

Archery Club targets hunting skills

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Supporting hunting and outdoor activities in the area, the Norton Archery Club was founded in the mid-1980s when John Baker and Doyle Nelson started archery shooting in the basement of the former Radio Shack building in downtown Norton.

Interest in archery grew in the community, which led to the formation of the Norton Archery Club.

Today, the club includes President Randy West, Vice President Chris Cuthbertson and Secretary/Treasurer Kendra Baker. While the club doesn't have a set membership roster, President Randy West said that several people

from the community participate in most of the club events each year and help coordinate club activities.

Each year, the club hosts six 3-D archery shoots at Prairie Dog State Park, along with a bunny shoot in February. They also host coyote calling contests in December and January and hold carp shoots and carp derbies at Sebelius Reservoir each summer. The club also volunteers to help at the annual OK Kids Day at Prairie Dog State Park.

Even without a specific program or membership roster, West said the main purpose of the Norton Archery Club is to encourage hunting and outdoor activities with an emphasis on fun and safety.



(Top left) Darby Sarns of Lexington, Neb. takes his aim at a target during a 3-D shoot on Sept. 9. (Left) Mick Kier of Clayton does his best to "kill" a 3-D target animal on Aug. 26. (Above) Ryan Manning and Bill Manning of Norton wait their turns to shoot while Doug Molzhan of Agra takes aim at a 3-D target.

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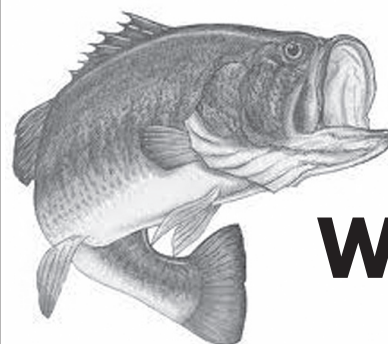
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