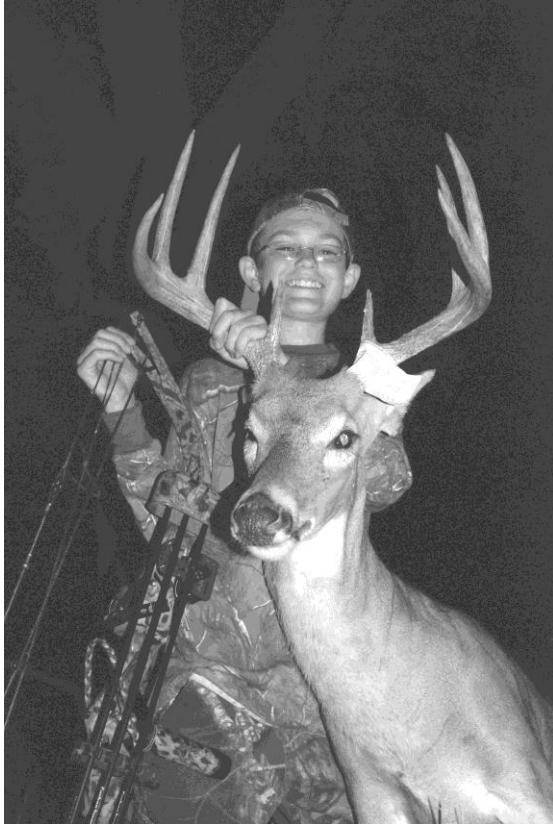
### **Joe's Birthday / December Clean-Up Night**

Help Joe Ness celebrate his birthday by attending his birthday party at the December 16<sup>th</sup> archery complex clean-up night, starting at 6:30 pm. Bring work gloves and pitch-in to clean the range and fix targets. No presents please. : )

## MY HUNTING EXPERIENCE

By: Austin Barchenger, Age 11

My hunting experience was awesome! The cool part about it was that my dad was with me when I shot my first buck. But my grandpa was with me when I shot my first doe.



First night I saw a doe and I drew back and was going to shoot her and then I seen a fawn so I didn't shoot. The next night I saw a 5 by 5. Then I saw it look back. So when it left I stood up in my tree stand. Then I saw the 4 by 4 so I drew back when it looked away. Then I shot. When I hit it I could hear the thud. So I knew I hit either the deer or a log.

We watched it go over the hill. It looked like I hit a little too far back. We waited for about 15 minutes. Then we went to see if we could find blood and we couldn't find any. So we went back to camp and got some friends to help us find the deer.

By the time we went to find it was 11:00 pm. After about 5 minutes we found the first drop of blood and we found the deer shortly afterwards! The deer didn't go far. By then it was 12:00 pm. Dad was the happiest of everybody even more than me.

By the time we were done taking pictures and cutting it up it was 4:00am. I was exhausted. Dad didn't think I was going to sleep. He was wrong.

That was my awesome hunting experience with my dad. Next goal is to get dad a deer. [He hasn't got one yet.]

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## Bow Lockers Now Available

Tired of hauling your archery equipment down to the range? We now have 16 brand-new 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, and any club member renting a locker this year will be able to use the locker rent-free for the remainder of this year upon payment of the 2010 rent. These new lockers were designed and built by Mike Dahl and have hooks for your equipment. For more information contact Colleen Wertz or Steve Goroski.

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## December Open House and Swap Meet

Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm the Nishu Bowmen will be hosting a Christmas Open House and Swap Meet at the Archery Complex. All Nishu members, spouses, kids and hunting buddies are invited to attend this fun event. Bring a Christmas treat or wild game dish to share potluck-style and bring your old archery equipment to sell or trade. Last year's Christmas Open House was lots of fun, so we're expanding it this year with a swap meet and open public shooting. Bring a prospective member and join in the fun!

## Starting Dates for 2010 Nishu Archery Leagues

Mark your 2010 calendars for the upcoming Nishu Bowmen 2010 winter archery leagues. Each league will run 10 weeks. Here is general information on the upcoming 2010 winter leagues:

**January 4, 2009 -- Target League Organizational Meeting.** An organizational meeting for the 360 round target league will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex. Bring your bow and shoot a make-up score. 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. All participants are required to be a member of Nishu Bowmen.

**January 12 & 14, 2010 – Tuesday/Thursday Night 3-D League.** The Nishu Bowmen will once again host our 3-D Animal League on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 for individual Nishu members, \$75 for Nishu Family members or \$25 for youth archery league membership. You can shoot either evening for your league score. Persons not joining the league or Nishu members shooting a second night can shoot for a nightly rate is \$8.00/night for members and \$15.00/night for non-members, with a youth nightly fee of \$4.00. **We are looking for volunteers to help with this league. Contact Ryan Bauer at 222-1650 if you can help.**

**January 13, 2010 – Daytime 3-D League.** The second year for the Nishu 3-D league will start on January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am with a shotgun start to speed the shooting time. Plan on attending the organizational meeting to be held on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. and be prepared to shoot. For more information call Bob Richardson at 220-6623 or by emailing [big.bucks.bob@hotmail.com](mailto:big.bucks.bob@hotmail.com).

**January 13, 2010 – Traditional / Short Yardage League.** The first ever Nishu Bowmen Traditional / Short Yardage league will start on January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. For more information on this new league see the article later in this newsletter or call Bill Helphrey at 255-0192.

**January 7, 2010 – Individual 360 Target League.** The Nishu Bowmen will host a second 360 Target League for individuals wishing to shoot by their lonesome. The first meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> will be an organizational meeting, but bring your bow and be prepared to shoot a make-up score. The cost of this league will be \$50.00 for individual Nishu members, \$75 for Nishu Family members or \$25 for youth archery league membership. For more information contact Steve Goroski at 258-5817.

**January 17, 2010 – Kids Archery League.** The Nishu Bowmen will host a Kids Archery League on Sundays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm starting on January 17, 2010 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 or by e-mail at [nishu@bis.midco.net](mailto:nishu@bis.midco.net).

## 2010 NISHU Bowmen Winter Tournament Schedule

### The Nishu Bowmen January 2010 Indoor Archery Tournament

**January 15 – 16 – 17** - Located in the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex, 1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck, ND. Nishu 300 Round and Vegas Round tournaments will also be offered. All North Dakota Bowhunters Association classifications and styles of shooting will be offered for the 3-D tournament. Certificates will be awarded to archery class winners.

### The Nishu Bowmen February 2010 Indoor Archery Tournament

**February 19 – 20 – 21** - Located in the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex, 1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck, ND. Nishu 300 Round and Vegas Round tournaments will also be offered. All North Dakota Bowhunters Association classifications and styles of shooting will be offered for the 3-D tournament. Certificates will be awarded to archery class winners.

### The Scheels Shoot-Out March 2010 Indoor Archery Tournament

**March 12 – 13 – 14** - Located in the Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex, 1409 Riverwood Drive, Bismarck, ND. Sponsored by Scheels and hosted by Scheels employees, last year's Scheels Shoot-Out had the highest participation of any Nishu tournament in recent memory. 25 3-D targets, a Nishu 300 Round and Vegas Round Shooting Round will be offered. Door prizes and tournament awards and participation gifts will be offered by Scheels. Be sure to attend this great tournament.

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### Traditional / Short Yardage League

New this winter will be a traditional / short yardage league designed for club members shooting bows without sights. While any bow is allowed, the scoring will be based on the traditional Fred Bear method which rewards a hit in the kill zone, with a lesser score for a hit in the non-vital areas of the target. There will be no 12, 10 or 8 ring scores, and for this reason older targets with damaged and shot-out 12 and 10 rings will be used for this league.

Archers in this new league will shoot from marked positions at numbered targets. One, two or three arrows may be shot from each position. The shooting will stop at each position when the archer's first score is made.

Scoring:	<u>Vital</u>	<u>Non-vital</u>	The fifteen-target round will be shot three times.
First arrow	20	16	The first round will be all standing position shots.
Second arrow	12	8	Following rounds and shooting positions will vary
Third arrow	6	4	from target to target and week to week.

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Three equipment divisions will be recognized:

Traditional: A stick bow (long bow or recurve), no sights and shot from the fingers.

Sightless bow: Any compound bow without sights; i.e., barebow.

Unlimited: Any compound or recurve bow with sights.

## **Now Accepting Nominations for Nishu Awards**

Nishu annual awards shall be awarded to recipients at the annual banquet on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2010. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# BANNER PROMOTION



## **NISHU** Indoor Archery Range

Prospective Advertiser:

You now have the opportunity to take advantage of a first year promotion to advertise in the new Nishu Bowmen Indoor Archery Complex located on Riverwood Drive. The new archery complex is a world class facility with two indoor shooting ranges, offices, meeting room and three outdoor shooting ranges. This makes the complex a one-of-a-kind facility in our region. The Nishu Bowman Club currently has 250+ members. During our first season over 10,000 people have visited our facility.

Nishu is offering a 4'x8' advertising banner to promote your business or organization within our indoor facility. The standard cost to advertise would be \$1,500.00 for a three year contract or \$500.00 per year plus the cost of the \$300.00 banner.

For the first year promotion, Nishu Bowmen will offer a 10% (\$150.00 savings) for the rental fee and waive the \$300.00 banner charge, for a total savings of \$450.00. For a total of \$1150.00.

Act now to secure a prime banner location.

For sponsorship, please complete the form below and return to:

**Nishu Bowmen**  
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