

Lee County Archers, Inc.

Annual Report to Lee County (Feb 2017 to Feb 2018)

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 35 years. The Club is a member of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA), the Florida Archery Association (FAA), and the American Shooting Association (ASA) 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. 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, as well, to participate in archery instruction at Ave Maria and a presentation to a scout troop. 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 2 to 3 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.

On February 3, Lee County Archers hosted the archery competition for the Lee County Senior Games.

B. Status of Environmental Conditions

The range condition over the past year, during rainy season, has been very wet with some 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. There was a major cleanup effort after the hurricane. Lee County archer’s volunteers worked for a month cleaning up the facility.

Due to the constant rain, during rainy season, 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 and guests, 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 and local level. This along with the normal events provides revenue to local businesses in the county as well as recognition to the County and Club.

The Club between its member and visitors averages about 700 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.....633	July.....525
February.....850	August.....635
March.....825	September...481
April.....717	October.....895
May.....638	November....626
June.....418	December....975

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. Our communication is very good. The delay and uncertainty of the water retention project has made planning for archery events difficult. The six month project could have a negative effect on the club. The club has had several meetings with the county discussing the project. A start date has not been finalized.

There have been no problems during the past 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 (main policy)

LCA Club Insurance (supplemental policy for ASA events)

Incorporation Document

NFAA Certificate

NFAA Range Certification Documents, Field, Indoor & 3D

Contact List