

Lee County Archers, Inc.

Annual Report to Lee County (Feb 2016 to Feb 2017)

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 well 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 50 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.

A. Archer and Program Activities

Ongoing activities for all 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. 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. Our instructors have traveled offsite to participate in archery instruction at Ave Maria and a presentation at Family Golf in Estero. The club has also hosted a corporate event, training a group on the history of archery. 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.

In November the club hosted the state FITA Field Championship. There was good attendance from archers from all over southern Florida. In March of 2016 Lee County Archers hosted the archery competition for the Lee County Senior Games. In December the club hosted a benefit event for a local club member son who is fighting cancer. All proceeds were donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

B. Status of Environmental Conditions

The range condition over the past year, during rainy season, has been very wet with some flooding. The Lee County Senior games were delayed several weeks due to flooding. At times our members have had to wear boots while walking in the facility. The pavilion has been flooded many times during the year. We appreciate the county keeping us informed and allowing us to comment on the water retention project. As it has been explained to us the project should benefit the club. It will not stop all flooding but should help overall. 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 road remains a constant maintenance issue, the County has helped by grading when required.

C. Status of Use by Archers

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 continues to host events at the state level. 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 800 visits per month. Members vary from next door to members from Canada and as far away as Alaska. We have had visitors and club members from Europe and several other foreign countries.

Attendance by Month

January.....776	July.....763
February.....774	August.....736
March.....915	September...558
April.....717	October.....672
May.....815	November....688
June.....764	December....921

Our shoots are advertised on our website www.leecountyarchers.com which also includes our Club news letter. Additional publicity has been gained by articles in national archery

publications and local papers. Several Club members have won State and National tournaments this year and have been identified in many national archery publications.

D. Review of Special Problems and Concerns [encountered over the previous year]

During the year the club has appreciated the positive interaction between the County personnel and the LCA board members. There have been no problems during the year. 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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Attach:

LCA Club Insurance

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NFAA Certificate

Contact List