

## **Lee County Archers, Inc.**

### **Annual Report to Lee County (Feb 2015 to Feb 2016)**

Lee County Archers is a nonprofit organization devoted to the promotion of archery through competition, 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 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; lighted multi range, also included a FITA field range. Membership is open to the public. Applicants must pass a safety orientation class as well as demonstrate safe shooting practices with their equipment in order to be considered for membership in the club.

#### **Archer and Program Activities**

Ongoing activities for archers include a 3-D competition 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 an American 900 competition. On Tuesday evenings there is NFAA 300 round on our lighted range. There are many unscheduled events going on weekly for members.

In January of 2016 Lee County Archers hosted the archery competition 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.

Every Thursday from 2 till 6 the club is open to the public. This provides the general public an opportunity to see our facility and beginners the chance to try out archery. There is instruction and coaching within this time period. The Club invests much time and resources to support the public. The Club provides bows and arrows for anyone interested in learning archery. There are normally 3 to 6 instructors available for lessons and supervision. This is well over 1000 volunteer man hours per year donated to the public in an effort to promote safe archery. The Club has highly trained instructors and many champion archers both at the State, National, North American and World levels. This is a wealth of archery talent and experience which is being passed on to future generation of archers. 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 to participate in our club shoots which are normally 6 to 8 days a month. Club members can also bring visitors to the club as long as they are supervised but are limited to three visits.

### **Status of Environmental Conditions**

The range condition, over the past year has been very wet. At times our members have had to wear boots while walking the facility. The pavilion has been flooded many times during the year. The members and visitors have enjoyed seeing the occasional wildlife. There are many squirrels, birds and our resident barn owl which we all appreciate. The club is continuing 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. Due to the constant rain the entry driveway continues to be a problem. The club has spent \$900 this year in fill and grading but the road remains a constant maintenance issue.

### **Status of Use**

With over 250 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. The club is hosting a state level 3D invitational shoot in March. 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 other foreign countries.

#### Attendance by Month

January.....971	July.....851
February.....847	August.....938
March.....1032	September...1075
April.....778	October.....1096
May.....721	November...895
June.....953	December....1090

Our shoots are advertised on our website [www.leecountyarchers.com](http://www.leecountyarchers.com) which also includes our Club news letter. Additional publicity has been gained by articles in archery publications and local papers. Several Club members have won State and National tournaments this year and have been listed in national archery publications. One of our club members this year, John Lackey, was inducted in the Florida Archery Hall of Fame. This was based on his many shooting accomplishments during his archery career as well as his contributions to archery.

**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.

Submitted by:

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LCA Club Insurance

LCA Board Insurance

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Contact List

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