



# **AANS Winter Newsletter**

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## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

*64 Creighton Road, Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia*

November 20, 2016

There were 30 directors and representatives present.

1. Paul Robicheau called the meeting to order at 10:10am and welcomed everyone. Robicheau asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. Robicheau welcomed a motion stating the previous BoD minutes had been approved. Chad Harpell moved that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting November 15, 2015 had been reviewed. Paul Stinton seconded. Motion carried.
3. Bill Currie comments that Clubs should be responsible for ensuring criminal record/vulnerable sector checks are on file for Club coaches etc. Chad Harpell motions, Paul Stinson seconds. Motion carried.
  - 3.1. Tracking record for guest/short term participants was distributed to all Club representatives present. Records to be brought to next AGM for annual storage. Robicheau recommends Clubs charge extra for non-members for posted shoots. Gary Oickle motions this \$5 increase for non-members should be uniform across the province to allow non-members to participate. Gerry Sheehan seconds. All in favour, no contra minded. Motion carried.
4. Robicheau, interim President, confirms all present has reviewed submitted Director reports. Sherri Robicheau motions to accept reports. Seconded by Kim McGarvey. Motion carried.
5. Jeff Cox motions to accept all Club reports. Chad Harpell seconds. All in favour, no contra minded. Motion carried.
6. New Buisiness
  - 6.1. Changes to AANS By-laws concerning association members presented. Mike Halfpenney motions to accept. Seconded by Bill Currie. Motion carried.
  - 6.2. 2018 Canadian National Archery Championships will be held in Truro, with St. Mary's as the host club. Sheehan comments all Clubs to support St. Mary's to ensure a successful event. Dewayne Publicover motions, seconded by Paul Stinton.
  - 6.3. Shoot schedule updated/posted to website. Musquodoboit selected third Sunday in July as their new fixed date; consensus for Greenwood to hold 3D shoot July 9, 2017 as a one-time event (conflicts with TAANS' Traditional 3D shoot)
  - 6.4. Club Judge and Range Saftely Officer training courses available on line; Clubs to encourage coaches to complete training and become certified. Ken Saulnier is the only current Provincial Judge and Coordinator; more required for 2018 National's. Course information will be cascaded to Clubs when facility available.

- 6.5. Other Business
- 6.5.1. National Archery in the Schools Program Conference (US) attended by Greg Wile (2015), Jonathan MacKenzie (2016). Clubs need to strengthen partnership with local schools; teacher certificate upgrade (BAI/NASP/BAIT) to ensure sustainability for youth participation. Program for Grade 5-12.
- 6.5.2. Chad Harpell requests funds from AANS for installation of backboard for events. Gerry Sheehan motions. Dewayne Publicover seconds. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer, VP 3D and VP High Performance are elected in even years. President is interim and therefore will be elected (one-year term) and in odd years with Secretary and VP Target. However, noted in VP Target report, Bette Burton is resigning her position. BANS appoints Director of Bowhunting to the executive.
- 7.2. Treasurer: reoffered by Nicole Theriault. Asked three times. No other nominations. Congratulations Nicole.
- 7.3. VP 3D: Sherri Robicheau nominated by Jonathan MacKenzie. Sherri accepts. Asked three times. No other nominations. Congratulations Sherri.
- 7.4. VP High Performance: Jason March nominated by Bette Burton. March declined. Bruce Graves nominated by Jonathan MacKenzie. Graves accepts. Asked three times, no other nominations. Congratulations Bruce.
- 7.5. VP Target: Jason March nominated by Bette Burton. March accepts interim nomination. Asked three times, no other nominees. Congratulations Jason.
- 7.6. President: Paul Robicheau is nominated by Jonathan MacKenzie. Paul accepts. Asked three times, no other nominations. Congratulations Paul.
- 7.7. BANS appoints Paul Stinton as Director of Bowhunting. Congratulations Paul.
8. Motion to adjourn by Jonathan MacKenzie at 2:35pm. Seconded by Publicover. Motion carried. Paul thanked everyone for attending.

## Presidents Report

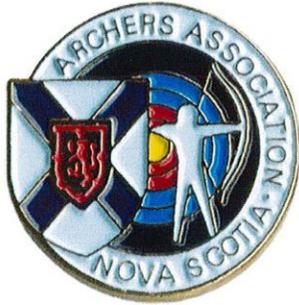
Over a 10 month period, we have had the position of President turn over three times. A lack of steady and consistent leadership has caused a breakdown in the day to day running of our organization. For less than three months, I have been the Interim President and with the help of the membership and the board, things are slowly coming together. I will say that the learning curve for the President position has been and continues to be extremely steep. Luckily I have been able to call upon Past President Bill Currie and our Administrative Coordinator Ryan Francis for assistance in forging these unfamiliar waters. Thank you, Bill and Ryan!

Adding to the challenges faced, was the recent resignation of our Vice President of High Performance. AANS has made a commitment to Sport Nova Scotia with our High Performance Plan to develop an under 21 Team Nova Scotia. This endeavor is being funded by Support4Sport through Sport Nova Scotia, as long as we continue to meet or exceed the goals and deadlines that are outlined in the AANS High Performance Plan. The plan is reviewed yearly by funding partners so it is important this remains a priority. Thankfully, Jason March has been willing to step forward and Chair the High Performance Committee. With Jason at the helm, the Committee has been rectifying the deficiencies in our High Performance program. Jason and committee members Bruce Graves and Nicole Poirier should be commended for enabling AANS to meet all of our High Performance Plan requirements in such a short period of time.

Though AANS has a number of obstacles to overcome in the near and far future, the largest in front of us at this time is hosting the 2018 Canadian Championships. There are some who believe we should inform Archery Canada that Nova Scotia is not able to host the Championships and ask that another province be given the opportunity. The deadline for that was passed a few months ago. According to the Championship Host Policies of Archery Canada, AANS is now committed to hosting the 2018 Canadian Championships. We must push forward and prove to the entire country that Nova Scotia is again able to throw a world class archery championship. This is an incredible opportunity for our organization. There are so many positives for AANS and the archery community of Nova Scotia. Over the coming months, I will be asking for a lot from all the archers of the province. There is a multitude of work to be done and in a very short time period.

I hope, that I and AANS, can continue to rely upon the commitment and dedication that our membership has shown and proven time and time again.

Paul Robicheau  
Interim President  
Archers Association of Nova Scotia



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2016/11/16

### Treasurer's Year End Report

Our fiscal year ends August 31. On August 31, 2015 our end month account balance was \$26,622.44. Cash flow for the period September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 was: Income \$56181.13, expenditures \$32016.66 with a net surplus of \$24,164.47. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 our month end balance was \$50,786.91. A summary of incomes and expenditures are attached.

Sincerely,

Nicole Theriault  
Treasurer



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
Archers Association of Nova Scotia

(society name)  
for the fiscal period

2015/09/01 to 2016/08/31

(yyyy/mm/dd)

**Income**

AC top athlete travel	782.30
advertising, sponsorship, sales income	600.00
Athelete Travel Fund	400.00
Bank Charge Reversal	55.80
Coach Development Program	1,750.00
Coaching course registration	2,250.00
Funding	5,827.65
Membership Dues Club	1,360.00
Membership Dues Family	7,297.00
Membership Dues Single	8,740.00
NASP Archery Equipment Payment	446.05
NASP BAI	2,778.45
NASP BAI course 2015 Registrations	100.00
NASP Conference USA	1,178.88
Other Inc	115.00
PNS - Block Funding	10,000.00
SNS Support4Sport Participation Develop	5,000.00
SNS Support4Sport Performance Pathway	7,500.00

**A. Total income**

**56,181.13**

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR

Archers Association of Nova Scotia

(society name)

for the fiscal period

2015/09/01 to 2016/08/31

(yyyy/mm/dd)

Expenditures

Archery Canada membership dues	11,438.00
Archery Canada Tournament Registrations	705.00
Bank Charge	47.65
Coaching course expenses	2,899.41
Exec, BoD & AG Meeting Expenses	1,647.49
Learning Facilitators Training	2,656.71
Misc.	509.00
NASP BAI course	719.81
NASP Provincials	1,022.17
Operating Expenses	6,527.78
Public Relations, Program Promotion	1,672.85
Support4Sport NASP 2015	344.28
Support4Sport participation development	1,761.01
Website	65.50
<b>B. Total Expenditures</b>	<b>32,016.66</b>
<b>C. Net Surplus or (Deficit) (A - B = C)</b>	<b>24,164.47</b>
<b>D. Surplus or (Deficit), beginning of year</b>	<b>26,622.44</b>
<b>E. Surplus or (Deficit), end of year (C + D = E)</b>	<b>50,786.91</b>

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## **2016 Annual Target Report**

There have been a number of positive things happening in target archery in 2016. This year's Outdoor Target Provincials held at St. Mary's Archers of Truro was a great success and saw the largest turnout at a target tournament in the province for a number of years. There were 18 participants from Nova Scotia and one from PEI (2014 – 7 participants from NS & 7 from PEI; 2015 – 6 NS participants & one from NB). While this may not seem like a large number, it is a step in the right direction. It was great to see a number of 3D archers participating and I hope to see more next year!

While this tournament was a success, unfortunately, there were very few outdoor (720 Round) tournaments on the 2016 shoot schedule. The first Field event of the year was cancelled due to wet conditions and one 720 Round had to be cancelled due to extremely low registration numbers. The province has a very low number of competitive Target archers. I'm told that some clubs have a number of youth who shoot but aren't at a competitive level. I encourage clubs and coaches to host fun/non-competitive tournaments to help their youth gain experience. I also encourage youth of all levels to participate at registered shoots. Non-competitive categories can be added to any shoot and scores do not need to be submitted to Archery Canada. We need to take the fear out of competing and just have the youth shooting as much as possible. I also encourage clubs to host a tournament (competitive or non-competitive); without shoots we can't have a HP program and expect target archery to grow.

The World Archery FITA awards/pins program has grown in popularity with 17 archers qualifying for a total of 23 pins. 2015 had 11 archers qualify and earn a total of 19 pins. The program seems to be making a positive impact on our target archers since it's a way of challenging athletes to reach the next level plus it's fun to try and earn all the colors/levels.

## **Highlights from 2016**

### **Indoor Target Provincials – held at St. Mary's – April 23/16**

**Indoor Shooter of the Year** – Austin Ellis, Fundy Shores Archers

**Club Team Champions**– Chad Harpell & Mike Trask, St. Mary's Archers of Truro

### **Field Provincials – held at Osprey Sept. 17/16**

**Top Shooter** – Jason March – took home the John Dorey Plaque

### **Outdoor Target Provincials – held at St. Mary's – Sept 18/16**

**Top Shooter** – Austin Ellis – took home the Sheila & Robert Sheppard Plaque

**Club Team Champions** – St. Mary's Archers of Truro

Target archery continues to face a number of challenges, many of which aren't easy fixes, such as:

- The lack of a year-round training facility is a real detriment to competitive archery and puts Nova Scotia at a disadvantage to compete at a national and international level as our athletes are not able to train year-round as many competitors can. An indoor facility would benefit all types of archers at all skill levels.
- High costs to host shoots, especially during the winter (i.e. facility rental, heat, utilities, judge fees) and often uncertain or low attendance due to weather, continues to be a deterrent for many clubs.
- Low numbers of officials and coaches (many clubs do not have club level judges).
- Maintaining Junior level competitive archers as they are often too busy with university/college/jobs to keep up with high level competitive archery.
- NASP youth not crossing over.
- Low attendance at Nationals.

Continued exposure of youth to archery through NASP, archery programs offered in the communities and various club activities for youth is a positive step in attracting youth to the sport. The 2018 Canadian Archery Championships scheduled to take place in NS may entice youth and others to become involved.

The past year has seen a number of changes and some challenges such as turnover on the Board, the implementation of the new Nova Scotia Performance Pathway Initiative (NSPPI) and the 2018 Nationals Organizing Committee. The NSPPI and the preparation and organization for Nationals 2018 continues to be a work in progress. The NSPPI is in the early stages of development and has had a minor set-back with the departure of the High Performance Vice President earlier this year. The HP Committee will be able to work in conjunction with the new TOP Program (Target Objective Podium) created by Archery Canada (AC) this year. AC recently announced they will start to include Cub age level archers in their AC ranking system (shooting 720 Rounds) which will help identify up and coming archers at an earlier age. I see this as a definite plus for NS.

Since the population of target archers in the Maritimes is small, I think all three provinces need to work together better and have better coordination of their shoot schedules as well as coordinate and cost share coaches symposiums, officials training, etc., which will benefit archers from all three provinces and should also increase attendance at tournaments.

A one day Judge Certification Workshop was held May 7, 2016 with four participants who successfully completed the required written portion of the judge certification process. Now these individuals are required to work with Ken Saulnier, our National Judge Candidate, judging tournaments with him in order to finalize their training. Clubs are strongly encouraged to have at least one Club Level judge and one Range Safety Officer. Another Judge Certification Workshop is anticipated next year. The province desperately needs more Provincial Level judges as we currently have only one active judge in the province and the HP Program will require more registered tournaments. A Provincial Level judge is required at Provincials and all tournaments that are registered with Archery Canada.

Target shoot information continues to be well communicated and posted on the AANS website as well as the AANS Facebook page. Shoot scores have been input into the Archery Canada scoring system in a timely manner. I have strived to help clubs with the organization of target tournaments as much as possible. At times I've found there has been a lack of communication/responses to my efforts of ensuring tournaments are organized in a timely manner which is rather frustrating and impedes my abilities of performing my duties and impacts archers. From my overall experiences to date with archery, I have concerns about NS hosting nationals in 2018. This is a HUGE endeavour which will require a lot of hard work, dedication and involvement from numerous experienced archers. I, myself, do not have the time to commit to this undertaking. For these reasons, I'm not sure if there is much more that I can contribute to the sport and I question my ability to remain involved on the Board.

Target archery, the HP Program and organizing for Nationals 2018 face many challenges ahead. With increased cooperation, participation and involvement, many of these challenges could be lessened and possibly overcome. As the saying goes "many hands make light work" so I encourage everyone in the archery community to become involved in even the smallest capacity to help make the 2018 Canadian National Championships a success for the province and to help improve the sport of archery in this province!

Yours truly,

Bette Burton- AANS Vice President of Target

## 2016 High Performance Committee Report

The high performance (HP) committee was formed early in 2016 consisting of Nicole Poirier, Bruce Graves, Jason March (myself) and chaired by Trina Snooks, VP of High Performance. The mandate of the committee was to adhere to the Performance Pathway, being the developed guide to help achieve improved performance results for the province's competitive archers with a focus on youth.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the VP of High Performance and chair of the committee resigned. I temporarily chaired the committee meetings up until the AGM where a new VP of High Performance will be selected.

The HP committee has met on three occasions since April with one of the focuses being on setting up a Training Camp for both archers and coaches. The training camp was proposed to the AANS Board and approved in October. It will be held on December 17, 18 with the exact location being determined as of the time of this being written. For this training camp the committee will be having Kathy Millar, who has coached Olympians and World Champions, come and provide direction. This training camp will be open to interested Nova Scotia archers with a focus on youth; the camp will be able handle approximately 16 archers comfortably.

The committee also made a proposal to the board to help assist clubs with the cost of Judges for registered tournaments if they have a Provincial Judge Candidate from the area to learn under the current Provincial Judge as a step to their Provincial Judge Status. This proposal is hoped to help increase the number of Provincial Level Judges, increase the number of registered tournaments in the province, and help with a sustainable Judge pool; all important parts of the Performance Pathway Plan. This proposal is now pending approval from the board.

The HP committee is currently working on the criteria for Team NS which will be set to help create a minimum standard to shoot for. This will be developed from scores required to be in the hunt for a podium finish in each youth category at national events as well as the Canada Games.

It is very important for the committee to continue adhering to the Performance Pathway focusing on developing youth archers to raise the status of Nova Scotia Archery on the National and World stage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason March

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN 2015-2019 SUMMARY

The Archers Association of Nova Scotia (AANS) strives to perpetuate, foster and direct the practice of archery in all its forms through the encouragement of membership as well as the adoption, interpretation, and endorsement of the rules for practicing. AANS governs all forms of archery in the province- field, target and 3D- at all levels ranging from recreational shooting to high performance. This Performance Pathway document was created with the intention of bridging the gap between our organization and other competitive provinces by establishing criteria to enhance our high performance programming. This plan outlines our organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, establishes goals for the organization and outlines programs that will get us to the end goal of a comprehensive high performance plan. This plan is a living document that is to be revised regularly as our organization grows and changes.

This high performance plan was written for archers aged 14 to 21 shooting target archery. The plan will also be adapted and implemented at a later date to provide similar training and development opportunity for our field and 3D archers and for our 'youth of all ages'. The overarching goal of this plan is to produce successful athletes at the provincial and national level.

Through the planning process both long term and short term goals for the organization and our high performance stream were established. In the short term, AANS is aiming to:

- Adjust AANS By-laws to align with Archery Canada. This would include the addition of a Vice President High Performance who will oversee the high performance plan
- Create selection criteria, competition schedule, training schedule, etc. for Team Nova Scotia.
- Develop selection process and job description for Provincial Coach Coordinator and Canada Winter Games Coach
- Run a yearly coaching symposium to standardize provincial coaching approach
- Establish a coordinated shoot schedule with New Brunswick and PEI and ensure events are aligned with Archery Canada Competitions.

A longer timeline would be needed for AANS to:

- Increase athlete and coach face-time with our Provincial coach coordinator through training camps. Eventually incorporate sport science into training camps that will happen bi-annually.
  - Raise presence at national level by sending more archers and coaches as a part of Team Nova Scotia
- Ensure more competitions in Nova Scotia are registered with Archery Canada
- Develop more coaches in the province and upgrade their qualifications to certified Intro to Competition and Competition Development
- Recruit and train more provincial level judges in NS 3 Four programs were created in order to address all of the identified goals.

Our first program is to develop a High Performance Archery Team Nova Scotia. This program will encompass the creation of “Team Nova Scotia” as well as the creation of team selection criteria, training schedule, competition schedule, funding guidelines, and athlete protocol.

Our second program is to focus on Coach Development. With this program we aim to increase the level of coach development in the province. We will secure a process for the selection and requirements of a volunteer coach coordinator for Team Nova Scotia and also look to enhance our coach development to ensure we will always have a strong pool of candidates and a qualified group of coaches leading our young archers. This program will bring structure to not only the selection process but also to the funding process for coaches in our province that are working with our high performance athletes.

Our third program aimed at Competition and Officials Development and is a key program in our performance pathway. Without properly trained officials AANS cannot hold competitive competitions that are aligned with Archery Canada’s performance pathway. Without Archery Canada registered events our high performance archers will be forced to travel for all competitions and this is not financially viable for our athletes nor our organization. It is understood that archers will have to do some travelling to attend higher level competitions so aligning our major shoot dates with PEI and New Brunswick would be beneficial for Team Nova Scotia shooters.

Our fourth program is based around the implementation of the plan and is centered on governance and management. Implementation of these new programs is the most crucial aspect of having a successful high performance plan. A high performance committee will be established and will be responsible for identifying and educating individuals on their roles and responsibilities in terms of implementation. They will create a method to track progress and provide feedback and updates to the Board of Directors on the plan. This committee will also be in charge of working with the selected coach coordinator to create selection criteria and guidelines for Team Nova Scotia.

The Archers Association of Nova Scotia aims to provide its members with ample opportunity to grow and develop their archery skills in the province. The implementation of this plan will be a driver to improve outcomes for AANS on the national and international scale and strengthen the effectiveness and reputation of AANS in the country.



# AANS Membership Report 2015-2016 Season

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**Total Members:** 587 / 621

**Male:** 387 / 419 (66.93%)

**Female:** 200 / 202 (33.07%)

**Under 18:** 195 / 187

**New Members:** 202 / 326

- Increase of 34 in total members
- Increase in females by 2 members and increase in males by 32 members
- Decrease of 8 in youth (under 18) registrations
- Increase in new registrants

## 2016-2017 Season

- Archery Canada is requiring all PSO's to use their membership database moving forward
- Membership chairs will input data into the AC database and the PSO will be billed from that data
- As soon as a member registers with AANS (and Archery Canada) the club they are registering with will be billed
  - **\*If your club membership rates do not include AANS membership your club will be billed as soon as the first member of your club registers with AANS for the 2015-2016 Season**
- Memberships are now due for the 2016/2017 season
- Rates
  - **Individual:** \$40
  - **Family:** \$90
    - Those born in 1999 are no longer eligible as 'youth' for a 2016/2017 Family membership
  - **Club:** \$110
- Membership forms are available on the website at [www.aans.ca/registration.html](http://www.aans.ca/registration.html)

## Nova Scotia NASP Report 2016

NASP archery participation in Nova Scotia has increased considerably from introduction to 10 schools in 2007. Our first Provincial tournament has expanded to include five school boards with the first NASP Provincials held on May 7th at Avon View High School in Windsor, Nova Scotia. After multiple flights of Middle School and High School archers shooting, gold, silver and bronze medals were presented in five categories based on scores. Gold Group 300 to 280 scores, Red Group 260 to 279 scores, Blue Group 230 to 259 scores, Black group 200 to 229 scores, and White Group 0 to 199 scores.

The top Male and top Female provincial archers were rewarded with medals and a champions bow compliments of NASP Archery. The Gen-X bow was a draw prize with all attending archers names were put into a hat for the draw. Many other prizes were given away to the archers which were brought back from the NASP Coordinator's conference in Tennessee last July. The top archers were selected for a Skype tournament with South Africa scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. However, due to the gym floor, in Capetown, South Africa, that was being re-finished, and not being finished in time, this tournament had to be re-scheduled.



After discussion with several teachers it was decided to host the NASP Provincials in November, it being the best month during the school year. So the Provincials for this year will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Ecole secondaire du Sommet on Larry Utech Drive in Halifax. A much higher turnout is expected so several flights will be required to complete the tournament in one day. Hosting the NASP Provincials in the fall will assist those considering going to

the Canadian Championships. We hope that more schools with NASP equipment will consider attending these events. At some point in the development of NASP in Nova Scotia, our province should host the Canadian NASP Championships.

Greg Wile of Avon View High School took three of his students to Edmonton, Alberta during this past winter to participate in the Canadian NASP Championships. At that event, Hunter Pemberton, a grade eleven student from Avon View High School, was selected to be on the Canadian team going to the World tournament being held in South Africa this past summer. She was the only student from Nova Scotia, on the Canadian team, the rest being from western Canada. Last spring she was interviewed by our local provincial paper and the story that followed paid tribute to Hunter's accomplishments and hard work. It also went on to express her future potential with the sport of archery.

Currently there are sixty three schools with NASP equipment and we look forward to more success with the NASP program and to more schools participating this fall in the Nova Scotia NASP Provincials. Many thanks to those dedicated teachers and volunteers whom continue to make this sport the success it is becoming in our province.

On the weekend of May 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>, Kevin Dixon from Ohio and Lou Compton from Maryland came to Nova Scotia to provide BAIT Specialist, BAIT and BAI training for eighteen NASP trainees. The new NASP coordinator for Australia, Iain Luck, travelled a great distance to be in attendance for this training. There were three teachers that achieved BAIT Specialist, Scott Hudson, Donna Duggan and Nadine MacLellan along with myself and Iain Luck from Australia. Four people achieved BAIT, Greg Wile, Chris Demers, Lindsey Willow and Laura Wilson, all teachers from various boards, and then we had eight achieve BAI status, seven school teachers and a member of Osprey Archery Club. This past September, Chris Demers of Pomquet School held BAI classes for twenty new BAI students.

The School Insurance Program (SIP) have published requirements for all schools to follow in regards to archery in schools. These requirements are excellent for all teachers to follow when teaching NASP archery in schools. In the history of NASP there has not been one accident with anyone practicing the NASP form of archery. Our prime goal here in Nova Scotia is to continue with this record of safety.

Respectively submitted,



Don Lohnes

AANS NASP Coordinator



# Osprey Archery Club

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2016/10/29

## OSPREY ARCHERY CLUB

**Competitions:** For 2016, Osprey Archery Club hosted a few major archery competitions at our club, AANS Canadian Regional Indoor on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Mike Delaney 3D shoot was hosted on May 1<sup>st</sup>, unfortunately the FITA shoot scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to lack of pre-registrations received, and the AANS outdoor Field Provincials was held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Our FITA field and Field course is open all year round for members and guests to enjoy and practice archery.

**Club Members Shooting:** The current youth group at Osprey Archery Club practices several times a week and continues throughout the year with our coaches, Gayle Caudle, Marilyn McLaren, Bob Foulson and Bruce Graves.

**NASP Introductions:** The club also hosted a group of girl guides with a day of archery introduction, a walk around the club facilities and then a small competition with each participant going home with an Osprey medal. Bob Foulson, Angela MacCarthy and Don Lohnes provided the instruction. The club also hosted Newbridge Academy, 27 school children with archery instruction and a mini competition with the top three scores receiving medals. Don Lohnes, Marilyn MacLaren and Harvey Flemming were the NASP instructors.

**Fundraising:** Our corporate sponsor again this year was JD's Shooting & Fishing Supplies Ltd. We did not attend the RV show or the Guy Show this year mainly due to lack of volunteers to man the booths.

**Volunteers:** The club runs entirely with volunteers contributing to all the efforts on behalf of the club. Two club members sit on the executive of AANS and one is on the Board of Directors of Archery Canada.

Respectively submitted,

Don Lohnes - President

## **Bras D'Or Archers Association**

### **AANS Annual Report - 2015/16**

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The Bras D'Or Archers Association (BDAA) just completed its 2nd full year of operation. The club is a bit more established and has another year of experience under its belt. Attendance at regular scheduled meets continues to be a challenge as does trying to find a permanent home.

The BDAA continued its arrangement with the Baddeck Curling Club in April to use its facility from mid-April to mid-October. A 3 lane indoor target range was set-up with targets at 5M-10M, 18M, and 25M-30M - paper targets / butts and 3D targets. The club meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday throughout the April to October time frame.

Over the past year we have had 500 person-shoots with about 100 person-shoots being visitors / guests. This is a significant increase from the previous year.

Major expenditures during the year: The club purchased a shipping container to store its equipment during the winter and a cargo trailer to store / transport gear to an outdoor location and some new recurve bows. In addition to club equipment, the club had new sandwich boards made up to advertise / promote the club and rack cards to distribute to local hotels, B&Bs, tourist info centers, etc. promoting the club. The club also participated in July 1st Canada Day Parade in Baddeck.

Club membership increased from 28 members in 2014/2015 to 40 members in 2015/16; ranging in age from 7 to 60. The club has no experienced archers or coaches. BDAA continues to work on ways to rectify that situation.

Many thanks again to Sport Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Department of Culture and Heritage, Access Facilities Fund, and Baddeck Curling Club for their continuing support of our club.

#### **Current BoD and Officers:**

Stephen Kerr - President  
Olivia Williams - Vice President  
Terry Murray - Secretary / Treasurer  
Terri Shobbrook - Director  
Walter Ryan - Director  
Terry Morrison - Director



The club is looking forward to expanding and growing.

This report has been submitted on behalf of the Bras D'Or Archers Association by,  
Stephen Kerr, President, BDAA

First, I would like to thank all members of Glooscap for there support this year. Helping with food donations for our shoots, setting up courses and work parties. I would like to thank the Municipality of West Hants for there support renewing our lease and grants for upgrades to our facility. Also all the local businesses for sponsoring prizes for our shoots. Greg Wile's school class for supplying the labour for making our range field butts. Greg also supplied our shoots with hand wood carved prizes. Also West Hants Trails Association for continuing on the move forward on our trails. Our Trails are 70 % completed in the 200 acre Park. 55 acres leased by Glooscap. They offer mountain bike trails, hiking trails, snowshoeing with approx 70 pairs that can be signed out at the Municipal Office for use, cross country skiing and Geo cache. 7-8 kms have been completed of the 12 kms to be done.

Greg Wile offered a bow making course in late Nov. 2015 and finished up in Feb 2016 and another one in April and May.

Dawson Lake our youth Instructor put on a Christmas shoot for our Members and is also doing another one November 16<sup>th</sup> along with our Club Appreciation day for our Membership.

Our Club participated in Indoor Mail Match again this year.

On Feb 6<sup>th</sup> we did an 18m Indoor Shoot and a thank you to Bette Burton for helping with registration and organizing and Ken Saulnier for judging the event.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Frozen finger 3-D Shoot in conjunction with T.A.A.N.S. This shoot is in Memory of Garnet Dodge who has passed on and loved shooting his Re curve. We give a keeper Trophy to the single highest score in Traditional archery. This year Nic Cote name was added to our club trophy for the highest score. 67 archers competed in this event.

April 10<sup>th</sup> we had our 3-D George Ackroyd Memorial shoot. We also have a keeper Trophy for this event and it goes to the highest total score (2 rounds) in the Hunter Class. This years winner was Kempton Stevens and his name will also be added to our Club trophy. We were also pleased to have Tyrone Ackroyd, George's son home from Alberta to present the Trophy and participate in the event. Tyrone placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hunter Class. We had 17 shooters brave the snow fall the night before to compete.

May 1<sup>st</sup> we had a Club Membership Appreciation day were we had shooting and Lunch provided by the Club.

Greg Wile, Dave Rolo and Dawson Lake have offered lessons for new Archers to try the sport. We have had 35 archers taking lessons this year and some became members of our Club. We still continue to do what we can to promote archery.

We have had Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Acadia University take part in lessons. On Oct.16<sup>th</sup> we did a fund raiser 3-D shoot for the Avon View High School NASP Program, Coached by Greg Wile, to support his Archers going National in 2017.

Our Club has some 60 plus members and we find it hard to keep active and offer programs for everyone to enjoy. As most clubs already know the struggles of getting more members involved in club activities as some of us have been doing this for a long time and are getting burnt out trying to keep the Club active. We have more renovation to do to our Club house indoors, targets to get out for our permanent field course and bridges to build for our 3-D range.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> I meet with Melissa Sullivan (Community Sport Development Coordinator Valley Region) and Jordin Smith (MPAL Physical Activity Stradegy Coordinator Glooscap and Annapolis Valley First Nations) to set up lessons for some of there youth that shoot and possible membership to GHAA.

We look forward to our upcoming 2017 season and moving forward in the sport of Archery.

Yours in Archery.  
Gary Oickle

President G.H.A.A.

# **Fundy Shore Archers Club Report**

Yearly report for 2015-2016

This report covers the Fundy Shore Archers youth club and NASP at the Parrsboro Regional High School combined. Membership has increased to 51 youth archers and NASP is growing each year with archers moving up to higher levels of competition.

Fundy Shore Archers (FSA) is aimed at promoting archery to the youth that can't afford the sport. We bring equipment in to the club which is shared with the youth. So far there are seven full setups out to the youth and several have been promoted up to competitive level equipment. FSA has five members shooting on the competitive level with two members achieving 1<sup>st</sup> in their levels this year, winning Provincials. We began September with two more moving up to the competitive level.

## **Future**

1. Establish a 3D archery range, field range and acquire a new club building through youth fundraising.
2. Influence more youth to step forward to compete at a national level in both FSA and NASP.
3. Move more senior kids into key positions such as coaches, judges and NASP BAI's.
4. Prepare the youth to be more involved within the archery world starting with club to provincial and federal level administrations.
5. Training has started with five FSA members for the Nationals.

## **Achievements**

1. A youth group that is now in its fourth year.
2. Membership has increased from 14 to 51 archers with 27 youth participating in NASP.
3. As both FSA and NASP, we have increased the scholastic and attendance records of a number of the youth.
4. The youth have developed into very respectful competitive archers.
5. Two members continue to compete outside the club. One competing in 3D Provincials, winning gold in their class for the third consecutive year. Another competing in 3D Provincials, Indoor Provincials and Outdoor Target Provincials, winning gold in their class as well as being named Provincial Outdoor Shooter of the Year and Provincial Indoor Shooter of the Year.
6. A number of the members also qualified for Target pin awards from World Archery.
7. Members of the Club who placed in Provincial competitions were presented with the Barry Wood Memorial Award in recognition of their achievements.
8. One club member is NCCP level one trained.

## **Financial**

The Club has limited funding which is based on the contributions from the County of Cumberland and fundraising the club does on its own. Monies gathered are put towards equipment, trips, accommodations and training costs.

## **Cape Breton Bowmen 2016**

The Cape Breton Bowmen had a good year in 2016 remaining financially stable. Our numbers were steady during the indoor season where we held weekly shooting on Wednesday evenings at the Canadian Coast Guard College. We had consistent numbers through the spring and summer at our Wednesday evening weekly 3D shoots on our Frenchvale Property.

The club hosted two indoor tournaments one being a paper animal shoot in February and a Fita 2 in April, both were very well attended.

The club had a booth at the spring outdoor show in Sydney Mines where we had success and generated interest by selling tickets on an outdoors package including a year's membership to the club.

In July the club held a 720 round along with a try it event at the Fortress of Louisbourg this was a first for both us and the Park. The event was part of Culture Fete at the Fortress. The Park and us were very pleased with the event and are already planning on another event next year.

We had the opportunity and pleasure to provide archery sessions for the Scouts in June and the Atlantic Burn Camp in August. We also held our Annual Francis Shebib Memorial shoot and the 3-D Provincials at Camp Carter over the Labour Day weekend, the turnout was excellent, and a good time was had by all.

The club is looking forward to a strong year in 2017 and is investigating ways to help increase membership.

The executive has for 2016;

President – Kim McGarvie

Vice President – Paul Farrell

Treasurer – Jason March

Secretary – David Farrell

Respectfully Submitted,

Cape Breton Bowmen Association

## CFB Halifax Club Report

As you are well aware, CFB has been inoperable for a couple years now. I have been voted in by the last executive as the interim president and have authority to act on behalf of the club until we have a proper vote. I am currently working on re-writing the constitution, by-laws and a memo to the Base Commander for approval. The Club falls under PSP and they are very much involved in the structuring of the club. I have already been given approval from the Chief at the Bedford Rifle Range to use the facility outside normal working hours. Once I have the necessary approvals, I intend to canvas the local military community to see if there are members willing to volunteer. I have a small concern with the fact that key positions be filled by current serving members. A larger concern is that personnel drawing the BRR keys from the Military Police on shoot nights have to be serving military members as well. If I cannot find the volunteers the club may not open. I feel I should tell you this now and it may become an issue. I have young children and my wife is involved in several organizations. I am not going to put myself in a position that I am one of a couple, or even the only person opening and running the club. I'm sure you can empathise with this. In the last two months I have received about 50 emails and phone calls regarding the club. I might add, that they have all been from civilians.

When I have made arrangements and been given approval, I am going to look at finances and see what targets are going to work on the range. FYI, many years ago CFB Archery paid for and built the big green shed at the end of the BRR. We have been granted permission to utilise it for equipment storage.

Colin Schnare

# Musquodoboit Archers Association

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## 2016 Newsletter

2016 has been good to date for Musquodoboit Archers.

Membership is constant at 30. Members represent all ages and genders as well as past and new members.

Musquodoboit Archers maintained our outdoor range on the Mines Road, East Chezzetcook.

20 carpeted targets and 8 aged 3D targets are available for member use year around. We have 20 3D targets in good condition for special events.

We hosted our scheduled ANNS 3D tournament on April 17<sup>th</sup> and thanks to our generous supporters all 53 participants received a least one prize and a good time was had by all in attendance.

Our members continue to support our community. Gaetz Brook Junior High was rented Fridays this winter for an evening of indoor archery. Each evening was well attended. We highly recommend this type of event to other clubs.

We have positive cash flow and anticipate a small profit on our December 2016 Year End Financial Statement.

Regards,

Musquodoboit Archers Association

## NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT SHOOTERS

### ARCHERY CLUB

Our club had very good year with a total of 40 paid members. Our regular archers and Para-Archers held weekly indoor shoots on Tuesday evenings in Westville during the Fall and Winter months. When the weather permitted we moved outdoors. A new outdoor fully accessible target was set up in the town of Pictou by our club. This new target was set up to be used seven days a week and was especially valuable to our para-archers. Distances of up to 90 metres can be achieved at this new site. We also held shoots at our 3D course in Thorburn every Tuesday night.

We continued to develop our 3D course in Thorburn. We hosted a 3D shoot on May 8<sup>th</sup> and had another shoot scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> but had to cancel when a woods ban was put in place by the Province due to the extremely dry conditions.

An Introduction to Archery is being offered over a three week period starting November 1st from which we were hoping to attract a number of new members to our club.

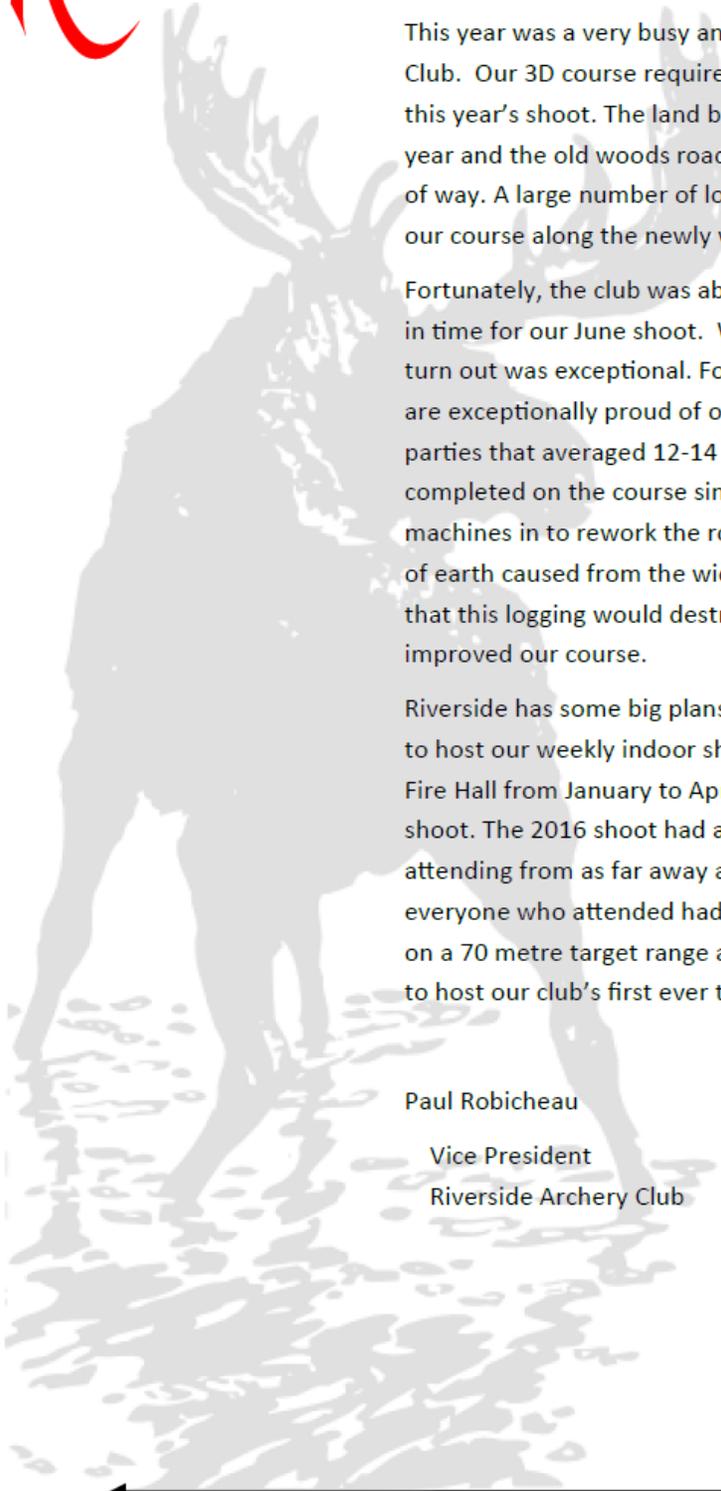
I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their help throughout the year. Our club would not be the successful club that it is without the work and dedication of its members and so again I would like to thank everyone for a great year.

Michael MacKinnon - President

We had very little activity at our club this year due to lack of membership. I'm not sure at this point about the future of the club without more interest and membership for our area. Our club was broken into and all our bows and arrows we used for youth/new people wanting to try archery were stolen. We will be taking a serious look later this year to decide if there is enough interest to keep the club going.

Barry Mills  
Pinegrove Archers

# Riverside Archery Club



This year was a very busy and successful one for the Riverside Archery Club. Our 3D course required a large amount of work to get prepared for this year's shoot. The land behind our course was clear cut the previous year and the old woods road we use for our course was the deeded right of way. A large number of logging trucks passed through the middle of our course along the newly widened and ditched road .

Fortunately, the club was able to work together to get the course ready in time for our June shoot. Work parties were organized and member turn out was exceptional. For a small club of less than 25 members, we are exceptionally proud of our ability to have organized several work parties that averaged 12-14 club members. Even more work has been completed on the course since our June shoot. Just recently, we had machines in to rework the road surface and clean up some of the mounds of earth caused from the widening of the road. Though we were fearful that this logging would destroy our course, it has actually greatly improved our course.

Riverside has some big plans for the coming 2017 year. We will continue to host our weekly indoor shoots Sunday evenings at the West Bay Road Fire Hall from January to April. In June, we will be hosting our annual 3D shoot. The 2016 shoot had an incredible turn out , with 77 shooters attending from as far away as Kentville and Bridgewater. We hope that everyone who attended had a great time. This Spring, we will begin work on a 70 metre target range and a field course. This will enable Riverside to host our club's first ever target and field shoots.

Paul Robicheau

Vice President  
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TAANS had a mixed year, we fulfilled our mandate through the many events we supported this year:

1. NSFAH Meeting
2. Outdoor and RV Show (March)
3. Antigonish Highland Games
4. TAANS Shoot Weekend
5. Truro Hunt and Outdoor Show (September)
6. Jolly Tree Shoot
7. Blair J. Bernard Memorial Feast in the Highlands (Hunter's Feast)

However, due to the cost of events, declining membership, and a reduction in income from the TAANS shoot weekend the Society barely broke even this year. At time of writing this there are nine registered annual members and a number of lifetime members. If the trend continues it will be difficult for TAANS to continue fulfilling its mandate.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at all of the events this year. We would like to give special thanks to the following: Lloyd Rhino and Gary MacDougall, without their tremendous effort the TAANS weekend would not have happened; and Joe Wynn and Millbrook for putting on the Jolly Tree Shoot.

Roy MacInnis

## THE BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Annual Report:

The BANS executive are:

John Landry-President

Alex Amirault-Vice President

Brian MacDonald-Treasurer

James MacDonald-Secretary

2016 was a very successful year for BANS. Once again we had a booth at the Sports and RV Show held at the Halifax Exhibition Centre. Many thanks goes out to all the volunteers that helped set up and man the booth for the weekend and to Duncan Crawford, for donating a fox mount for fund raising over the weekend.

BANS sent a delegate to the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters convention and AGM.

The BANS shoot was held at the Millbrook club and was a great success. 74 archers turned out for the shoot. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped and to the Millbrook club. It was a fantastic venue for the shoot.

For the 2016 hunting season, BANS is having a big game contest, free to all BANS members. More information can be found on the BANS Facebook page.

Our membership remains steady at approximately 200 with a lot of new members.

Submitted by:

Paul Stinson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Shoot</b>	<b>Format</b>
February 19	Cape Breton Bowmen		Paper Animal
February 25	Osprey		18m Indoor
February 26	Glooscap	Frozen Finger	Outdoor 3D
March 5	Coast Guard College	AANS Canadian Regional Indoor	18m Indoor
March 19	St. Mary's	Bruce Scott Memorial	Indoor 3D
March 26	Greenwood		Outdoor 3D
April 2	Cape Breton Bowman	FITA 2	25m Indoor
April 15	Osprey	MICA	18m Indoor
April 22	St. Mary's	AANS Indoor Target Provincials	18m Indoor
April 23	St. Mary's	AANS Indoor 3D Provincials	Indoor 3D
May 7	Osprey	Delaney Memorial	Outdoor 3D
May 14	Northumberland	Mother's Day	Outdoor 3D
May 20	St. Mary's		720 Round
May 21	St. Mary's	John Webber Memorial	Outdoor 3D
May 28	Antigonish		Outdoor 3D
June 4	Scotia Bowmen	Leo King Memorial	Outdoor 3D
June 10	Scotian Bowmen		720 Round
June 11	Glooscap	George Ackroyd Memorial	Outdoor 3D
June 18	Queen's	Father's Day	Outdoor 3D
June 25	Riverside		Outdoor 3D
July 2	Lunenburg	Unconfirmed	Outdoor 3D
July 8	TBD	TAANS	Traditional 3D
July 9	TBD	TAANS	Traditional 3D
July 9	Greenwood		Outdoor 3D
July 16	Musquodoboit		Outdoor 3D
July 22	Cape Breton Bowmen	"I Hit the Wall!" – Fortress of Louisbourg	720 Round
July 23	TBD	BANS	Outdoor 3D
August 4 to 7	Amos, Quebec	2017 Canadian 3D Championships	Outdoor 3D
August 8 to 13	Brossard, Quebec	2017 Canadian Target Championships	Target/Field
August 13	Northumberland		Outdoor 3D
August 20	Annapolis East		Outdoor 3D
August 26	Osprey		720 Round
September 2	Cape Breton Bowmen	Francis Shebib	Outdoor 3D
September 3	Cape Breton Bowmen	Francis Shebib	Outdoor 3D
September 10	Riverside	AANS Outdoor 3D Provincials	Outdoor 3D
September 16	Scotian Bowmen	AANS Outdoor Field Provincials	Field
September 17	Osprey	AANS Outdoor Target Provincials	720 Round
September 24	Musquodoboit	Hunter Tune Up	Known 50 – 3D
October 15	TAANS	TAANS AGM – Location TBD	
November 12	Coast Guard College		Paper Animal
November 19	AANS	AANS AGM – Location TBD	

An updated schedule can be found online at <http://www.aans.ca/shoot-schedule.html>

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