

Archery Ontario News
Archery is the sport for life

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last 15 months have been a challenge for many industries. Our association is no different. We see positive signs for the future. We eagerly await Stage 3 and Ontario's reopening plan and guidance from the Ministry of Heritage, Tourism, Culture and Sport Industries. Your board of directors has been working diligently to plan for reopening. We met earlier this Summer to discuss the possibility of 3 major provincial outdoor championships. All announcements will be posted on our website. Please look for updates there. Also, it can change at any time and pose a challenge for our clubs. We encourage all members to continue to follow local public health guidelines. Thank you for your continued patience and we look forward to seeing you on the range – soon!

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In January, we began a series of articles about Your Board of Directors. In this issue we discuss the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members. The AGM is held every Fall. It is an opportunity for the executive committee to present their annual reports to the membership. The AGM is chaired by the President or the Vice President of Administration. The AGM is also an opportunity to elect board members as required. We also present the financial statements and the report from the auditors. This is important in our transparency and commitment to the membership. It is also when the membership selects the next Target, Field and 3D Championships. Last year the AGM was conducted via Zoom as the pandemic prohibited us from gathering together. There are other advantages to hosting an online AGM including; greater access and reach of our membership, as well as the cost savings. Once again, this year, we will be hosting a virtual AGM using zoom. Members in good standing (with paid membership) wanting to attend can pre-register for the event by contacting Kevin via email. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th at 10 AM. Please save this date in your calendar. More information will follow as we get into the Fall. The AGM is a great opportunity to engage with others who love archery as much as you do and to be an active member of the association. It is a great venue for your voice to be heard in a positive way, like sharing your ideas on how to best support and grow the sport of archery in Ontario.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GOOD NEWS!!!

1) Three Summer Outdoor Events: Tentative Dates Set

When the province proceeds as planned in the reopening stages, once **Stage 3** is successfully underway we can potentially hold provincial outdoor events. We have reserved these dates below – **tentatively!**

- Aug 14-15th Ontario 3D Championships – York County Bowman
- Aug 21-22nd Ontario Field Championships – Lambton Kent Archers
- Sept 11-12th Ontario Target Championships – Peterborough Archers

Thank you for your patience, as we continually wait to hear updates from public health officials and government about these next steps. In the meantime, let's practise social distancing, hand sanitizing and masking, as directed so that we can all make a safe Return to Sport this Summer!

Roadmap to Reopening Announcement on Stage 3 available [here](#) (hyperlinked) July 16th @12:01PM.

Step 3 Regulations - https://files.ontario.ca/solgen_oreg520-21_amend364-20_2021-07-09.pdf

Please view the [regulation for the full list of public health and workplace safety measures](#) that need to be followed.

2) National Archery in the School Program (NASP) – Good news!

National Archery in The School Program is going strong in Ontario!

- 12,000 students, 600 teachers, 154 schools and counting...
- Safe, 100% inclusive program
- Meets/exceeds all Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) standards
- “Social Distancing” compatible sport

Included in the NASP equipment purchase, up to 5 teachers will be trained on how to successfully and safely run this archery program as part of a class. During the training session, teachers will learn how to setup a safe archery range, how to teach the students proper shooting form, and how to maintain the equipment.

<https://www.ofah.org/nasp/teacher-training/>

If you have questions about NASP, please reach out to Tim Watts, NASP Coordinator, tim_watts@ofah.org. Tim is also on your board of directors with Archery Ontario as the VP of Tournaments.



3) Canada Winter Games Coach and Manager Announcement

Canada Winter Games are held every 4 years as a major multi-sport competitive opportunity for youth ages 20 and younger. For Archery, each province and territory has the opportunity to send a team of 4 archers, 2 compound, 2 recurve of each gender. The team selection, training and administrative responsibilities are assigned to a Coach and Team Manager selected through an application process by Archery Ontario. We want to thank the candidates who have sent in their request for consideration of this important work. Congratulations to the successful applicants.

Richard Towler has been selected as the Team Coach and Jess Watson has been selected as the Team Manager for the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Watch for news and updates on our website about the Canada Winter Games. If you have any questions, please email Kevin at the following: vpsportdev@archeryontario.ca.



KIDS CORNER

Engaging with our youth is part of Archery Ontario's Strategic Plan. Our youth are our future and special attention should be given to them to build and foster the love of the sport of Archery. Carter, a young archer from Powassan, who has dreams of competing at the summer games in the future shares his opinions about the sport in this issue of the Kids Corner.

Carter Topham "I love archery and hunting."



Tell me about yourself and how you were introduced to the sport of Archery?

My name is Carter Topham I'm from Powassan, Ontario. I'm 13 years old. I was introduced into Archery from my dad. I had only used a crossbow for hunting and one day I asked my dad if I could try a Compound bow and shoot at targets. Once I tried and took my first few lessons I was hooked and fell in love with the sport.

Tell me about your equipment?

I first started with a Matthews Compound Bow and used a trigger release. Then after quite a few lessons I tried the back tension release and then upgraded my Bow to a Hoyt which I love!

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I enjoy the sport because I love the challenge and getting out with my family and friends. I love archery and hunting.

Attention:

If you have an idea for the Newsletter or would like to participate in writing an article, please contact Linda Fiorino-Piette, VP Marketing, vpmarketing@archeryontario.ca

What's your favorite thing (love the most) about archery?

My favourite part of Archery is challenging myself to better my own score each time I am out and going to the tournaments and shooting with all my Archery family.

What are some challenges you have faced and how did you overcome them (get better)?

Some challenges I have faced along the way was keeping my arm up and steady for a good follow through and not releasing the arrow so quick. Also another challenge would be taking my time in tournaments and not be so quick to shoot. I practice at my lessons with holding my arm up and keeping it steady to make sure my arrow goes where I'm aiming.



How do you prepare for competitions?

I would prepare myself by practicing at the Archery Place indoor range during lessons and my backyard too!

Where do you see yourself in 5 years as it relates to the sport of archery?

I see myself in 5 years continuing with Archery and hoping to be able to compete in the Ontario Summer Games and some of the bigger competitions.

Do you have any words of advice or recommendation for any new archers?

Take lessons and listen. Enjoy the sport!!!

Famous Last Words - What do you say to other archers when they shoot well?

"Good Luck and Shoot Straight.....Great Job!