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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone, sitting here typing this up and it is windy as heck outside and not fun blowing around in the stand. I am waiting for some cooler weather to really hit the tree stand hard. I was very lucky to go to CO this year elk hunting and was successful in harvesting an elk cow. First one and was super excited, overwhelmed and blessed not just in the harvesting of the elk, but the trip, camp, hearing the end of day stories and the people that were in camp.

December 7 is our policy meeting and I encourage people to attend. Members, Club Presidents, or just interested in joining the MSAA. You are all welcome to attend and I would appreciate any feedback you may have. if you don't want to attend in person, drop me a text, email or carrier pigeon. All will all work just fine.

By the time you are reading this Thanksgiving will be around the corner. I wish all of you a Happy T Day. Please be safe out there in the woods, and look forward to shooting some fat arrows, but first, I would like to get some hours in the tree stand and opportunity to harvest a deer or three. Best of luck to you all and see you later.

Paul Parsons
President

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- ✓ Represent their region on all issues presented before the Board
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- ✓ Attend MSAA events
- ✓ Participate in the MSAA Tournament committee as appointed
- ✓ Host club/pro-shops shall co-chair appropriate tournaments
- ✓ Attend MSAA board meetings
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- ✓ Assist in selecting the dates of the Championship Tournaments
- ✓ Determine rounds to be shot at State Championship Tournaments
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BOARD UPDATES...

OUTDOOR VICE PRESIDENT - TODD NELSON

Hello Archers, our summer that doesn't want to end was a very good one for the MSAA. Participation was up for all four of our outdoor shoots and we had great weather. A big thank you to all of the host clubs, and to all of the shooters that took advantage of the awesome venues that made this summer such a success.

Good luck to all of you trying to put some meat in the freezer and I look forward to seeing everyone at a indoor range.

INDOOR VICE PRESIDENT - LEANN BOES

I hope everyone is staying safe out in the woods and also are successful during the hunting season. Indoor season is right around the corner. Included in this issue and on the website is a list of the regional indoor hosts that I have information for as of now. If you know of a club or pro-shop that might be interested in hosting the 2025 regional indoor tournament, please have them contact me.

EDITOR - STACIE MULSO

Happy Holidays! Thanks to those who sent me photos and stories! I am looking for more feature stories for the next issues of the Arrow. Please send your story ideas to me at arrow.msaa@mnarchery.org. Also, if you have some favorite wild game dishes, I would love to include your recipes in future editions. Is there anything else you'd like to see in the Arrow? I'd love to hear your ideas!

WEBMASTER - JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN

Tournament records have been updated on the website and in the app. Grand Champion winners have also been posted on the website.

Meta Analytics :

Facebook Page reach for September 21, 2024 through October 19, 2024 - 1,275

Facebook Page followers - 2,565

Facebook Page Likes - 2,232

Instagram followers - 152

SECRETARY - LORI DARGATZ

Hi all, hope all the hunters out there are having successful hunts this fall. The policy meeting will be upon us soon, I hope to see as many clubs and pro shops represented as possible. If you are hosting a regional shoot for 2025 the shoot packets will be available at the policy meeting in December (see Board Meeting Minutes for policy meeting date, time, and place). For any shoot site not attending the packets will be sent out the following week. Thank you, to all the clubs and pro shops considering hosting a regional shoot.

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SATURDAY

DECEMBER 7, 2024

9:00 AM

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“My biggest reward is the personal relationships that have been built with other people this past year as a result of having them on the podcast.”

- Ziggy Kortuem

As archers and hunters in today's social ages, there has been considerable growth in accessibility to many podcasts that focus on their unique sport. Many target archery and bowhunting podcast channels produce episodes dealing with the biggest names to ever have picked up a bow and arrow. While this allows amateurs access to great information and insight, it can feel distant due to the fact the people and events are taking place in other parts of the country.

Archers here in this state now have a channel that focuses on more local archery personalities, and happenings. In only one year since its creation the Bucks and Bales podcast has created 45 episodes with over 4,200 total downloads in 14 countries. Bucks and Bales episodes feature a variety of people, mostly archers, who talk about their background in archery, how they got started, what they have accomplished, where they have fell short of their own expectations,

and how they have or continue to work through progressional challenges in their archery journey. Channel creator Gregory “Ziggy” Kortuem says “the real stars of the show, are the awesome listeners. Each episode is unique since I let the archer tell their own story. I provide the blank canvas and let them illustrate whatever they want.” Ziggy, a lifelong bowhunting enthusiast and Hutchinson, MN resident says he wanted to create a podcast that focused on fellow lovers of archery with episodes for other archers to simply enjoy. This was after 3 years of doing another of his own podcast creations that focused on his farm and homesteading. Creating content for public viewing can be a challenge. Ziggy stated, “I paced around my house for an hour before finally hitting the publish button on my first podcast a year ago because I was so nervous!” The episodes first featured local archers associated with the Little Crow Archery Club, where Ziggy had been a board member and is still involved with leagues and events. Archers from the surrounding area were recommended for participation in the Bucks and Bales recordings, which eventually had appearances from Minnesota State Archery Association presidents and vice-presidents, and archers from the entirety of Minnesota.

“I wanted to show people the behind-the-scenes stuff that we do not get to see or know when we see these familiar faces at tournaments around the

state. Everyone has challenges, but it is interesting to learn how people stay committed to overcoming these difficulties,” explained Ziggy when asked why he enjoys interviewing fellow archers. “Archers have been very willing to share their story, and some have traveled multiple hours to my house to record these episodes for others to enjoy. My biggest reward is the personal relationships that have been built with other people this past year as a result of having them on the podcast.”

Co-host and fellow Little Crow Archery Club member Matt Mackedanz sits in on the podcast and helps provide coverage at events the channel travels to. The podcast has also been hosted by Ziggy’s 13-year-old daughter Cardi, who provided coverage of the 2024 Camp Ripley Youth Hunt, where she harvested her first deer. The show has covered and promoted MSAA events such as the state indoor, 900/50 meter, field, and 3-D events where a variety of competing archers and tournament officials were interviewed.

In 2025 Kortuem hopes to see the channel grow in a variety of ways. “We are going to have a booth at the state indoor where we are going to podcast from, and maybe do live coverage. Maybe launch a website. Cover Cardi’s first attempt to kill a turkey. Video-taping podcast recordings for those who enjoy visual conversations. I would love to see a month with 1,000 downloads as well. Overall, I want to promote the sport of archery, and all the non-profit organizations involved.”

The show can be found on most podcast networks and has a Facebook and Instagram page that can be followed. If readers would like to get in contact with Kortuem, they can email him at bucksandbales@gmail.com.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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degree, I moved to the greater St. Cloud area. Since then I have begun to experience the great MN archery community and hope to contribute to its enrichment through writing and volunteering at my local club (T.H.E Great River Archery Club). Currently, I work at Archery Country in Waite Park, and breed cows for Select Sires in central MN. My hobbies include enjoying archery with friends and family, hiking, snowshoeing, camping, raising livestock, reading, and watching MASH. Archery is life and life is good!

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YOUTH HUNT 2024

By Joel Thorne & Jan Ekert

Many years have gone by since the implementation of the Camp Ripley Youth Hunt. In the beginning we would have 200+ youth hunters apply. In the past 3 to 4 years those numbers have dwindled considerably. We continue to have 175 permits available for this hunt but alas this year we had 27 youth applications. Some of the calls I got were that the process of finding the lottery on the ELS system was not very easy and I did take several calls and added Youth hunters to the list.

This year was rather exciting as we had a young lady doing a Podcast at the hunt, talking with other young hunters while being a hunter herself. This is a story about three successful hunters.

Cardi Kortuem, Jacob Thompson, and Aidan VanVleet. Each of these young hunters harvested deer during the first day of the hunt.

I am going to start with Jacob as he shot the first deer reported to the checkpoint.

It was a good thing that the first day of the hunt was not October 13 as that was Jacob's 18th birthday and he would not have been eligible to hunt. Jacob has been at the youth hunt 4 times with the 4th time his luck charm as he harvest-

ed a very nice 9-point Buck. On Saturday, the first day of the hunt after only 15 minutes the action started, sitting in his saddle stand he had the opportunity to see 3 other deer, a doe, and the 2 bucks a 9 and 8 together with their noses to the ground. He felt it was too early to start off shooting the doe; despite having a bonus tag and the bucks were following the doe. Jake and his dad decided to wait still, after all this was Camp Ripley. Jake thought both of the bucks were pretty decent, yet he wanted to wait. His patience paid off because just a few minutes later a big bodied 9-point Buck came past. Jake decided this was a shooter. At 20 yards, he put a great shot dead center in the ribs with his Matthews VXR. Dad and Jake thought he went about 100 yards away from the road of course! A beautiful Buck with a dark chocolate symmetrical Rack, he was also a piebald with streaky white on his sides, 2 white hooves, and a lot of white on his face. This was Jake's 4th and biggest Deer. With his birthday the next day this was his last chance at the Youth Archery Hunt. A really cool way to finish his youth Hunt experience. Congratulations go out to Jake and Jarett.

The next hunter is rather unique. Her name is Cardi Kortuem and she was being mentored by her father Greg (Ziggy), who

happens to do the Buck's and Bales podcast. Cardi had a plan to do a podcast of the hunt and started the episode on their way to Camp Ripley and then continued while she was there, talking with other youth hunters, the volunteers, and mentors.

Cardi and her Dad were hunting out of a blind that Cardi thinks she got when she was about 8 years old. This great story started early Saturday morning. Cardi and her dad Greg are from Hutchinson Minnesota and belong to the Little Crow Archery Club in Hutchinson. They were set up in the blind early. Cardi was shooting a Ravin R10 with a Garmin Range finding Scope that they borrowed from a friend. This was the first time that Cardi had been at the Camp Ripley Youth Hunt, and she was really excited as well as nervous. After about an hour they spotted a decent Buck about 40 yards out. Cardi took the shot with the Ravin crossbow and nailed him, he went about 75 yards. Not 2 minutes later a doe came by at about 52 yards. Cardi was still quite worked from downing the Buck, but she calmed down and took the shot at the Doe and hit her square. After waiting about 45 anxious minutes the pair started out after both of the deer. These folks are the ones behind the "Bucks and Bales" Podcasts where they promote Target Shooting and Hunting. If you haven't seen these podcasts they have done, you should. I saw great footage of Cardi walking up to recover her Buck, but the Doe was a different matter. This is an example of sticking with a shot deer until you find it. It was finally found by Cardi 7 hours later about a ½ mile away! They had lost the blood trail with Dad placing sheets of toilet paper every step of the way. They then turned to the volunteers for help in tracking and Mike Cairns from MDHA stepped in to help and they started a grid search, with Cardi finally spotting the Doe and recovering her. There are several firsts here. Cardi is 13 ½, she is the first Youth hunter to harvest 2 deer in a day, much less within 2 minutes. It was as mentioned before Cardi's first time at the youth hunt and her first deer kill. Congratulations Cardi and Ziggy (Greg).

The third youth hunter to harvest a Deer at the hunt was Aidan VanVleet. Aidan's story is a little bit different from Jake and Cardi. Aidan shot his deer close to the end of the hunting day. He and his uncle who mentored him the first day tracked it for a little while but then lost blood and called for help. Unable to reach Roger or Jan they called range control and were told that they would have to wait until the next morning to track. Now, as many of us know, Camp Ripley does have a pack or 2 of wolves among other predatory wildlife. On Sunday morning Aidan and his Dad, who came to mentor the second day, a call was made to a group of fine trackers, the Fitzpatrick's. Aidan and his dad waited for the Fitzpatrick's to meet up with them at Hunt headquarters for assistance in tracking. Mike, Hailey and Mikayla were set to help. Using all of the pins that the uncle had marked on their GPS. The trackers tried to set up the shot and the direction that the deer went. After several hours of tracking and finding very small amounts of blood the nice Doe was found.

All in all the Youth Hunt was a success, when talking to many of the hunters as they were leaving most saw deer as well as other animals that they would not normally see and they all left with smiles, thanks and saying they are definitely going to apply next year and recommend the hunt to their archery hunting friends. For the weekend there were 20 hunters afield, they harvested 4 nice deer with a success rate of 20% for the harvest, but from this volunteer's perspective it was a 100% success. We got young people out in the woods, they made memories with someone important to them and had fun.



Jake & his Dad with his nine point buck



Cardi & her buck



Cardi with her buck & Dad



Aidan & his doe



Aidan with his doe & Dad

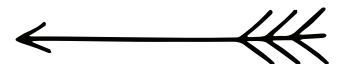
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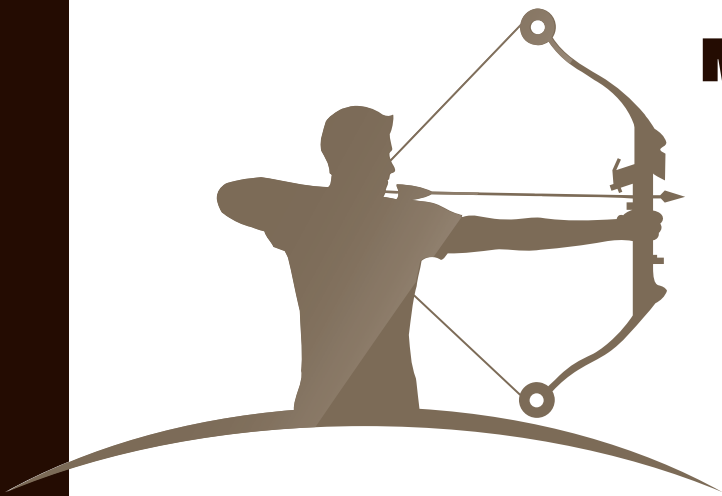
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MSAA 2025 STATE INDOOR

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

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REGIONAL SITES 2025 JANUARY 11 & 12

Saratoga Archery: Sat-Sun, 9am-2pm

JANUARY 18 & 19

BWANA: Sat-Sun 10am-2pm

Duluth Archery: Sat 9am, 12pm, 3pm
Sun 9am, 12pm

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JANUARY 25 & 26

Beaver Creek: Sat-Sun 9am-2pm

Bemidji Archery: Sat-Sun 9am, 12pm, 3pm

Hibbing Archery: Sat-Sun 9am, 12pm, 3pm

Lakehead Archers: Sat-Sun 1pm

Little Crow Archers: Sat-Sun 9am-3pm

FEBRUARY 1 & 2

Faribault Archery: Sat 9am, 12:30pm
Sun 10am

Southwest BowBenders: Sat-Sun 9am-2pm

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DNR Launches 3-year deer research project in Northeastern Minnesota

CONTENT BY OUTDOOR NEWS – Writer, Brian Mozey

St. Paul — The Minnesota DNR is starting a three-year research project to study whitetail populations in the northeastern part of the state. The project will use trail cameras on public and private land to determine deer density in specific areas.

The deer permit areas (DPAs) included in the study are 169, 176, 177, 178, 197, and 679, and they're located in Cass, Beltrami, Itasca, Hubbard, and St. Louis counties. This month, the DNR will reach out to private landowners to request access to their property to set up trail cameras.

The purpose of this project is to gather information on deer populations, which have decreased in the region in recent years.

Eric Michel, DNR lead researcher, said the DNR relies heavily on hunter harvest data to model deer populations. This project aims to provide additional metrics to improve understanding of the region. "Monitoring deer up in the northeastern part of the state, we don't have a lot of different ways to do that," Michel said. "So, that's kind of where we started is 'What can we use to better estimate deer densities and actually track those changes across time?'"

Michel added that the DNR conducted two feasibility studies in 2021 and 2023, focusing solely on public lands. This time, the project will use 20 trail cameras on public land and 20 on private land to gain a comprehensive perspective.

The DNR will send letters to private landowners in these DPAs this month to seek permission to use their land for research. The cameras will take photos every five minutes from July to September, and will be removed before the archery season begins.

Cameras will be placed in different locations each year to collect diverse data on deer populations.

"The second part of this project is actually comparing deer density between private and public lands," Michel said. "Area managers have had conversations about there potentially being higher deer densities on private lands. People are managing specifically for deer hunting and that would make sense, but we don't have any information to really inform that."

The DNR will use machine learning and artificial intelligence programs to analyze the thousands of photos collected. Michel noted that these programs were successfully used in the previous feasibility studies.

The project will cost \$142,000 over three years, and the DNR budget is funding it without external grants. Final results and analysis will be available in 2027.

Michel acknowledged discussions about wolves in the northeast, but emphasized that the project focuses on deer populations. The team will note all animals observed in the photos.

During the project, Michel is not requesting public assistance beyond private landowners allowing trail cameras on their property. The DNR aims to maintain consistency and accuracy in data collection by using its own cameras exclusively.

"Unfortunately, we can't really collaborate with people and just grab photos from their cameras that they have out on their properties," Michel said. "But, if they get a letter and they're willing to work with us, it'd be great to have access to their property and be able to put out a camera."

Landowners can contact Eric Michel at eric.michel@state.mn.us if they have questions about the project.



Eric Michel, Minnesota DNR lead researcher, is coordinating a deer study project in the northeast part of Minnesota. The project will employ 20 trail cameras on public lands and 20 cameras on private lands to determine deer densities for future population trends and potential harvest regulations. The project is just starting now and will end in 2027. (Photo courtesy of Eric Michel)



Minnesota archers set to learn (non) winter's effects on whitetails

CONTENT BY OUTDOOR NEWS

Writer, Natalie Ryder

Minnesota wildlife officials say the past mild winter may be noticeable for archers in some areas of the state, as deer survival increased. (Stock photo)

St. Paul — As Minnesota kicked off its first archery season allowing crossbow use for all last year, it didn't lead to an increased harvest — a concern of some leading up to the season.

"I've been looking at several things based on harvest — archery harvest, crossbow harvest — and there isn't really anything that drastically stands out just as a result of crossbow harvest," said Todd Froberg, DNR big-game program coordinator.

However, last season's deer harvest was lower overall than recent years, hovering around 160,000 with about 24,000 harvested by archers making it a less-than-ideal year to set a baseline for crossbow usage, he said.

Aside from 2020, an outlier that yielded around 28,000 deer from archers, the average number of deer that archers harvest has been about 24,000 since 2019.

"I would expect that just based off the mild winter, that harvest would slightly increase. I wouldn't expect it to decrease, but I've been surprised before," Froberg said. "I would think we're going to have a pretty good season."

Last year's poor deer harvest was exacerbated by poor weather and low deer densities, so according to Froberg, this year is shaping up to at least be better than 2023.

"In general, I would think it is going to be a pretty decent archery season. Probably, maybe even a little bit better than last year. I guess I would kind of expect our harvest to probably increase slightly," Froberg said.

He encourages hunters to try the DNR's revamped interactive deer map online or use other scouting online resources to seek out permit areas that have higher deer populations.

The DNR's software allows hunters to see hunter success rates, the approximate hunters per square mile in a DPA, what last year's harvest looked like, and prior years' winter severity. "We've made a lot of changes recently just to make them more useful, more hunter-friendly," Froberg said.

Steady hunter numbers

Some areas that might bring a hunter success include the central transition zone, where the agricultural landscape is changing to woods, and some northwestern or southeastern pockets. Froberg added that the southwestern part of the state could be an area for successful hunts as its deer population grows.

Unlike firearms licenses that have continually declined for the past several years, archery licenses remain relatively steady, hovering just above the 100,000 mark.

"It's stayed pretty steady," Froberg said. "People are taking the opportunity to get in the woods outside of the orange army when it's a lot busier during the firearms season. You have a longer season, more opportunity, more natural deer movement. Those are the things that the archers enjoy."

Crossbows

Based on harvest data from last year, Froberg said he saw a spike in youth and female hunters harvesting deer. Although it's not easy to show that's a direct connection to crossbow use, it's possible that the regulation change allowed archery to be more accessible.

"It's pretty clear and not super surprising. It's just easier to pull a crossbow back or meet the required poundage to shoot a deer," Froberg said.

That's a trend that Wade Grinager, a manager at Archery Country's Rogers location, noticed last year with a general uptick in crossbow sales plus increased youth and female interest. "Last year was just off the charts. Our ordering numbers were crazy because we couldn't keep them on the shelves," Grinager said.

He also suspects that crossbows just made archery hunting a quicker, more viable option for casual, youth, and female hunters.

"It opened the door for people. Time is money, so they don't have a lot of time for preparations and a crossbow is very similar to a firearm as far as ... very little maintenance. You don't have to prepare in the off-season like you do with a standard bow," Grinager said.

While it was only the first season with crossbow use last year, a trend that Froberg will keep his eye on is crossbow use increasing as the colder months come to Minnesota.

"It's easier to use a crossbow later in the season when deer are weary, you've got more clothes on, and it's cold and it's hard to pull a vertical bow back," Froberg said.

The DNR plans to offer a survey to archers at the end of the season to observe trends of crossbow use across the state in its second year of regulation change.

CWD testing

Hunters should check the chronic wasting disease requirements and available sampling options for the deer permit areas where they hunt, according to a DNR news release. Hunters can find DPA-specific information by visiting the make a plan tool.

In CWD management and surveillance zones, all hunters, including archery hunters, are required to have deer one year old or older sampled for CWD if they harvest it during the opening weekend of the firearms A season.

During the rest of season, CWD sampling is optional. In areas outside of CWD management and surveillance zones, CWD sampling is optional all season.

Multiple sampling options are available, with details on the Minnesota DNR website.



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Ron Carlson



Ron started shooting in 1953 while still in high school. He was involved in all facets Of the sport, shooting, hunting, business and administration. He successfully lobbied to make release aids legal in the field of hunting and numerous other areas that helped the sport of bowhunting.

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Sole proprietor of Ron's Archery
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1965 - 1966 N.F.A.A.
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The following pages contain suggested changes to the
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You are welcome to attend the yearly policy meeting on

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Come to the meeting and voice your thoughts.



Minnesota State Archery Association Proposed Policy Changes 2024

Proposed changes to the Constitution

Alcohol policy for all events

- The current Constitution reads:
Under MSAA Field Championship Tournament Handbook
Under General Rules-
 - No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the shooting course or practice areas.
Under Bowfishing
 - Under Registration- No alcoholic beverages to be consumed by team members during tournament.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to strike the current policy under the Field and Bowfishing section of the constitution.

Proposal to change the constitution to a general blanket policy:

First reading, June 7, 2024: No alcoholic beverages, cannabis or controlled substance (drugs) may be carried or consumed on any range or practice area during shooting hours at any MSAA sanctioned or owned tournament. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified and not allowed to complete the tournament.

The MSAA State 3D Rules

- The current MSAA State 3D Rules can be found on pages 48 and 49 of the Constitution. The proposal was made to update the State 3D rule to bring them up to date and be consistent.

Proposal to change the MSAA State 3D Rules, first reading, September 22, 2024:

MSAA STATE 3-D CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

This is normally a two-day tournament, however, it may be a one-day event at the option of the host club.

Clubs wishing to host this event will, through the cooperation of their Governor, submit a bid at the annual policy meeting. Any intent to hold a one-day event should be already spelled out in the bid. The host club will then be selected by secret vote at the Policy Committee Meeting. In a two-day event, a contestant will enter only one score and this must be from the first round shot. Any contestant may shoot a second round for practice but must pay a second shooting fee.



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A host club will provide at least 30 acceptable 3-D targets of its own for the 3-D Championship.

The MSAA Bowhunter VP and the Governor from the host club area will co-chair the tournament and will inspect the range for any safety hazards and shot placement. The Bowhunter VP will have the ability to make any changes to target placement, as he deems necessary.

I. REGISTRATION

A. On a two-day shoot, registration will be from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday and from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday. On a one-day shoot, registration will be from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. members of the host club will handle Registration. Shooting may begin as soon as a group has completed registration. If the host club so desires, it may have a shotgun start.

B. A contestant must be a MSAA member to qualify for awards.

C. Non-members may join at the time of registration and qualify for awards; however, they must do so before shooting. A new membership purchased at this time will be valid through the remainder of the year, plus the following calendar year.

D. There shall be one non-competitive guest division for males and females that will make no distinction with regard to the age of the participant. Guests are not required to be MSAA members but must pay regular tournament fees and late fees if applicable. The guest division shall not be eligible for MSAA awards and results, if published, shall be listed separate from competitive division results.

E. MSAA Tournament Fees apply (1/08/05)

F. All fees collected shall be sent to the MSAA. The MSAA and the host club shall split evenly all registration proceeds.

G. By mutual agreement between the co-chairperson and the President of the host club, the MSAA will pay up to \$15.00 in mailing expense for additional publicity to clubs mailing list. This will be done in the prospect of exposing the MSAA to more archers and potential MSAA members.

H. No less than 3 or more than 6 shooters in a group and the make-up of the group shall be at the discretion of the host club.

II. CONCESSIONS

A. The host club will handle any concessions, and proceeds from concessions and novelty shoots, such as running deer, etc., will go to the host club.

III. TARGETS

A. Shall be provided by the Host club (1/08/05).

IV. SCORING

A. The MSAA BOWHUNTER VP and the Governor for the host club shall determine scoring.



Minnesota State Archery Association

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a) 12 ring scoring is encouraged

B. MSAA Protest Policy applies (1/08/05).

V. TROPHIES

A. The Awards Chairperson will order all of the trophies for the 3-D Championship.

B. The MSAA will pay for all trophies.

C. Awards will be given out according to the MSAA's Awards Policy.

D. The Co-Chairperson will assist in the distribution of the awards.

E. Divisions with more than 30 shooters will be divided in half and flighted.

F. The 3-D Championship will have a challenge stake; Open Shooters are required to shoot from this stake. The same stake will be used for all adults, male and female, although separate male and female divisions will exist.

VI. EQUIPMENT

A. Broadheads will not be used.

B. Optical range finders will be allowed in the field.

C. Equipment rules shall be included in advertising flyers.

D. No minimum weight limit for youth and cub.

E. MSAA division and class rules will apply.

F. Binoculars will be legal for this event.

VII. DISTANCES AND STAKES

A. Stakes for the 3-D Championship shall be as follows (+/- 5%):

a) Junior cub, all classes – maximum of 20 yards

b) Cubs, all classes, /Youth, traditional, recurve barebow, compound barebow – maximum of 25 yards

c) Youth, all classes except as listed above/Young adult, traditional, recurve barebow, compound barebow, Adult, Traditional, recurve barebow, compound barebow – maximum of 40 yards

c) Young Adult, all classes except as listed above/Adult, all classes except as listed above – maximum of 50 yards

d) Open – maximum of 60 yards

B. Colors of the shooting stakes will be at the discretion of the host club and will be communicated to the shooter prior to entering the course.

MEETING MINUTES

from September 22, 2024

Attending: Paul Parsons, Leann Boes, Lori Dargatz, Bruce Strum, Joe Zimmerman, Roger Ekert, John Steinle,

Minutes from last meeting: Bruce moved to approve the minutes from June 7, 2024, and Leann seconded, all ayes.

President's Report:

- Working on his To-Do list, finished by the policy meeting in December
- Updating governors list with territories
- Potential new club opening southwest of the Twin Cities, they are looking to join the MSAA

Secretary's Report:

- Working to streamline packets for regional hosts

Treasurer's Report:

- Approval: Roger moved to approve the treasure report and John seconded, all ayes.
- The CD comes due this weekend, on 09/23 the new rates for the next investment will be known. The board agreed at the last meeting to reinvest the \$25,000 and all the interest earned from the investment.

Indoor VP's Report:

- Emailed all of last years regional sites, heard back from six of them so far to see if they are interested in hosting a regional weekend again and there will be a forth weekend option.

Outdoor VP: Not present.

Bow Hunter VP: Not present, cross bow survey results at the policy meeting.

Records Chair: Not present, Leann gave update.

- Records ready to be sent out now that scores are all updated
- Will work on the Grand Champion list

Webmaster Chair:

- The crossbow survey was sent out, a reminder was sent, and one last reminder will go out
- Mobile app. \$105.00 for renewal
- Meta analytics Aug.4-Sept. 21, 2567 followers, 2232 Facebook likes
- Going forward, Eventbrite will not be charging to publish events due to customer feedback.

Arrow Editor: Not present.

Governor At Large: Getting ready for the youth hunt at Camp Ripley, approx. fifty kids are registered.

Awards Chair: Not present.

Promotion Chair: NA

Audit Committee: Nothing new to report.

Tournament Committee: Paul, Leann, Todd, Mark

Old Business:

- **Alexandria Tech**
 - Paul continues to communication with Coach Dan.
- **Cross bow survey update; Mark**
 - Out to members, results at the policy meeting in December.
- **Financial audit progression**
 - Leann and Mark completed their audit and passed it on to Todd to complete the audit, results by the policy meeting in December.
- **Progress on research for speaker system and clock; Paul and Leann**
 - Leann found one on Amazon, Paul will visit a music store in Wilmer to see what they have as well.
 - Clocks, still looking
 - Decision by the policy meeting

New Business:

- Updated 3D shoot rules to bring them up to date and consistent, sent out to board member to review for changes.
 - Leann suggested for Section 7, the content stay the same, but the format be changed to make it more user friendly.
 - First reading of the MSAA State 3-D rule changes; John motioned to accept the first reading and Roger seconded, all ayes.
- Leann is reaching out to clubs and pro shops for regional dates and the addition of one other weekend.
- Shoot packets for Regionals. Lori and Leann are putting the packets together to bring to the policy meeting for attendees, the rest will be mailed out the following week.
- Computer for the secretary; Roger moved that the secretary could buy a new computer up to 1000.00, Leann seconded, all ayes.

Other:

- Scholarships from the MSAA, June 15th is the deadline to apply.
- Discussion; reimbursement from the MSAA for clubs to send shoot info to Indoor VP or the Secretary depending on the shoot.

7:58pm- Leann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded, all ayes.

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9am at the Triple R Bar and Grill in Kimbal, MN

MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT THE MINNESOTA STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION Big Game Award Submission Form

We want to know about your Big Game!

The MSAA is made up of a significant number of people that actively hunt big game with archery equipment. It is appropriate to recognize the successful harvest of Minnesota's big game species by our membership. This award was once presented in the 80's and 90's and somehow faded due to a lack of animals being presented for scoring. The MSAA currently has two Pope and Young officials in the membership. The task of getting animals scored and winners declared will be much simpler now. The main rationale of resurrecting these awards is to create interest in and attract more memberships to the organization. The entrants for these awards must be members of the MSAA prior to the harvesting of either big game species. Below find some specific criteria proposed for these awards.

1. Applicants for the award must be a member of the MSAA prior to harvesting the animal.
2. The deer or bear must be harvested in Minnesota during the current season.
3. In the event of typical or non-typical deer being entered, whichever animal exceeds their minimum score by the most inches will be declared the winner. In the event of any ties, two awards will be presented.
4. Animals to be entered must have a 60 day drying period after harvest to allow for shrinkage.
5. It is incumbent upon the member to get their antlers or skull to one of our measurers or any official Pope and Young or Boone and Crockett measurer for documenting an official score.
6. It is assumed that contestants will get their animal to an official scorer by March 1st so winners can be determined for the awards banquet at the State Indoor.
7. The entry shall follow the Pope and Young Club's rules of harvest. The animal must be the first male animal of that species taken by the archer in that season. No party hunting or cross tagging of these animals is allowed. Rules of fair chase must be observed by contestants.
8. An award with appropriate wording to acknowledge the entries significance will be given to the archer. Species, year and archer.

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Rylan	Carsella	CMBHFS	274	868	622	247	246	278	246	2781
Luke	Strand	CMFS	185	591	219	173	147	199	123	1637
Dar	Arndt	GMBHFS	283	793	565	244	244	259	241	2629
Ralph	Traut	GMFS	291	816	586	250	258	277	276	2754
Taylor	Given	MBHFS	299	877	663	265	268	283	327	2982
Taylor	Given	MFS	300	881	668	270	271	287	328	3005
Jesse	Given	MFSOpen	300	876	666	274	277	288	302	2983
Michael	Gangestad	MMBH	300	870	627	270	272	283	320	2942
Tom	Boes	MNAABB	244	687	389	190	183	252	242	2187
Clinton	Christensen	MTRAD	217	550	250	130	136	172	176	1631
Lori	Dargatz	SFFS	289	807	567	242	243	275	276	2699
Steve	Schultz	SMBHFS	299	838	641	260	253	282	287	2860
David	Rupe	SMFS	299	867	663	263	266	285	280	2923
Carolyn	Kiefer	SSFFS	277	812	578	242	246	274	223	2652
Steve	Jaranson	SSMBHFS	299	858	647	265	253	278	288	2888
Brian	Pelzer	SSMFS	300	860	630	263	263	286	309	2911
Joseph	Pfannenstein	SSMFSL	265	787	491	225	230	269	220	2487
Henley	Carsella	YFBHFS	238	723	437	190	191	257	244	2280