



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR THE BLACK SHEEP BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB

MEETINGS: Membership meetings are held at the indoor range the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. There are no meetings during the months of June, July and August. Attendance is encouraged, as it is always helpful to get new ideas.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is produced monthly and distributed by US mail or electronic mail based on the member's preference. It is sent out after the 15th of the month and contains a letter from the President, the meeting minutes, range master reports, the current month's and next month's indoor range combination, and schedule of events. It is also available to post member notices. The newsletter is also posted at the indoor range and on the website without the combination.

WEBSITE: The Black Sheep Bowmen's website is www.blacksheeparchery.com. Information about the officers, range locations, upcoming events, tournament results, photos, archery links, and basic club information is available.

BASE PASSES: A annual pass to access the indoor range and outdoor range can be obtained at the Boniface gate. Non military members are currently NOT required to obtain a general person back ground check, but this may change at any time without notice. Present the following documents at the Boniface gate visitor center Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm: your vehicle registration, driver's license, and proof of vehicle insurance. You will receive an ID card and a vehicle pass which will allow you access until your membership expires. This pass does not cover non military guests to access the base with you. The hours that you may be on the base are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm daily.

INDOOR RANGE: The indoor range is located at 7271 Gibson. We are located in the North East corner of the building. We have our own entrance. The range is marked at yardages of 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40. It is also possible to shoot from 50 yards. We do not have running water available, so there is an outhouse located outside the front door for use by our members.

DOOR COMBINATION: The combination to the range is provided to you when you become a member. It is changed monthly after the conclusion of the monthly meeting. The current month's combination and the next month's combination are

provided in the Secretary / Treasurer section of the monthly newsletter. This is what you pay your membership for. DO NOT give it to anyone else. If someone asks you to give it to them, have them contact one of the officers.

LEAGUES: A hunter / fun league is usually held on Tuesday nights beginning in November and running through March. It starts at 7:00 pm and the cost is \$6.00 per night. It involves shooting at various targets both paper and 3D from different ranges and positions. A target league is held on Thursday nights beginning in November and running through March. We alternate the target faces that are used. We shoot from 20 yards at the NFAA five spot or single spot target. The Vegas target and the FITA target with FITA scoring is shot from a distance of 19 meters. The total possible score each night is 300 points. Additional shoots may be held and will be posted in the newsletter. We usually have a fun shoot and a potluck for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas.

TOURNAMENTS: The Alaska State Indoor shoot may be hosted by the club in late January or early February and the Northwest Sectional indoor shoot is hosted in March. These are both the NFAA five spot or single spot target shot at 20 yards. They are each two day shoots with a possible point total of 600.

RANGE RULES:

1. **Safety is always first.**
2. **Sign in before you shoot.**
3. **No alcohol, smoking, or tobacco products of any kind allowed.**
4. **Field points only, no broad heads, blunts, or judo points.**
5. **No uncontrolled children.**
6. **Guests must be with an active member.**
7. **Do not advance until an all clear signal is given.**
8. **Cleanup after yourself. Replace all equipment, arrow tubes, and chairs. Pull your targets.**
9. **Report any unsafe acts or conditions to any club officer.**
10. **Please be courteous! Limit the time it takes you to shoot. Try to be considerate of other shooters on the range. Refrain from loud noises, shouting and profanity.**
11. **No pets.**

GUESTS: You may bring a guest with you no more than 3 times. After that, they need to become a member to continue using the ranges. This guest limit does not apply to shoots that the guest pays for and participates in.

CONCESSIONS: Sodas, water, candy bars, chips, and popcorn are available in the storage room. These are only available when an officer or a range master is there to unlock the door. These items are available at all scheduled shoots, but may be limited during other hours based on availability of a range master or officer. The money jar is located in the refrigerator and is based on an honor system. Please pay for what you take or the service will not continue to be offered. There is a microwave available for use in the front room.

TARGETS: Targets are available for purchase and are also in the storage room. They may be purchased if an officer or range master is available to open the storage room. Prices are posted on the shelf and a money jar is there to put the money in.

SHIRTS, HATS, & PINS: Shirts, hats, and pins with the Black Sheep logo are available for purchase. We also have recurve and compound bow pins that can be purchased. They are kept in the office and can be purchased when a range master or officer is present.

TV / VCR: The TV is available in the front room mainly for viewing of VCRs. It is not connected to an antennae or TV cable. It is a good way to entertain children while you are shooting.

BRAGGING BOARD: If you kill an animal with a bow, we encourage you to post the picture of your successful hunt. Those posting pictures will receive a pewter pin the first time you kill an animal. You will need to attend a monthly meeting to receive your pin.

FOR SALE BOARD: If you wish to post a for sale notice there is a bulletin board identified for those notices. You may also use the bulletin board if you are looking for an item to purchase. Notices will be removed after 30 days. Items can also be sent to the secretary / treasurer for posting in the newsletter.

EQUIPMENT: There is a variety of equipment that is available for checking out, for a three day time period, for use to members. This includes the arrow fletcher, metal detector, and a broad head target. Make arrangements with an indoor range master or club officer to use this equipment. You will also need to make arrangements with a range master or club officer to return the equipment. Other equipment provided at the range includes bow presses, string jig, arrow cut off saw, chronograph, arrow scale, paper tuner, rolling target butt, bow vice, arrow straightener, and bow rack. These items are not to be used for personal gain.

VIDEO TAPE CHECK OUT: There are a variety of archery tapes available for check out to members. These include the shooting school tapes, arrow seminar, professional string making, 1 Cam vs 2 Cam Bows, and target panic. Make arrangements with the indoor range masters or a club officer to check out the videos. The videos may be returned by dropping them in the slot in the office door.

OUTDOOR RANGE / 3D SHOOTS: The outdoor range and 3D course is located on the north side of 6 mile lake. 3D shoots are held the first Sunday of the month from September through May. The normal course consists of a loop of 15 to 20 targets that are shot in the morning, a break is taken for lunch, and a second loop of targets is shot in the afternoon. A work party is held the day before each shoot to set up the range. Lunch is available for purchase at the shoot. Award pins are given for the first three places in each division. No awards are given out until all the targets have been brought in. Anyone eligible for an award who leaves early, will not receive their award. Scores are posted in the next newsletter. Additional shoots may be held and will be posted in the newsletter.

CHILDREN: All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Young children must be supervised at all time. There is no running around allowed and if children become disruptive, you will be asked to leave.

PETS: No pets are allowed at the indoor or the outdoor ranges. Please leave your pets at home.

WORK PARTIES: Work parties are a way to receive a discount on the membership dues. If you elected this type of membership, you have the full year to complete your work party commitment. You will receive a notice after 6 months if your work parties are not complete so that you will have sufficient time to complete them before your membership expires. If your membership expires without your work parties being completed, you will be required to renew at the full non work party rate. You are required to complete 2 work parties. Full work party credit includes setting up for the 3D shoots, assisting at the archery range during the Sportmen's Show, being a scorer, caller or a judge at the state or sectional indoor tournament. A half work party credit is given for the monthly indoor range work parties. Range master have the ability to give full credit by notifying the secretary / treasurer if the work completed justifies it.

INSURANCE: We are insured through Sadler Insurance Company. As a club member, you have this coverage. The certificate of insurance is posted at the indoor range. If you need to file a claim, contact the secretary / treasurer for a claim form. If you participate in any club sponsored shoot, you will be required to complete a waiver and release of liability. This form needs to only be completed once annually.

YOUTH PROGRAM: The Black Sheep provide instruction to youth through the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). Watch the newsletter for the next available class. The program usually runs for 6 to 8 weeks and covers safety, equipment, and shooting instruction. Future programs will allow for competition and achievement of awards.

ADULT LESSONS: Many club members are anxious to help those that need assistance with archery. We do not currently have any adult classes scheduled, but watch the newsletter for future opportunities. You can receive individual instruction by contacting one of the officers for names of archers who would be willing to work with you.

BOW HUNTER CERTIFICATION: The club usually conducts the bowhunter education course and archery proficiency test necessary to receive a bowhunter certification in the spring. This certification allows you to apply for special archery drawing permit hunts. Watch the website and the newsletter for dates of the class.

WELCOME TO THE BLACK SHEEP BOWMEN AND GOOD SHOOTING!!