

Welcome NFAA Field Archers!

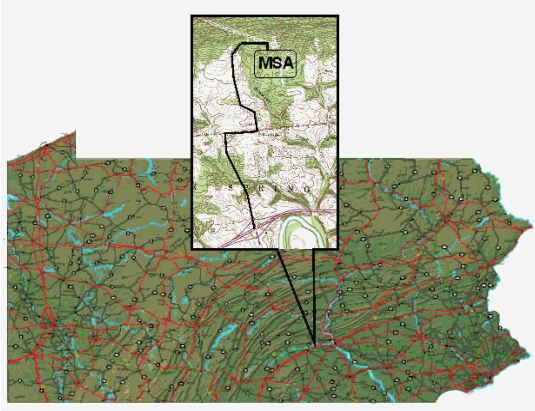
Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association, home to the Mechanicsburg Archers, is proud to host the 2009 NFAA Outdoor National Field Championship, July 22 – 26.

Where Are We Located?

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association's Physical Address: 493 Sample Bridge Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Website: www.msa-pa.org

Our 153-acre club is easy to get to, located only 5 minutes from exit 57 of I-81. From the exit, take Rt. 114 west to the light. Turn right on Rt. 944, go approx. ¼ mile and turn left onto Miller's Gap Road. Go approx. 1 mile and turn right at the "Y" onto Sample Bridge Road. Club is located on the right.



About Our Courses and Us

We are members of the PA State Archery Association, Cumberland Valley Archery Winter League, and Penn Dutch league. Our Archery facilities include four (4) 28 target NFAA / PSAA approved field courses with a fifth course that should be completed by early spring 2009.

Most of our field shooting lanes are wide enough to accommodate all 4 archers at one time. There are no steep hills to climb; they are like walking on a golf course (grass and all).

Each of these fine courses are numbered and color coded at shooting positions and target butts, with signs that have target numbers and all yardages listed for Field, Hunter, and Animal distances. All yardage markers are colored coded and marked to match the yardage signs at each target and are placed in the ground using concrete cylinders and/or steel plates.



Examples of yardage markers in the ground and target number signs with yardages. Each course has its own color.

Our permanent courses have target butts made out of Celotex. Sometimes, depending on the type of arrows shot, this Celotex can leave a small residue on the shaft. Using an arrow lubricant to help prevent sticking and sometime even a steel pot scrubber to remove the residue can be beneficial.



Youth at PSAA Animal Shoot. Target butts made of Celotex.

Our practice facility is shot from a straight single line with 24 staggered butts that can be shot from 10 to 80 yards

We annually host the PSAA Field/Hunter, and Animal championships. This year's PSAA shoot is the weekend before Nationals, July 18 & 19, and all NFAA members are welcome to attend this shoot and participate in the guest division. **This is a Pre-Registration Shoot.** For a Registration form and to get more information visit: www.psaa.net.

The Mechanicsburg Archers will also be holding a Penn-Dutch League shoot June 20 & 21, 2009. This shoot is 14 Field & 14 Hunter Targets both days. This is a casual registration shoot from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. both days.



Wide shooting lanes and an example of the target sign and target butt.

Where To Stay

For those coming in from outside the area, you will find all major hotel / motel chains located within 10 miles of the club.

The Holiday Inn West (717-697-0321) will be serving as the NFAA Host Location. This is located 10 minutes from the club grounds. They are home to the West Shore Hardware Bar (night club), Legends Sports Bar and Restaurant, and the Carlisle Pike Saloon. The rate is \$99.00 a night. Be sure to mention NFAA.

For those interested in camping, unfortunately **NO camping will be available on-site.** There are several privately owned campgrounds within 20 miles:

Free Spirit Recreation Center – 20 miles
(717-582-4443)

Harrisburg East Campground – 15 miles
(717-939-4331)

Western Village RV Park – 15 miles
(717-243-1179)

Or you may choose one of the local State Parks that offer camping facilities:

Colonel Denning State Park – 30 miles
(717-776-5272)

Gifford Pinchot State Park – 15 miles
(717-432-5011)

Pine Grove Furnace State Park – 30 miles
(717-486-7174)

For more information and on-line reservations visit the DCNR website www.DCNR.state.pa.us

Special Events

On Friday, July 24th, we will be holding a chicken barbecue followed by a Pro-Am shoot under the lights on our Trap Field. In order to make this a successful event, we need to have a rough count of those attending by Wednesday, July 1, 2009. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please send in the form below. With the fee per meal attached. Checks can be made out to MSA. Thank you for your support with this event.

Vendors...

We will have limited space inside for vendors to set up and promote their items. There will be limited space outdoors for vendors with trailers to set up also. This will be on a first come basis. There will be a fee of \$50 for a spot. Please call and reserve a spot. Contact Phil or Jo Mentzer (717)766-8001. If there is no answer please leave a message with a phone number so a return call can be made because spots may go quickly.

Things to See and Do

There are many non-archery related activities to occupy your free time. Hershey Park and Chocolate World is an easy ½ hour drive from the club. The Gettysburg Battle Field is less than an hour away. Or you might choose to visit the Amish Attractions in Lancaster County (and Lancaster Archery Supply!), The National Civil War Museum or PA State Museum in Harrisburg, Indian Echo Caverns, Or even go to a Harrisburg Senators AA Baseball game on City Island. For the golfers, 6 golf courses are located in the area. The fishermen can enjoy small mouth bass fishing on the Susquehanna River and trout fishing on some of the most famous limestone streams in the east, the Yellow Breeches Creek and Letort Spring Run, all located within 10 miles of the club.

There are a variety of restaurants in the area and plenty of stores for shopping.

Any Questions please feel free to contact Phil or Jo Mentzer at (717)766-8001. Email Jo Mentzer at cvsoftballmom@aol.com.

Again, Mechanicsburg Archers want to welcome all of you to the area and hope you enjoy your stay.

Chicken Barbecue Dinner Friday, July 24, 2009

Name _____

Number of Meals _____ x \$10.00

Total Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to MSA

Send to: Mentzer
44 Bourbon Red Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050