

Lee County Archers, Inc.

Annual Report to Lee County (Feb 2014 to Feb 2015)

Lee County Archers is a nonprofit organization devoted to the promotion of archery through completion, teaching safe archery practices and general promotion of archery in the Lee County area. The club is located at the south end of the Nalle Grade Park in North Fort Myers, FL. The Club has been in existence for over 30 years. The Club is a member of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) and the Florida Field Archery Association (FAA) abiding by the rules and practices of both the national and state levels. The club facilities include a 28 target field course, a 28 target 3D range, a lighted 20 yard and lighted multi range. Also included a FITA field range.

Archer and Program Activities

Ongoing activities for archers include a 3-D completion on the third Sunday of every month.

There is also a weekly 3-D shoot on Mondays. The 3D showcases an exceptional assortment of targets, set throughout the range. This competition is widely attended and enjoyed by many people throughout the county and southern Florida. On the first Sunday of the month the club hosts a 900 competition. On Tuesday evenings there is a 300 round on our lighted range.

In February of 2014 Lee County Archers hosted the archery completion for the Lee Senior Games. In March the club hosted the Club championship which included a round of field competition, a 300 round and a 40 target 3-D round. It combined a variety skills and equipment, traditional, bow hunter and free style. In April 2014 several members worked with a film crew to teach archery to an actress. In June and July the North Fort Myers Archery Camp used the facilities, there were 31 participants. Our members made several local presentations throughout the year, including Caloosahatchee Park and Shell Point.

The State FITA Field Championships were held at the range in November of 2014. All the competitors were impressed with the quality of the range and the accommodations.

In December, 2014 the club hosted the State Senior games in archery, at Gateway Soccer complex.

The range is open to the public, under supervision, on Thursdays from 2:00 until 6:00 or until the last Board member leaves. There is instruction and coaching within this time period. The Club has highly trained instructors and many champion archers both at the State, National, North American and World levels. We pride our Club on being an archery resource available to our local community. We do at times limit attendance based on resources and safety concerns, which we deem critical.

The range is also open to the public on our club shoot days, which are normally 6 to 8 days a month. Club members can also bring visitors as long as they are supervised but are limited to four visits.

Status of Environmental Conditions

The range condition, over the past year, has been very good with minimal flooding. The members and visitors have enjoyed seeing the occasional wildlife, bobcats and wild hogs. There are many squirrels and birds which we all appreciate. The club is willing to work with the County, as required, to support the water retention project on the facility. The Club continues to maintain the range and the facilities in support of the archery range.

Status of Use

With over 225 members, our Club is one of the largest clubs in the State of Florida. It is considered one of the finest archery facilities in the State. The Club hosts regular competition at the state level. Consideration of a National Tournament is being considered. This along with the normal events provides revenue to local businesses in the county and recognition to the County and Club.

The Club between its member and visitors averages about 1000 visits per month. Members vary from next door to members from Alaska. We have had visitors from Europe and several foreign countries.

Our shoots are advertised on our website www.leecountyarchers.com which includes our Club news letter. Additional publicity has been gained by articles in archery publications and local papers. Several Club members have been listed in national archery publications.

Review of Special Problems and Concerns

During the year the club has appreciated the positive interaction between the County personnel and the LCA board members. We believe we both have the same goals, to protect this important resource and to provide a safe environment for everyone.

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