



Central Alberta Archers Association

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Fall 2008 Newsletter

CAAA (Central Alberta Archers Association) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. The CAAA is a separate entity from Red Deer Archery (Pro Shop).

<p><u>Hours of Operation:</u></p> <p>Monday: Closed</p> <p>Tuesday: Noon – 6p</p> <p>Wednesday: Noon – 9p</p> <p>Thursday: Noon – 6p</p> <p>Friday: Noon – 9p</p> <p>Saturday: Noon – 6p</p> <p>Sunday: Closed</p>	<p><u>All Memberships:</u></p> <p>(valid for 1 year from date of purchase)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reduce your lane fees - entitles you to lower rates at CAAA shoots <p>Gold Memberships:</p> <p>("Gold" entitles you to unlimited free lane fees throughout the year)</p> <p>Single Adult member: \$276 (includes FCA)</p> <p>Single Child (under 18) member: \$271 (includes FCA)</p> <p>Regular memberships:</p> <p>1st family member: \$91 (includes FCA)</p> <p>Each additional Adult member: \$61 (includes FCA)</p> <p>Each additional Child (under 18) member: \$56 (includes FCA)</p>
<p><u>Lane Fees</u></p> <p>Non-Member (Adult) \$15</p> <p>Non-member (7-16yr) \$10</p> <p>Regular Members (all ages) \$5</p>	<p><u>FCA fees:</u> (valid from Jan 1-Dec 31 each year)</p> <p>- provides you with insurance in case of an accident within the CAAA facility, or at sponsored shoots (Note: a FCA membership is a necessary requirement when shooting at competitions (ie., Regionals, Provincials, Nationals, etc))</p> <p>Single Adult: \$27</p> <p>Single Child (under 18): \$22</p> <p>Family: \$60</p>

Junior Archery Program Special Events:

(please mark your calendars)

Tuesday	Thursday
Sep 9 – first night	Sep 11 – first night
Sep 16 – target / first scoring round	Sep 18 – target / first scoring round
Sep 23 – target	Sep 25 – target
Sep 30 – target	Oct 2 – target
Oct 7 – Turkey Shoot	Oct 9 – Turkey Shoot
Oct 14 – 3-D night	Oct 16 – 3-D night
Oct 21 – target	Oct 23 – target
Oct 28 – target & Halloween Fun	Oct 30 – target & Halloween fun
Nov 4 – target	Nov 6 – target
Nov 11 – NO ARCHERY CLASSES	Nov 13 – NO ARCHERY CLASSES
Nov 18 – Parent night** – 3-D	Nov 20 – Parent night** – 3-D
Nov 25 – target	Nov 27 – target
Dec 2 – last night – pizza party	Dec 4 – last night – pizza party

**Parent Nite: Please try to ensure that a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. is available to shoot with your junior archer (experience not necessary – come and have fun – bring a smile to your child's face (maybe even a laugh or two)).

Welcome back to the new session of Archery. Following is a recap of the archery events that took place during the Summer of 2008.

2008 Alberta Indoor Provincials: The 2008 Alberta Indoor Provincials were held April 12 & 13 in Edmonton, AB. Congratulations to all those who participated and to those who "medaled".

2008 Alberta Indoor Provincials			
<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>
McKenna Oleksuik	Gold – Cadet Female Compound	Kyle Wiun	Gold–Pre-Cub plus new provincial & Canadian record
Jaime Crossley	Silver – Cadet Female Compound		
Brenna MacLean	Bronze – Cadet Female Compound	Ryan Wiun	Silver – Cadet Male Compound
		Josh Kirkham	Bronze – Cadet Male Compound
		Anthony LeBlanc	Silver – Jr Male Compound
Cadet: 12-14 years Junior: 15-17 years			

2008 MICA Tournament (Mutli Indoor Sites of the Americas): The MICA tournament (both for individual and team participation) for our area was held April 30th at our lanes. All scores are then submitted to a central tabulating center for compilation for placement. The following archers from our area were placed as follows (remembering this is within all of North America). Congratulations to those who participated and did so well!

2008 MICA Tournament (Individual Participation)			
<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>
McKenna Oleksuik	Placed 5 th - Cadet Female Compound	Ryan Wiun	Placed 6 th –Cadet Men Compound
Kira Mercereau	Placed 10 th –Cadet Female Compound		
		Anthony LeBlanc	Placed 8 th –Junior Men Compound
Marissa Clapson	Placed 11 th – Cadet Female Recurve	Simon Wiggins	Placed 15 th – Jr Men Compound
Cadet: 12-14 years Junior: 15-17 years			

2008 MICA Tournament (Team Participation)			
<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Archer</u>	<u>Category</u>
McKenna Oleksuik	McKenna, Kira & Marissa won a Silver Medal in the Jr Women Recurve category	Ryan Wiun	Ryan, Anthony & Simon won the Gold Medal in the Jr Men Compound category
Kira Mercereau		Anthony LeBlanc	
Marissa Clapson		Simon Wiggins	

Session 3 – April-June : Outdoor Session: April thru June saw a small group of archers participating in our outdoor session held at Kerry Wiggins' farm. This session concentrated on learning how to shoot long distances (30-60 metres) while dealing with constant changing elements (ie., wind, gusts, rain, changing light conditions, etc). This 8-week session was finished off with a wiener roast (and again, my apologies for forgetting the marshmallows). A huge "THANK YOU" to Kerry Wiggins and Kevin Degenhardt for coaching this small group of archers, better preparing them for outdoor competitions and to Kerry for the use of his facilities.

Fort Normandeau Days – Archery Demonstration – May 31 & June 1: Once again we were invited back by Fort Normandeau to put on a demonstration of Archery for the public attending “Fort Normandeau Days”. The feedback from both Fort Normandeau and the public was tremendous (we even made the front page of the Sunday paper that weekend) -- in fact a number of new archers in our juniors program got the “archery bug” at this event. Kudos to our “demonstration team” – the positive response/experiences couldn’t have happened without you. Our demonstration team included: Kerry Wiggins, Mike Screen, Bob Hickie, Simon Wiggins, McKenna Oleksuk, Kira Mercereau and Anthony LeBlanc. Job well done!!!

July 2008 – 3D shoot @ Jack’s Place: Our annual 3-D shoot/fund raising event was held just west of Innisfail on July 19 & 20th. This event is held in a pasture/treed area with three separate 20-target courses set up. This year’s event saw 84 shooters of all ages and levels of shooting participate – it was a fun weekend of camping, camaraderie and shooting.

- “THANK YOU” to all those volunteers who assisted with setup, takedown, selling of raffle tickets, etc – we couldn’t do it without your help!
- “THANK YOU” to those shooters and families who came out to participate and make this such an enjoyable event.
- “THANK YOU” to all the individuals and companies that made donations towards prizes for this event (through money and/or prizes).

Anthony LeBlanc – Jr Male Compound: Anthony participated in a number of competitions throughout the summer on his way to making the team going to the World Juniors in Turkey this October. In July, he received Silver at the 2008 FITA and Field Nationals and earned the opportunity to go to the Worlds. Congratulations to Anthony for his accomplishments this summer and we wish him every success in October in Turkey.

August 2008 – Archery Demonstration at Camp Kanawiin: We were asked to facilitate an archery demonstration for **Camp Quality** (a camp for kids with cancer) held at Camp Kanawiin on August 20th in the area of Sylvan Lake. This event was to allow both campers and counselors the opportunity to experience the sport of archery. Approx. 28 campers and 28 counselors took in this event and from everyone involved it was a very positive experience. From those who demonstrated and were so impressed by how carefully the campers “listened” to the instructions, to the campers who were disappointed when the demonstration came to an end. Again, a huge “THANK YOU” to those volunteers who participated giving up their day to made this such a enjoyable experience for all involved: Mike Screen, Kerry Wiggins, Curtis Bilan, Lawrence Farries, McKenna Oleksuk and Paige Farries.

August / September 2008 – Registration for Fall Session of Junior Archery: August saw the annual ritual of the registration of both returning and new archers for the Junior Archery Program. On September 4, we held our annual registration meeting for those parents who could attend. A short information session was held followed by the registration for new archers. A BIG THANK YOU to those parents who were able to attend the meeting.

Just a quick repeat of a few of the topics we covered in case you were unable to make the meeting:

1. **Coaches** – we are fortunate to have some of the best in the province
 - “Coach of the Year 2008” – Gary Wilmer
 - “New Coach of the Year 2008” – Pat Wiun
 - These coaches took our Zone 4 team to the Alberta Winter Games 2008 and we medaled in 7 of 8 categories (3 G, 3 S and 1 B) – very impressive.
2. **Safety / Listening / Being Aware of your surroundings / arrow safety:**
 - Safety will always be number one priority at the archery lanes
 - No running when going to get your arrows or coming back to the line after retrieving them

- All archers are expected to listen to their coaches and listen to what is going on around them.
 - “be aware of your surroundings” and what is going on around you at all times – to ensure, that again, you are safe and others around you are safe.
 - When carrying your arrows to and from class or while in class the following safety rules should be followed:
 - Carry your arrows together (with an elastic band around them when going to and from class) in a vertical hold (up and down) – DO NOT swing them around, these are “pointy” objects that can cause serious injury.
 - Points to always face down – but remember the “nock” end is just as dangerous.
 - No touching of an arrow on the “line” unless a coach has called “*Line is clear for shooting*” – otherwise, the archer will be required to perform 10 pushups as a reminder for the next time.
3. **Arriving 10 minutes before classes start:**
- This allows time to take off your coat
 - “stretching warm up” - no warm up – no shooting
 - Get “on the line” so we can start at 6p or 7:30p
4. **DO NOT drop kids off in the parking lot:** Due to an incident at the beginning of February, we are requesting that for safety reasons “**do not drop your archers off in the parking lot and drive away**”—**please come in with your archers and ensure there is a class that evening before you leave to run errands, etc.** In this instance, even though it had been announced at class the week before, was written on the “volunteer board” and had been emailed out that there would be no classes due to the Teacher’s Convention, a number of junior archers were “dropped off in the parking lot and left”. Fortunately, Pat was just leaving the lanes for the day and most parents were able to be contacted and come back to pickup their archers; however, had Pat not been there, your archers would have been stranded outside to wait for your return (when there are no classes on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, the lanes close between 5:30 and 6:00p). If anyone has an issue with this request, please contact Ronda @ 342-6465 to discuss. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important safety matter.
5. **What your session fees cover:**
- Include 12 weeks of lessons with coaches
 - Use of bows/targets
 - Membership to club - \$5 to practice at alternate times (practice does make perfect)
 - FCA insurance
6. **Email addresses – primary communication tool:**
- Newsletters
 - Coming events
 - Requests for volunteer activities
7. **Volunteer Activities:** I can understand and empathize that everyone is BUSY, BUSY these days with so many activities but this is a volunteer organization and everyone involved is a VOLUNTEER. This organization is “what you make of it – you get out of it what you put into it” and every little bit of help is greatly appreciated.
- Mary-Lou explained some of the activities and the “volunteer calendar” and explained how you need to write your name on the calendar but also remember to sign the “Volunteer” sheet and have a coach sign that you’ve performed your volunteer duty.
 - Ensure your name is on the list (at least 3x) to get your “performance bond” back at the end of the session (of course, if you have more time and would like to volunteer more often, we’re only to glad to accept your generous donation).

Thank you again to all those who were able to attend and make this our most successful registration night yet.

Receipts: Receipts for the current archery session (September thru December) will be available from Pat starting Tuesday (December 2nd) evening. If you have any questions/concerns regarding your receipt, please do not hesitate to give Ronda a call at 342-6465.

Interested in Coaching Archery?: We are looking at organizing a "Coaching Course" to add individuals to our volunteer coach line-up. This course is usually held during a weekend at the Red Deer College. If you're interested in taking the course, please talk with Pat, Mary-Lou or Ronda and we'll put together a list of interested individuals. (Please note, while archery experience would be an asset, it is not a requirement to take this course).

Donations: The club is always interested in obtaining donations or sponsorship towards the Junior Archery Program or next year's MOAS (*Mother of All Shoots*). This can be in the form of cash donations or prizes of all shapes and sizes. If you are interested in helping out or know a company or organization that would be interested in helping a worth-while cause, please talk to Pat, Mary-Lou or Ronda.

- **Items we are in immediate need for – 8 (5-7kg) frozen turkeys for our turkey shoot on October 7 and 9th. If you or someone/business you know could help with this, please call me (Ronda @ 403-342-6465). Thanks in advance for any assistance.**

Mohawk / Husky Community Rebate Program

The details of the program entail the following:

- Purchases of fuel and other store items will accrue 2% of the purchase price into an account for CAAA.
- Excluded items for this reimbursement are tobacco products and lottery sales.
- On a quarterly basis, a refund cheque to CAAA will be issued based on the total of sales from those members using the Community Rebate Program cards

It is understood that some members of CAAA may not make regular use of Mohawk or Husky service stations based on their normal daily commute routes, previously existing "other" gas cards, or just no associated gas station in their immediate area, ...

This program is in no way intended to try and influence members to change their current "gas buying practices", however, if members currently use the above two stations on a regular basis, please consider acquiring one of these cards. While 2% of your normal purchase may seem small, when combined with other regular users of this rebate program, the totals can become significant. Additionally, if the program is successful, it provides a "crack-in-the-door" for approaching these corporations for further sponsorship with regards to MOAS '09. The cost for housing our event in the Stockman's Pavillion doesn't come cheap!! It would be an incredible boost to the final revenue deposited to CAAA if we had a large corporate sponsor who would be willing to cover the rent on the locale. If this Community Rebate Program is successful – based on the commitments of CAAA members, we have a viable case to make for requesting their support for future CAAA endeavors.

So if you are a Mohawk or Husky patron, please check with Pat to obtain your Rebate Program card.

Thank You:

- Thank you again to the parents who have put in their volunteer time so far this session – you take a considerable amount of pressure off our volunteer coaches and assistants on the line.
- Thank you again to our returning volunteer coaches and to our new coaching assistants for all the time and efforts they put into spreading the enjoyment of the sport of archery. Without their efforts, our program would not be the success it is!!!

If you are interested in helping out in one of the above areas or would like to help out in another way, please talk with Mary-Lou or Ronda.

Reminders:

- If you have not yet paid for your Jr Archery Session fees, please ensure that you've done so by September 30th (either in the way of full payment or three post-dated cheques for the 15th or 30th of each of the next three months - September, October and November). If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a quick call (Ronda @ 403-342-6465).
- If you have not yet dropped off your performance bond cheque (post-dated for the 15th of December) in the amount of \$50, please do so by the end of the month. Remember, if you "volunteer" a minimum of three times between now and the end of the session, you will receive your cheque back with your receipt at the end of the session.
- **If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending archery lessons, we do have approx. 10 openings on Tuesday evenings. Give them my name and number and I'd be only too happy to share the details (Ronda @ 403-342-6465).**