



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

It has been several months since Chicago Bow Hunters has published a Bow Banter. In this version of the Bow Banter will address the usual subject materials and most importantly Chicago Bow Hunters' position on how the club is handling the social distancing mandates while still making the outdoor ranges of the club accessible to members.

## CBH COVID-19 POSITION

The CBH clubhouse is closed during the COVID-19 recommended mandate for social distances. A notice will be sent to all members when the clubhouse is to be re-opened for normal use and socializing. No one should be using the indoor range or the

kitchen for making coffee or food. The washrooms are accessible and should be used as required. The outdoor areas, target practice ranges, 3D Range, and Field Range are open for member use. Please follow recommended social distancing distances when utilizing any of these ranges.

Please do not place your bow bags in the clubhouse or out in the open on any of the benches while you are in the woods shooting on a range. Leave all bow bags and other archery equipment in your car. The clubhouse is closed and should only be used for emergencies or necessary duty. We have a limited capacity to keep the clubhouse clean and free of any potential COVID-19 infection. The best defense is to minimize the use of the clubhouse currently.

## EVENT CANCELLATIONS

*Due to the COVID-19 mandate for social distances the following archery events have been cancelled or rescheduled.*

1. *The March and April 3D Tournament Shoots have been cancelled. Our 3D Tournaments are a significant source of revenue for the club. The proceeds collected used to buy and maintain targets.*
2. *The May FITA Field is to be rescheduled for June.*
3. *The June JOAD ½ FITA Field dates are to be used for the May FITA Field.*

## WORK HOURS

Many CBH members are concerned about how they will fulfil their work hour requirement for 2020 due to the restricted activities imposed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The CBH board will be presenting how the club will handle work hour's requirement and let the membership know what the position that is to be taken in fulfilling, postponing, or removing the work hour requirements for 2020.

## CURRENT CLUB MEETINGS

For the near future and until normal club activities can resumed, CBH general and board meetings will be conducted online. Participation in each meeting is accessible over the internet or by phone. A notice will be sent to the CBH membership for those wishing to participate, you can join the video conference or just call in.

## BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

For any CBH member interested in participating on the Chicago Bow Hunters board, we ask that you start to consider joining the board now for 2021. We have several positions open and we can use your participation going forward. If you have not considered being on the board before, we encourage you to now give it consideration as well.

## APRIL 2020 MEETIG TOPICS AND ACTIONS

### **TREASURE REPORT (Fran Dyer)**

Club finances are in good shape. The cancellation of several planned tournaments and shoots will impact end of year revenues. Targeted revenue projections will not be met and will have to projected downward. Likewise, utilization of CBH facilities and ranges will reduce expenses and will offset any revenues loses.

### **MEMBERSHIP (Archie Flores)**

No change in membership.

### **TOURNAMENT (Acting Wally Schmidt)**

February 3D Frozen Foot Tournament was very successful thanks to the pleasant weather, 76 archers came out and enjoyed the course.

March Cabin Fever and April Don Schram Memorial 3D Tournaments have been cancelled. We are hoping to hold the May 3D Shoot and to hold the CBH Annual 3D Traditional shoot as well in May.

### **RANGE OFFICER (Noal Stabus)**

No knew updates. Thanks to all those club members who spent time cutting trees and maintaining the range trails and shooting lanes.

## **CLUB INSTRUCTOR (Wally Schmidt)**

The April USA Archery Instructor Certification Course for Level 1 and Level 2 instructors are to be rescheduled. Once the Shelter-in-Place order has been lifted a new date will be determined and announced.

The Girl Scout Archery Outing scheduled for April 26th is to be rescheduled.

## **JOAD/AAP (Gabe Querol)**

Our last JOAD gathering was for our March pin shoot on Thursday, the 12th. At that point Illinois enacted their 'stay at home' mandate. JOAD leadership then put together a plan to keep our archers engaged by putting together videos covering form, fitness and the mental game. We also extended an invitation to our archers to have their shooting form evaluated via Hudl Technique. To date, a half dozen or so have taken us up on the offer. It is our hope that with continued outreach to our shooters, we will be able to keep their interest level up, so that when we are able to meet there will be a want to continue with our JOAD program.

Check out the JOAD and AAP pages on the CBH website for more information on these great programs, what they do, and how you can become involved!

## **FITA FIELD**

The scheduled date for the 2020 FITA Field is May 2 and 3. Even if restrictions are lifted in late April, there will not be enough time to prepare for the event. I would like to ask the Board to hold the event June 6 and 7. Our JOAD Half field is currently scheduled for the June 6. Those dates are speculative as well but we wanted a chance to see if things might be normalized enough to hold a successful event. Should those dates not work, our thinking is to cancel the event for 2020, as the archery schedule will be very back end loaded with other archery tournaments, locally, regionally and nationally.

## **FACILITIES (Heather Hodge)**

There was a lot going on with Facilities before the Shelter In Place order as put into effect. The kitchen update, clubhouse cleaning, planning for outdoor projects, etc. While we are at a bit of a standstill now, we did managed to get a lot done before the shut down and plans are still in the works for when we can gather together again. Here's what we accomplished before jammies became the uniform for the day:

Phase I of the kitchen update has been completed...mostly. The last work party, which took place on March 14th, was very productive! The shelving in the pantry has been replaced with a modular unit backed with white beadboard to brighten it up a bit. The cabinets under the tall counter have been

cleaned, primed and painted bright white, an additional shelf built and new doors will be installed when we can get back to having work parties. The garbage can and hamper cubbies have also been cleaned up and white beadboard installed. Thank you to Gabe, Tim, Karen & Ron for their help with this kitchen update phase !!!!



**Left: New pantry shelving**

**Above: Tim having too much fun installing an additional shelf.**

Thank you to Chuck for painting over the patched holes in the range. The place looks great! Thanks, Chuck!

The transmission for the Kawasaki was fixed by Ralph. Thank you, Ralph!!

The much-anticipated CORRECT bales for the indoor wall FINALLY arrived on March 19th. Thank you to Gabe & Jim for helping get them unwrapped and placed along the North wall of the indoor range! New foam facing panels have been ordered and are being stored at Strictly until Shelter In Place order is lifted.

The FITA cores arrived March 26th. Thank you to Noal & Elizabeth for bringing them into the clubhouse.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES –VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We're coming up on true Spring (especially since we should NOW be done with the snow after Wednesday's flurries). The lawn will need to be mowed, the weeds tamed, garden beds prepped and landscaping planted. Some of these jobs can be done individually in keeping with the social distancing rules, so we can probably start these sooner rather than later, weather permitting. Here's what we're looking for:

- Mowing Crew: Currently putting together a schedule for mowing. Who wants to join the fun?
- Garden Committee: Need people with a green thumb to help with planning and planting. Will need to do some serious garden bed prep first, though.
- Clubhouse Committee: Looking to put together a cleaning rotation (for when the S.A.H. order has been lifted) for those who would rather do indoor work than outdoor. Takers?

For all these subcommittees, we will meet first via Zoom to discuss the details of plans, schedules, work rotations, budget, etc. before diving in head-first into the Spring cleaning and planting.

Thank you again to all those who work hard to keep our archery home running smoothly! Stay safe and healthy!

If you are interested in joining a subcommittee, contact Heather Hodge via email ([hbnhodge04@gmail.com](mailto:hbnhodge04@gmail.com))