

PARKLAND BOWBENDERS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Parkland Bowbenders is once again pleased to announce that there will be no membership fee increases for 2022. The Alberta Bowhunters Association (ABA) will continue to provide insurance coverage for all members. To renew your membership, visit our website and complete the on-line form. (Note: All 2021 memberships expire on Dec 31, 2021, so be sure to renew in January!)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held via Zoom on Thurs February 3, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. All 2022 members are welcome to join in the meeting. If you are interested in helping the club out as a volunteer on our Executive, please let us know! We are currently looking for a Casino Volunteer Coordinator.

BRAG BOARD

Congratulations to everyone who had a successful archery hunting season in 2021!

Check out some of the stories and photos provided by our members on our Website or on our Instagram or Facebook accounts. If you have photos you would like to share, email Janet Normand at memberships@parklandbowbenders.ca

SHOP LOCAL!

Accurate Archery carries compound archery equipment and accessories. Contact owner Lawrence Huot at 780-983-3770, and follow on Instagram - @accuratearcherybylawrence

JimBows Archery carries compound and traditional archery equipment and accessories. Store and shooting lanes are at 13955 - 156 Street, Edmonton. Website: www.jimbowsarchery.ca Contact David Schlottke @ 780-488-7705

Wyld Archery carries both compound and traditional archery equipment plus accessories. Store and shooting lanes are located at 14805 - Yellowhead Trail, Edm (behind Canopy West), Website www.wyldarchery.ca Contact Justin Watson @ 587-524-3838

Lodgepole Outdoors is locally owned and specializes in traditional archery equipment and accessories. Contact owner Jascha Handel @ 587-340-1049. Located at 7601-91 Ave, Edm. Check out their website at www.lodgepoleoutdoors.ca to see everything they have to offer!

JUNIOR PROGRAM

- by Coach Leon Lemoine

What a year 2021 was! With a late start to the Junior Archery Program, we got to cover most of the basics and overall it was very successful!

I had a mixed group of 20 plus boys and girls with ages ranging from 6 yrs to 15 yrs, and skill levels from beginner to intermediate. I did also notice some parents taking notes on the sly in the back row!



As the archers progressed through the lesson plans, so did their confidence and their accuracy! From shooting large balloons with prizes inside, to smaller balloons and then to a deck of cards, I could see so much improvement in a very short period of time.

With the shortened season we were able to cover: safety, build your base (form, posture, positioning), grip, front shoulder and anchoring as well as the anatomy of the bow, explaining the importance of each step as we went along.

I watched with pride as the youngest archer yelled "Clear!" for his fellow archers to retrieve their arrows and the eldest archer shooting the small balloons at 30 yards.

I would like to give special thanks to Parkland Bowbenders who made this all possible by creating this program for the kids as well as supplying the majority of the equipment. It is my understanding that at least eight of the junior archers have now purchased their own bows since the season ended.

This was my first experience teaching archery to the youth program and I am truly blessed to have had each and every student in the class. It was an honor to share my passion with these individuals who were all eager to learn.

From remembering their process, having fun and doing it all safely, they did extremely well! I was sad to see the season come to an end but am excited to start planning for the 2022 season.

The 2022 season will begin as soon as the weather permits and the static range dries up. If COVID behaves and restrictions allow, the Junior Program will begin in spring and carry through to the fall with lessons, activities, games, prizes and maybe even a BBQ.

So family archers, please keep your eyes open early in the new year for the 2022 Junior Archery Program registration posting on the website, and be sure to tell your friends! Registration will be sent to me, Coach Leon at "archerynut2020@gmail.com".

See you on the range!

CASINO MAY 5/6, 2022

Parkland Bowbenders has been fortunate enough to be drawn to run a casino @ Century Casino in St. Albert on May 5/6, 2022 (Thurs/Fri). A casino generates many thousands of dollars for the club, and we rely on this money to purchase targets and maintain the range for our members, as well as keep membership fees low.

Many folks may not realize that the Parkland Bowbenders range is maintained entirely by volunteers, and every single dollar we make from memberships or casinos goes right back into the club to provide our members with the best experience possible.

We are hoping members of our club will be willing to help out by taking a shift at the casino on May 5th or 6th. No experience is necessary! Our Casino Advisor Caroline trains every volunteer. Meals are provided, and the work is fun! All volunteers will be required to be double vaccinated and must be able to present their QR code.

We are also looking for a Casino Volunteer Coordinator...is there a member who can help us out with this?

CLUB NEWS

We experienced a record number of memberships for 2021 and hope everyone enjoyed shooting at the range!

With the added revenue we have ordered some new Rinehart targets for 2022, and are excited for the spring when we can set up our summer 3D loops introducing a few of these new targets like: the Roe Deer, Hogzilla, Corsican Ram, Lynx, Beaver and the Lion just to name a few!

Members may have noticed this winter that our resident moose at the range took out a little bit of his moosey frustration on a few of our 3D targets, creating a bit of repair work for us!

If members notice 3D targets that are damaged or need work, or have any other range concerns please email President Bob Smith at president@parklandbowbenders.ca or call him at 587-991-1268.

