

Noc's and Tips

Robinhood Archery Club Newsletter

August 23, 2009

August, the last month of summer; with all the cool days this summer it doesn't seem like summer should be winding down and cooler fall temperatures are just around the corner. This month I really start to anticipate the upcoming archery season and know I better get my stands put back up and some shooting lanes cleared. When it is 95 degrees out and 95% humidity this doesn't sound like much fun but with the more tolerable temps we have been having it will be a lot more fun. The last couple years I have become a fan of climbing sticks and have been using the screw in type steps less. As I look through the catalogs full of hunting equipment that somehow find their way into my mailbox I see more models of climbing sticks offered. These handy tools are easier to put up and have the steps spaced close enough together so that climbing up into the stand is easier. Most models of climbing sticks will get you up from 15-20 feet off the ground and that is a good height to get into the tree canopy and out of the deer's direct line of eyesight. Another piece of equipment I can't be without is my safety harness, when hanging stands it helps free up your hands to get the stand strapped on nice and tight and when hunting it keeps me safe from accidents that could happen should I make a wrong move or nod off and fall out of the tree. The ones on the market now are very user friendly and the days of tangled straps that were a real pain to put on in the dark are over. Just knowing that I am safe when up 15-20 feet off the ground and a deer is working my way is one less thing to worry about when planning that shot.

We will be having our final 3d tournament of the season September 13 so plan to attend and volunteer to help with setup, tear down or registration. I want to thank everyone who has helped out this year with the 3d's, we have had enough help to get everything done and with enough help it isn't that much work. Gene Metschke has been our 3d director for the past two years and he has really done a great job, thanks Gene. We also bought some new Rinehart 3d targets so come out and be one of the first to put an arrow in them.

During the summer our club helped teach archery to the Parks and Recreation kids and the ELL kids and everyone had a good time. We introduced at least 50 kids to the sport of archery. Thursday night kids' league had about eight signed up and they all improved over the summer session. Wednesday night adult league went well out at Camp Eagle and will be finishing in a couple weeks.

That's all for now. Hunt safe, hunt often and I hope to report on some deer being taken when I write out this newsletter in another month. I'm off to the woods to hang some stands.

Dave Kerschinske
President
Robinhood Archery Club

Events:

Aug 25, 2009 7:00pm Club Meeting at Moeller Center
Sept 5-6 Wymore Labor Day Weekend 3-D Tournament
Sept 13 Fremont 3-D Tournament
Sep 12-13 Norfolk Whitetail 3-D Tournament