

The History of The Villages Archery Club

Spring 1999

Wally Krull was playing golf at Tierra Del Sol in the spring of 1999. An add on to the group happened to be Bill Jensen. After 14 holes and several lost balls, Wally made the comment "I would rather be shooting arrows". Bill said "so would I". Right then, they had an idea to start an archery club here in The Villages. They talked to John Rohan who directed them to Monica Anderson who was in charge of new clubs and activities. Monica needed a list of villagers who would be interested in the sport. Things stalled for awhile as Wally was a seasonal resident and had gone back North for the summer.

Early 2000

Wally and Bill met to discuss the formation of the club. Wally would head the interest survey. He placed an ad in The Villages Sun, WVLG and The Villages Television for interested persons to call. He got replies from about 40 or so residents who were interested. Names and phone numbers were compiled along with shooting styles and suggested targets.

April 6, 2000

The first meeting was held at El Santiago Rec Center with approximately 35 in attendance. Meeting was chaired by Wally and Bill and club officers were elected.

April 2000

Club by-laws were written by advisory board and club officers that were elected on April 6. Officers were: President-Bill Jensen, Vice President-Don Selby, Secretary-Carroll Rogers, Treasurer-Betty Claspell.

May 2000

Meeting of advisory board to finalize the club by-laws. Tenure of officers was to be Feb 1 to Jan 31. Don Selby was appointed as field captain to oversee shoots and setting up the range.

May 2000

Bill Jensen made our first target frames out of 1 1/2" PVC piping.

June 2000

The second Monday of the month, and advisory board meeting was held. Topics discussed were:

How to finance club

Have a range fee of \$1.00 per day to shoot

One day a week to hold a match with a \$5.00 fee (50% for prize money and 50% to club)

July 2000 to Jan 2001

John Rohan and Monica Anderson working on getting the club a place to shoot.

January 2001

The land area on Rio Grande, East of the air gun range was designated as the new archery range.

January 2001

Wally made contact with a rag factory in Deland and was able to obtain rag scraps to stuff our first targets that were made from feed bags.

January 2001

Bill Jensen and Wally Krull held the first resident Beginning Archery Class. Ubbo Bulman and Marshall Campbell conducted three more classes.

February 2001

On February 17. the first archery competition was held in The Villages. Shooters competing were: Rick Bylo, Vic Dailey, Ron Haller, John Harmon, Wally Krull, Carroll Rogers, Frank Skvarek, Buddy Nahm, Ernie Wacker and Ubbo Bullman.

March 2001

Ubbo Bulman and Wally Krull built and assembled wooden stands for the first 48" targets.