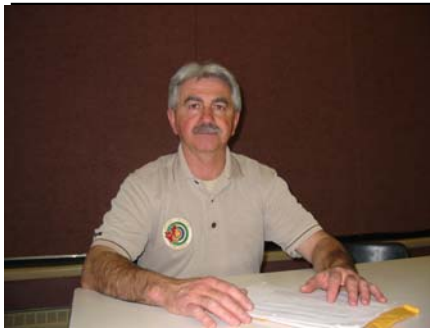




Archery Association of New Brunswick Newsletter

March 2005

President's Message



Hello fellow archers:

Well I look around and see the snow is slowly melting away and things warming up, I even spotted a robin the other day and that can mean only one

thing, to shed the winter clothing and enjoy the fun of shooting in that warm sunshine outdoors and maybe working on our tan.

Time is fast approaching when we host the national championships this July. Canada's best will be coming to New Brunswick to show their talents and what an exciting time for our local archers to rub shoulders and see what happens outside our province in terms of talent, equipment and other odds and ends that make the complete archer. It's a chance for our local talent to shoot in a major competition and gain that experience which will bring them to the next level.

Archery continues to gain popularity not just here but all across Canada, which will open doors in opportunity, in experience and in support of all aspects of the sport, whether from an individual's point of view, but especially the goals of AANB.

At our last board meeting I briefly introduced to your directors goals sent out by the FCA, to all provincial archery associations. We are planning for the future in terms of support in all aspects of our sport such as goals for supporting judging programs, mentorship under a new coaching program, junior development under the Canbow Skill Awards Program, which by the way, the FCA is looking to New Brunswick for input to this program because of the success we have had over the last few years. There is a program in place to support the high performance athlete in their quest for top honors. So as you see there is something for everybody in the plan for the future and I can see us taking advantage of these opportunities and developing archery to a new level here at home.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of your newsletter and hope you support it with your continued ideas and com-

ments. I would like to thank Trudy and her team for the production of the newsletter and for keeping our website up to date; a job well done. Get out and welcome that sunshine and I will see you on the range.

WHAT ON EARTH WOULD MAN DO WITH HIMSELF IF SOMETHING DID NOT STAND IN HIS WAY

*Good Shooting,
Bob McIntyre*

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Bathurst High School, April 16, 2005, 3:00 PM
(after the Provincial FITA tournament)**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Determination of quorum and voting rights
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes of April 24, 2004
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - i) President's Report
 - ii) Executive Director's Report
 - iii) Federation of Canadian Archers (FCA) Director's Report
 - iv) Treasurer's Report – Financial Statements as of year end March 31, 2004
 - a) FITA Fund & 3D Fund Report
7. General Committee Reports
 - i) Membership Report
 - ii) Equipment Inventory Report
 - iii) Coach Coordinator Report
 - iv) Judges Report
 - v) High Performance Report
 - vi) 3D Report (National)
 - vii) Bowhunters of New Brunswick Report
 - viii) Team NB Report
 - ix) Canadian Nationals 2005 Committee Report
8. Election of Officers
 - i) Treasurer
 - ii) President
9. Other Business
 - i) Club Updates
10. Date for Next AGM
11. Adjournment

Pierre on Archery

If you shot some FITA tournaments in New Brunswick, I am sure you have met Pierre Turnbull or have seen him shooting on the same line as you. He has been a fixture in archery for many a year in this province. Pierre Turnbull lives in the Sussex Corner area of southern NB with his lovely wife Jackie to whom he has been married to for 20 years. He teaches grade 8 French Immersion at Sussex Middle School.

We had an opportunity to interview Pierre and here are some of his thoughts on archery.

I began my journey into archery 33 years ago in Sept-Iles, Quebec while I was still in High School. I wanted to join a local gun club in the area but there was none to be found. Instead I heard about the archery club in my school, so I thought I would give that a try. I was at the bottom in the ranking of scores. My buddies were always out shooting me, but I persevered and my scores slowly climbed higher and I improved over time.

Archery is a way of life to me, almost like a religion. It give me peace of mind, it's a way to escape everyday life and to really enjoy the challenges of the sport of archery. When I buy different things for use around the house, I take in consideration whether the item has a twofold purpose – archery and home. When I bought my truck, I think will I be able to haul different archery equipment and still travel comfortably and safely on road trips

I like all the new hi-tech things that are coming out in archery. I like acquiring and trying new pieces of equipment as archery evolves. It's what helps keep it interesting for me. I am not close minded and open to new ideas.

When I run into a problem with my shooting, I usually know what I have to do to fix it, but if I don't I turn to archery magazines. I consider Archery Focus to be one of the best. When I train for a tournament, I focus on different goals. For example, the indoor shoots they are just stepping stones to get ready for the outdoor shoots. I work on my technique and tuning so that I can really be ready for the outdoor shoots. Indoor is just for fun and practice. I used to feel nervous when I shot at tournaments. I was able to overcome this by learning to relax and by not taking it too serious. When I stopped being too serious, then I started to shoot better scores.

I started out in archery shooting an Olympic Recurve and stuck with it for 20 years, then in 1993 I switched to a compound bow. The reason I done this is that there were fewer and fewer people shooting this style around this area and I was looking for more competition. I like to compare myself to see how I am doing in relationship to the other archers.

I have competed in the US at different tournaments and usually place in the top 10. I also went to France to shoot one year even though my health was not good. I went for the experience

My banner year in archery was in 1998; that was the year before I got sick. In that year I shot and broke four different Canadian records and was tied for a fifth. It was a fantastic year for me! I introduced Jackie to archery. She quickly learned the sport and in 1984 Jackie and I both won the Atlantic Indoor Championships.

We all know Pierre has had a rough go of it with his health in the past few years. We hope you are on the mend and better times are ahead for you and your wife Jackie.

Archery Team NB 2005

Archery Team NB 2005 is building on the success and lessons learned in the past year. There are 7 Team training sessions planned for the 2005 Team. At this point it looks like the team will be about the same size as last year (12 members) with about 1/3 of them being returning team members.

The Team focuses on being prepared mentally, physically, technically and tactically for archery competitions. AANB resources as well as outside resources and expertise are utilized in the training sessions. Team members are focusing on the Canadian Nationals being held in Saint John this year. Thus there is interest in all 3 disciplines of the championships. Efforts are planned to ensure that archers are familiar with the nature and nuances of national competitions instead of local shoots. The concept of a "team" is very important and drawing on the expertise and experience of other team members is invaluable. This was the biggest benefit experienced by the 2004 Team at the Canadian Nationals in Caledon, Ontario last year. Team NB was there as a TEAM, not individual archers. It was specifically noted by archers from other provinces that the NB Team had its Provincial/Team coach on the field who actually was coaching and encouraging archers rather than being a "waterboy" as some other provinces Team management concentrated on.

Participating in a Team such as this is a great building block, base for developing a strong Canada Games Team in the next 2 years. Experience gained from participating at major tournaments and training with other experienced top archers over the next two years will help NB field a strong team in 2007.

Philip Parlee – Team NB Coordinator

Never too old to enjoy archery

Would you believe here in New Brunswick there lives a man who will be celebrating 50 years in the sport of archery and still shoots twice a week? He gives the rest of us a benchmark to follow. This man is Roland Pickard. Recently, I had the privilege of speaking with him to wish him a Happy 73rd Birthday and quickly realized that this man has a wealth of knowledge on the sport of archery; too much to write in this article. Roland is well known in northern New Brunswick as he is in the Edmundston Hall of Fame.

Roland got into the sport of archery in 1956 by accident; Roland a professional photographer traded one of his cameras for a longbow – good trade. He really enjoyed shooting and thought this sport would be of interest to more people so he started the Edmundston Archery Club in 1959. This club is the oldest active archery club in the province, the next club to be formed was the Moncton Archery Club and then the Fredericton Archery Club.

Roland went through the whole gamut of archery, long bow, recurve, compound shooting with fingers and back to recurve. He has taken the next step by building longbows and recurves which he has been doing for the last 10 years. He says you learn a lot more about archery when you build your own bows.

Did you know that in 1962 he and other archers gave an archery presentation at the Legislative Assembly to lobby to have a special hunting season for archery? This did not come to pass until 1986 I believe. The archery community owe these early pioneers a big “Thank You”.

Roland says one of his highlights over the years was in 1962 when he won the East Canadian Trophy. The event was held in Mont Joli and he was shooting an instinctive Recurve bow. In that era it was too expensive to travel, so there was an East Coast Championship and a West Coast.

He tells me he really enjoyed shooting the regionals in Edmundston this year. I asked him, “What advice do you have for the archers?” His response was “Watch out for the youngsters, they are our future. If it was up to me, every new young archer would start with a traditional bow. This is the only way to learn; then if you want to convert to compound later you can.

Technical Tip - Pick a spot

As I drove down to pick up my longbow, these thoughts went through my mind. I could see myself shooting bull’s eye after bull’s eye and splitting arrows down the center like Robin Hood. Oh - I was in for a surprise. I pulled into my friend’s yard; he came out carrying my new longbow. He says, “Here it is, string it up”. I said, “I don’t know how”. So he strung it up for me and then unstrung it and says “Now you try”. So I go through the same motion and I could feel a hernia starting. Gee, he makes this look so easy. So he says, “Come on, we will go over to the field next to the shed”. He takes a few shots; hitting the bull’s eye and making it look easy. “Now, you try”. “How do you aim this?” “Just pick a spot”, was the reply. Okay that’s how it’s done, piece a cake, I say. I take my new bow home with pride. The next day I go out to practice. The arrows are going over the target, under the target, to the left, to the right, smash, crack; arrows never seen by myself or mankind again. Arrows disappeared off the face of the earth. I stand with my mouth open, out of breath, my shoulders drooping, beads of sweat running down my body, I slowly walk over to the target to retrieve my arrows or what is left of them. There are slivers of wood, feathers about the place, pieces here and there; this is what a mediaeval battle scene must have looked like, I said to myself without the blood and the bodies. To add insult to injury, a piece of feather from the fletching is blown into my face by the wind. I looked at it in frustration. Oh isn’t archery fun! I stomped back into the house with my head hanging low. I hear from the kitchen, my dear wife, “How did the shooting go?” Through clenched teeth I say, “Oh good”. I know what I will do, I will phone my archery buddy and he will tell me what I am doing wrong. So he listens quietly and hears the frustration and desperation in my voice. “Well what do you think it is? Is it the bow handle too big, the bow too long?” He calmly says “No, I think your trouble is that you are not picking a spot”. “Oh” I say “you think that is what it is?” “Yes”. Time marches on. Things are going a little better, I think I am getting the hang of it now. The old proverbial saying “the ?!?! hits the fan”. What a mess. Here I go again. I am shooting faster and faster, the faster I shoot the behinder I get. Now I am working myself in a fragile state of mind. I need medical help, no it is psychological help. So in a panic I call my archery buddy. I blurt into the phone, “My archery has all gone to ?!?!?” “What” says the voice. “Oh I’m sorry”. I had dialled 911. Get a grip, this time dialling the right number. I again begin to tell my archery buddy my troubles. After awhile, I said, “I know I know, pick a spot”. Now when things start to go wrong, a voice comes into my head and says “**Slow down and Pick a spot**”.

2005 Tournament Schedule

Date	Type	Hosting Club	Contact	
Apr 3/05	Atlantic Regional Indoor	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
Apr 10/05	3D Indoor	Woodstock Archery	Dave McKinley	328-4694
Apr 16/05	Prov. FITA & AGM	Bathurst	Bernie	783-4809
Apr 17/05	Prov. 3D Indoor	Bathurst	Bernie	783-4809
Apr 23/05	3D indoor:	Mathieu-Martin HS	Maurice Levesque	855-6169
Apr 24/05	3D Indoor	Edmundston	Luc	263-5709
Apr 30-May 1	FITA 1440	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
May 7/05	Spring Canbow – FITA 1 – Fredericton		Charles	454-5866
May 8/05	FITA 1440	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
May 14/05	BONB supper/silent auction – Saturday evening - Bathurst			
May 15/05	BONB 3D Outdoor	Bathurst	Bernie	783-4809
May 14/05	FITA 1440	Bathurst	Bernie	783-4809
May 28/05	3D Outdoor	Woodstock Archery	Dave McKinley	328-4694
May 29/05	FITA 1440	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
June 05/05	3D Outdoor	Petitcodiac	Wil Silverton	756-2891
June 12/05	FITA 1440	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
June 18&19/05	Atlantic Regional Outdoor	TBA/Nova Scotia	claude.langlois@ns.sympatico.ca	
June 19/05	3D outdoor:	Field Course on Berry Mills Rd		
June 26/05	3D Outdoor	Woodstock Archery	Maurice Levesque Dave McKinley	855-6169 328-4694
July 3/05	3D Outdoor	Petitcodiac	Wil Silverton	756-2891
July 9-10/05	Provincial Outdoor FITA 1440x2	Sussex	Phil Parlee	433-5426
July 17/05	Prov 3D Outdoor	Petitcodiac	Wil Silverton	756-2891
July 22/05- Aug 1	NATIONALS (FITA/FIELD/3D) Saint John – www.archerynb.ca			
Aug 14/05	3D Outdoor	Bathurst	Bernie	783-4809
Aug 20/05	3D Outdoor	Woodstock Archery	Dave McKinley	328-4694
Aug 21/05	3D Outdoor	Field Course on Berry Mills Rd	Maurice Levesque	855-6169
Aug 28/05	BONB	TBA Saint John		

NOTE: For archers who are planning to apply for funding to go to the Nationals, it is your responsibility to keep your signed score cards and submit your application within the required deadline date.

Editor's Note:

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I need more information here. Any suggestions??

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