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**Members of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board:**

The Nishu Bowmen respectfully submit the attached application for funding via the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Since the completion of our existing indoor archery facility in 2008, Nishu membership has grown from approximately 150 adult members to 357 total single and family memberships.

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This welcomed growth in the life-time sport of archery has, at the same time, proven that the current indoor archery range is inadequate to meet the growing needs of archery enthusiasts in the area. The proposed building expansion will allow additional archery leagues, archery training, shooting opportunities, as well as competitive archery events. These facility additions will increase opportunities for archers and outdoor enthusiasts to train, test and improve their archery skills, which will help to promote the ethical use and preservation of North Dakota's extensive outdoors resources.

The Nishu Bowmen trust the Advisory Board will agree that the growth in the number of young and adult archery enthusiasts, as witnessed by our growing membership and stressed program offerings, warrants support for an expansion of the indoor archery complex.

Thank you for your consideration of the attached funding proposal. I look forward to the opportunity to make a formal presentation to the Advisory Board to further explain this proposal.

Sincerely,

Curt Pearson – President, Nishu Bowmen

## North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund

### Grant Application

**Name of Organization:** Nishu Bowmen

**Federal Tax ID Number:** 45-0398559

**Contact Person:** Curt Pearson, Nishu Bowmen Board President

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**Names of co-applicants:** N/A

**MAJOR Directive:** **Directive D** - Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

**Additional Directives:** **Directive A** - Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen.

**Directive C** - Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands.

**Type of organization:** Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

**Project Name:** Nishu Bowmen Programs Expansion

**Executive Summary:** The goal of this proposal is to provide a needed classroom, an additional archery range and storage to expand youth and adult archery opportunities. Since the completion of the indoor archery facility in 2008, Nishu membership has grown from approximately 150 adult members to 357 total memberships (consisting of single and family memberships comprising 391 adults and 215 youth members). See attached Exhibit 7; Nishu Bowmen Growth Summary, General Membership Section, for more details.

The growth in the Nishu Bowmen membership and the enthusiasm of these new members and the heavy demand for expanded archery services will be best met with the building expansion, which will allow additional archery

leagues, archery training, shooting opportunities, and archery competitions. The Nishu Bowmen began youth archery leagues in 2013 and in our winter 2015 youth league, we have 73 registered youth archers! These young archers are the future of the sport in North Dakota. See attached Exhibit 7; Nishu Bowmen Growth Summary, Youth League Section, for more details.

The Nishu Bowmen indoor archery range consists of a 90 foot by 150 foot indoor archery building with a 30-yard main range and a smaller, 20-yard target range upstairs. The building was constructed following a multi-year Nishu Bowmen fundraising effort with extensive in-kind contributions of materials and labor from club members. The building is owned by the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District and leased to the Nishu Bowmen.

The indoor archery range is part of a comprehensive 34-acre archery facility located on public land managed by the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District. In addition to the indoor archery range building, the 34-acre archery complex abuts the Riverwood walking trail and has paved parking and public toilets which are used by the general public. The outdoor portion of the archery complex has two 14-target NFAA-certified walking ranges with targets from 10- to 80- yards, maintained by the Nishu Bowmen. Additionally, there is a practice range with target butts located from 10- to 70-yards. The outdoor ranges are maintained by the Nishu Bowmen and open to the public free of charge.

Phase I of the proposed building expansion contains three major components in a 30-foot by 150 foot east side addition: a multi-purpose meeting and training room, a 20-yard archery range and expanded storage. Phase II of the proposed building expansion consists of a 30-yard addition to the main archery range, which will enable Olympic-style indoor training and archery competition at an Olympic archery distance of 50 to 60 yards. See Exhibit 8; Enhanced Programming from Expansion, for more details.

The total Phase I and Phase II project budget prepared by JLG Architects, inclusive of professional fees, permits and "soft costs" of \$154,000 and construction costs of \$1,315,830 brings the total project budget to \$1,469,830. See Exhibit 2; JLG Budget Summary, for more details.

Following 2015 fundraising efforts, permitting and final project design, it is estimated that construction will commence in 2016, with completion in 2017. Once fundraising reaches the estimated Phase I cost of \$849,000 the Nishu Bowmen will commence construction while continuing fundraising efforts for Phase II.

**Project Duration:**

2015-2017

**Amount of Grant request:** Phase 1 = \$636,000  
Phase 2 = \$220,000

**Total Project Costs:** \$1,469,830 (JLG estimate)

**Amount of Matching Funds:** Balance of project.

**Source(s) of Matching Funds:** ND Game and Fish = Up to \$250,000 (pledged)  
Nishu Bowmen = Up to \$100,000 (secured)  
Other fundraising, source TBD = \$263,830

**Certifications:** This application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

If awarded grant funding, none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted.

A final project budget will be sent to the Commission.

**Narrative - Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities.**

The Nishu Bowmen was established in Bismarck in 1956 as the Nishu Archery Club. The club established an outdoor shooting and target range south of Bismarck in 1958.

The Nishu Bowmen have developed a strong and effective working partnership with Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD). Nishu Bowmen, in a cooperative effort with the BPRD, constructed the indoor Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex located at the same location as the outdoor range in south Bismarck, next to Riverwood Golf Course. The 90' x 150' facility provides a permanent, year-round location that is so heavily utilized during the winter months that Nishu has had to cancel and restructure leagues and adjust available shooting times in a partially successful attempt to accommodate the demand.

The outdoor range has evolved, through club efforts, into a 28-target outdoor range with an adjacent practice range with target butts ranging from 10 to 70 yards. The outdoor archery complex features a practice range for shooting up to 70 yards and two National Field Archery Association (NFAA) 14-target practice ranges which include targets ranging from 10 to 80 yards in distance and an elevated shooting platform. The outdoor range has picnic tables, restrooms and parking for archery enthusiasts and the general public utilizing the adjacent public walking path.

Archery training offers people of all ages an alternative to competitive team sports; building enhanced skills, concentration, discipline, dedication and enhanced self-worth – all traits that serve the archer well throughout life. During the winter months, the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District conducts two archery classes, which are open to members of the general public. Trained instructors from the Nishu membership also offer multiple archery classes during the year. From November to March, the public is invited to practice their

archery techniques during three weekly open shooting periods. Nishu volunteers staff the office and oversee the public shooting at all of these open shooting periods.

**Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program**

The goal of this proposal is to expand the existing archery building to accommodate the growth of youth and adult archery classes, leagues and meet the demand for additional educational offerings. With the addition, Nishu can successfully satisfy Directive D by providing greater access for outdoorsmen throughout the region thru enhanced recreational and educational opportunities.

If approved by the Advisory Board, we will work with the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District to begin a formal competitive public bidding process for the construction of the addition.

With sufficient funding, construction of Phase 1 of the building addition would begin in the summer of 2016, with the goal to have Phase 1 of the building expansion complete by the end of 2016.

Our proposal to the Advisory Board is for funding for a new project. As previously stated, the Nishu Bowmen organization is strong and growing, but we do not have the fundraising capability from membership fees and dues to build this much needed expansion.

We believe this project satisfies the goals of the Outdoor Heritage Fund; i.e., to create the lasting, beneficial effect of protecting and conserving our natural resources while providing access to, and the support of, sportspersons throughout the region.

**Management of Project** - The Nishu Bowmen Building Committee, consisting of members with experience in running their own businesses, building construction, budgeting, and programming oversight, will manage this project. The members of the Nishu Building Committee include:

Greg Smith, Operations Director, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District

Ryan Bauer, co-owner of Bauer Plumbing and Heating

Lou Biederstedt, co-owner of Capital City Construction

Lee Hetletved, educator with Wilton Public Schools, certified USA Level III archery coach, and rancher

Pam Ihmels, educator and volleyball coach with Bismarck Public Schools and National Archery in the Schools (NSAP) and Nishu Bowmen archery coach

Derwin Mann, owner of Mann Signs

Rod Matzke, retired maintenance foreman (maintenance of 7 facilities over 27-year career) with Bismarck Parks and Recreation District

**Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results.** Reports on fundraising and construction progress will be documented in the minutes of our regular monthly board meetings (all board meetings are

open to all Nishu Bowmen members). All minutes are posted monthly to our website at [www.nishubowmen.com](http://www.nishubowmen.com). Progress reports will also be made at each Annual Membership meeting.

**How will you tell if the project is successful?** The successful fundraising for Phase I will be the first milestone, followed by the start of construction. Successful fundraising for Phase II, along with the completion of construction, will demonstrate the success of this project. Upon the receipt of Outdoor Heritage funding, the Nishu Bowmen will initiate all required reports, including expenditure reports during construction and upon project completion.

**Exhibits:**

- 1) Estimated Funding Sources; Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget Standard Form
- 2) Estimated Project Budget; JLG Architects
- 3) JLG Architects project ground level floorplan
- 4) JLG Architects project upper level floorplan
- 5) Photo of existing indoor archery range
- 6) Photorealistic image of Phase I east-side building addition
- 7) Nishu Bowmen Growth Summary
- 8) Nishu Enhanced Programming from Expansion
- 9) Bismarck Park Board meeting minutes excerpt with resolution of support for fundraising efforts
- 10) Morton County 4-H letter of support

**Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years.** The Nishu Bowmen will work with the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District to provide effective management of the facility, as has been done to date in our partnership arrangement. In this partnership, the Nishu Bowmen manage the facility, establish league and tournament fees and set the membership dues necessary to maintain the facility in top working condition. Additionally, past membership increases following the construction of the original indoor archery facility prove that area archers will respond to the new addition and new program offerings, which will result in additional club members, enhancing revenues and enabling proper operations and maintenance activities.

**Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.** The Nishu Bowmen recognize the realities of fundraising in a period of depressed oil prices may result in a protracted fundraising timeframe. The Nishu Bowmen will build the addition in two Phases, and continue fundraising efforts until the estimated project costs can be covered, even if this means a delay in Phase II completion.

**Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership?** The Nishu Bowmen will hold public dedication ceremonies upon completion of both Phase I and Phase II of the expanded archery facility, where the contribution of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage fund will be prominently mentioned. In addition, the new multi-purpose meeting room will be designated, and signage will indicate, its name as the Outdoor Heritage Hall in recognition of the Outdoor Heritage funding for Phase I of this project.







**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Bismarck Archery Club Option 2  
 Issued: January 20, 2015  
 Issued By: Tom Behm



**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

**SOFT (OWNER) COSTS**

Professional Fees	\$90,000
Reimbursable Expenses	\$15,000
Owner Fees	\$0
Furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE)	\$0
Technology Security and Equipment	\$0
Site Survey	\$7,500
Geotechnical Report	\$6,500
Special Inspections and Testing	\$15,000
Permits	\$20,000

**TOTAL SOFT COSTS \$154,000**

**CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

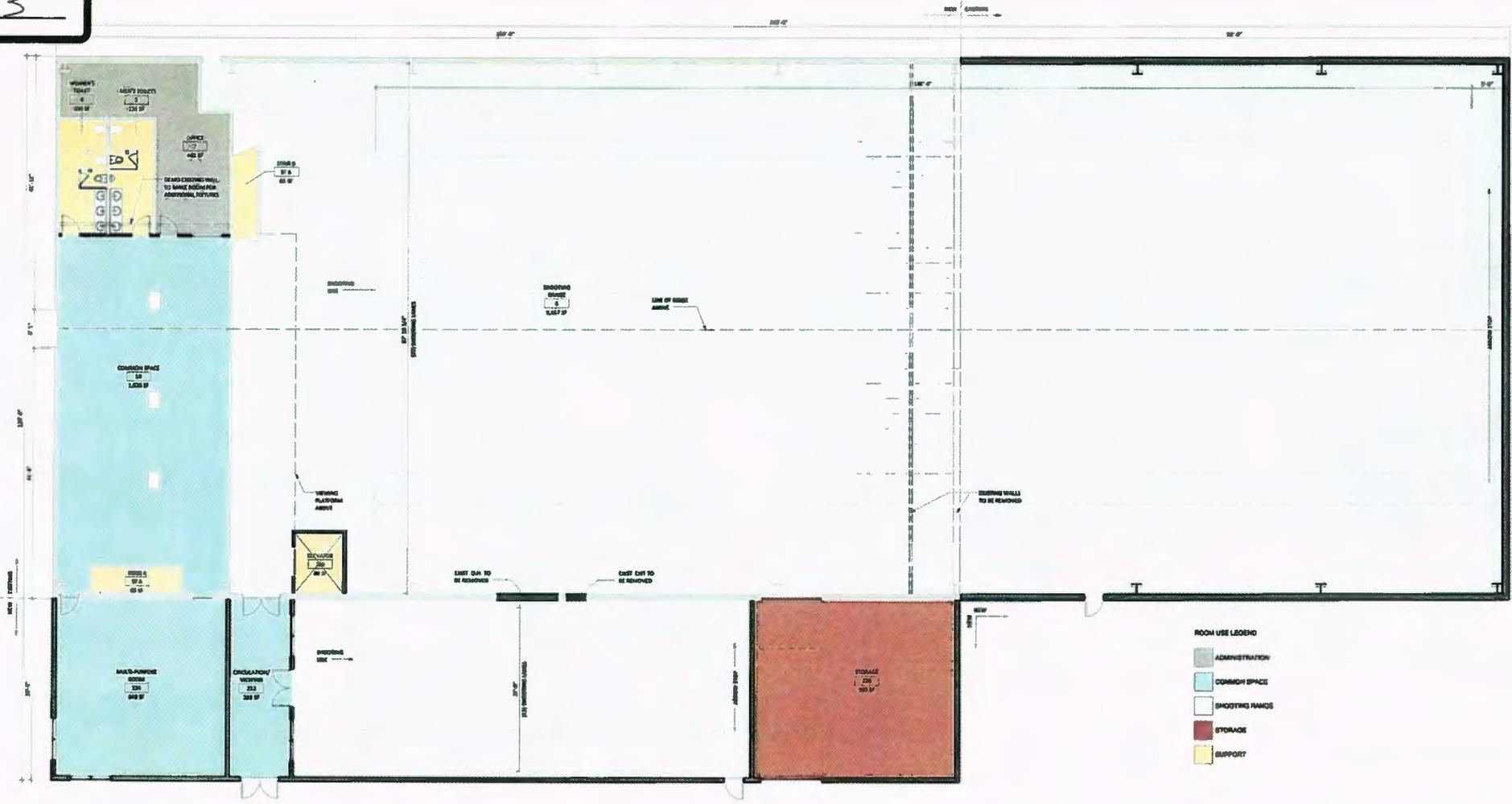
New Construction	Cost/SF	Area (SF)	
General Construction	\$85	8,100	\$688,500
Elevator			\$75,000
Mechanical	\$27	8,100	\$218,700
Electrical	\$20	8,100	\$162,000
Building Cost SF	\$132		
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,144,200</b>
<b>Site</b>			
Site Construction			\$0
	* \$5,000 per parking stall	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Contingency	15%		\$171,630
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$171,630</b>

**TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS \$1,315,830**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST**

<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$1,469,830</b>
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**EXHIBIT**  
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**1** FIRST FLOOR PLAN OPT 2  
 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**JLG 14125- BISMARCK ARCHERY CLUB**  
**SCHEMATIC FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

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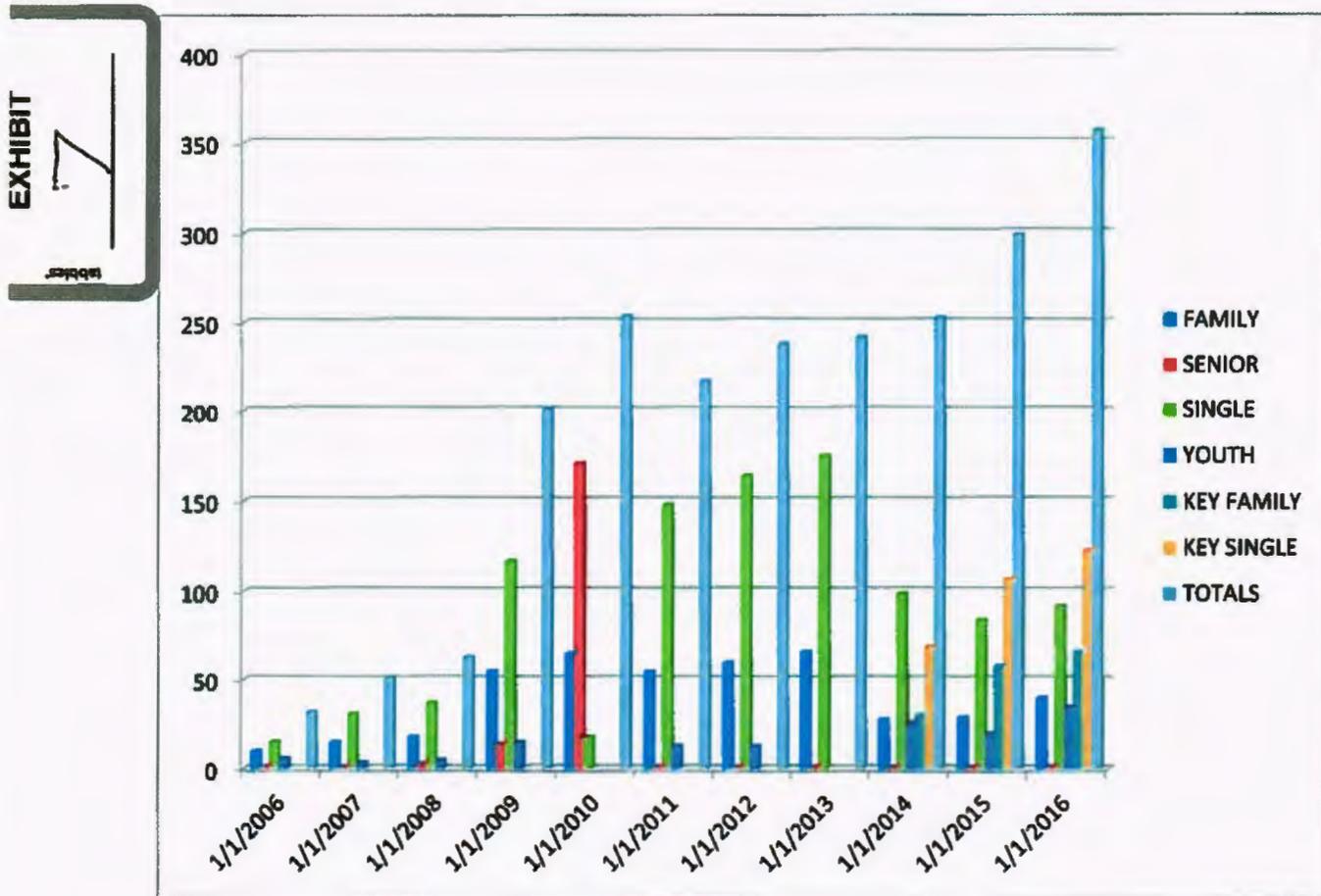
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# NISHU Bowmen Growth Summary

## General Membership

The tracking of the memberships within the NISHU Bowmen began in 2006. Below depicts the exponential growth the club has experienced in the past nine years.



The single and family memberships of 2015-2016 are comprised of 391 adults and 215 youth.

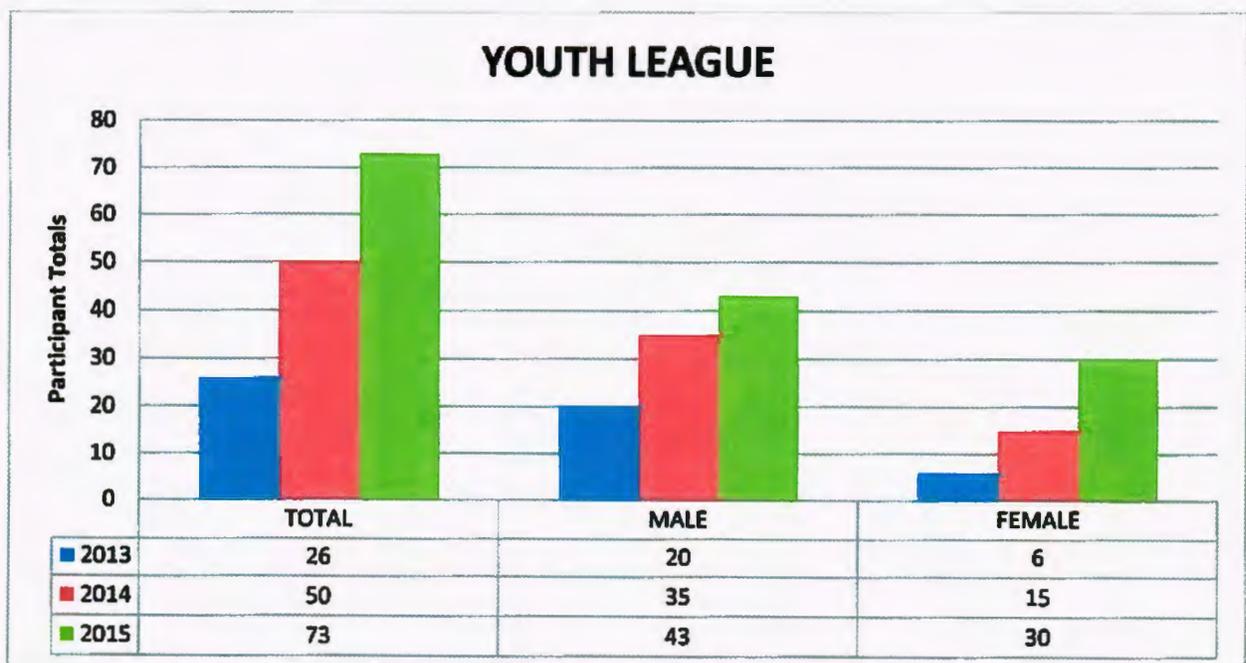
# NISHU Bowmen Growth Summary

## Youth League

In 2013, youth league was offered to 26 youth who varied in age from 5 years old to sixteen. It was offered on Sundays in one group for one hour.

In 2014, youth league was offered to 54 youth who varied in age from 6 years old to eighteen. It was offered in two groups on Sundays where “like skilled” archers were grouped. In 2014, there was a beginner and intermediate group offered. Surveys were distributed to the parents to measure satisfaction. The feedback was overwhelming that they liked the groups based on skills. In addition to high satisfaction, lessons were a common request that the club pursue to offer in the off season of league.

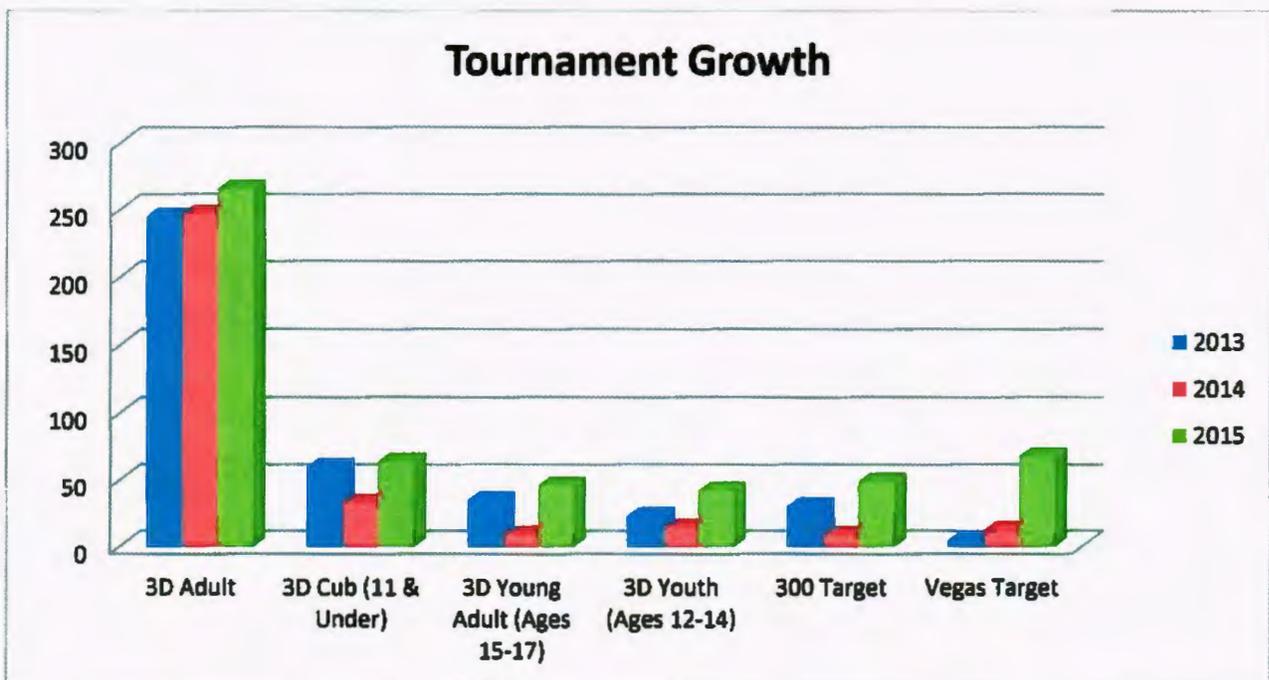
In 2015, youth league was again offered in two groups—beginner and intermediate—where 73 youth participated. It is now under discussion whether a third group be offered to distinguish a beginner, intermediate, and advanced group to best serve the youth in 2016. In addition, the directors for youth league field calls on a weekly basis seeking coaching and lesson opportunities for youth archers.



# NISHU Bowmen Growth Summary

## Scheels Shoot Growth

The Scheels Shoot is our largest hosted tournament by the NISHU Bowmen. Below depicts a comparison of the past three year's worth of Tournaments. It is important to note the exponential growth of the 2015 tournament knowing that the 2013 data is when NISHU Bowmen hosted the NDBA State tournament at the NISHU Bowmen Complex as well as the local hockey rink to have adequate space for the event. 2015 surpasses 2013—even though 2013 was the state event.



## Additional Tournament Notes:

The 2015 tournament experienced an exponential increase in target archery. Some of that is likely equated to offering half and half target and 3D within youth league for young archers to experience many disciplines within the sport of archery. The 300 Round was made up of 14% youth shooters, and the Vegas Tournament Round was comprised of 46% youth shooters.

# Enhanced Programming from Expansion

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## JOAD



The Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program of USA Archery that teaches archery to young people, provides great opportunities for awarding achievement, and helps archers to enjoy the sport recreationally or progress to the excitement of competition! JOAD offers both recurve and compound archers the opportunity to learn range safety and proper shooting technique in an environment that also fosters focus, increased self-confidence, and team building skills. JOAD is open to any youth archer aged 8 to 20 and is designed to grow with the youth archer. Introductory JOAD classes teach the fundamentals of proper shooting form; as the young archer develops, they will learn more advanced techniques.



NISHU piloted this program this year opening ten slots to youth. Those slots were filled within hours of its announcement. In order to do this program effectively, NISHU needs to be able to coach students at 50 and 70 meters. This would allow NISHU to also host USA shoots that could draw youth and adult shooters to our complex.

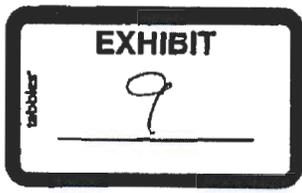
## Coach Certification

Nishu Bowmen currently has sent six individuals to earn their LEVEL II USA Archery Coaching certification. One current board member is a LEVEL III USA Archery Coach. With certified coaching, more lessons and instruction can happen with more rooms available to do the instruction and application for our membership. Lessons are frequently requested. With league season consuming the indoor complex, these lessons cannot be offered during the main shooting season for ND. With the expansion, there would be a range and classroom available to offer instruction during the main season.

# Enhanced Programming from Expansion

## Increased Event Hosting

- Nishu Bowmen had hosted the State NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) but quickly outgrew the size requested by the organization. With the expansion, we could offer this event again to the state where Game and Fish's main offices are located for a greater ease in hosting.
- USA Archery Announced location needs for hosting summer JOAD camps. This would bring youth from all around the country along with esteemed USA Olympic coaches to instruct the camps. Our local youth would then have an opportunity for broadening their skills closer to home.
- Multiple disciplines of shooting tournaments could be held. Currently NISHU Bomen holds 3D, Field, 300 Target, and Vegas Target options. This expansion could grow into offering:
  - JOAD Pin Shoots
  - USA Archery Shoots to include Olympic Recurve
  - Indoor National Target shoots



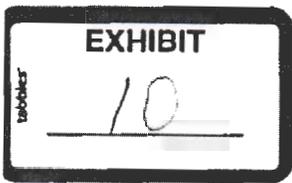
Excerpts from the  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on February 19, 2015 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Jeske called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck and Munson were present.

Commissioner Schwartz moved approval of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

*Curt Pearson from the Nishu Bowmen Archery club appeared before the board to discuss growth in the archery program and the need to consider a facility expansion. Commissioner Schwartz moved approval for the group to move the project forward and proceed with fundraising. Commissioner Starck seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.*



**NDSU**

**EXTENSION SERVICE**  
MORTON COUNTY

March 25, 2015

Members of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board,

On behalf of the Morton County 4-H Shooting Sports program and North Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports, I am writing this letter in support of Nishu Bowmen and their grant application for the Youth and Adult Archery Education Addition.

Morton County 4-H Shooting Sports has established a partnership with Nishu Bowmen in supporting youth activities through the 4-H program. We have worked hard at creating a partnership that benefits both entities. The 4-H program, which first started out with archery at Custer School in Mandan in 2011 with 9 individuals, has expanded to working with over 80 youth locally that shoot archery on a weekly basis from January through August. The 4-H Club also hosts the Missouri River 3-D Archery Tournament every spring as a fundraiser to purchase equipment. The facility allows the shooting sports club to offer archery opportunities to youth year round and without this partnership, we would not be able to accommodate the over 80 youth that have shown interest in and participated in the program.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Club has worked with beginner archers that have filtered into Nishu Bowmen Archery Leagues participated in tournaments and become members of Nishu Bowmen. The 4-H youth work hard at ensuring our program is well respected by Nishu Bowmen, including having two of our 4-H volunteers appointed to the Board of Directors of the archery club.

The North Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports program has used the outdoor archery range for state tournaments the past two years. Our partnership extends beyond Nishu to include the Bismarck Parks and Recreation department for permission to utilize the facilities operating as Nishu Bowmen Archery Range.

We contribute the growth of our program to the partnership we have established with Nishu in utilizing their facilities. The 4-H program in return has assisted with setting up with archery events and a spring cleanup. We support the application presented to you and hope you will consider this as an opportunity to expand the archery program not only in the local area but for state and regional archers as well. This application would contribute to the tertiary need recognized by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as stated in the 2013-2017 plans by North Dakota Parks and Recreation. We understand with this expansion, that Nishu Bowmen would be one of the premier archery facilities in the region, drawing a wider audience to the Bismarck - Mandan area for events. We welcome the opportunity to have our youth participate in those events and give them the chance to experience competition at a different level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Meikle".

Karla Meikle

4-H Youth Development Extension Agent

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