

The Quiver

The Newsletter of the Algonquin Archers



Winter sessions (10 classes). On November 23rd. Classes are limited to 10 participants on a first come first serve basis. We have classes on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Let Ric DeFazio now quickly as there are only a few spaces open. See the bottom of the website for the application and complete program material.

GAME DINNER 2026 IS COMING!

The Annual Game Dinner will be February 7, 2026. **Tickets will be available for purchase to members only starting December 1st with a limit of four per member.** Starting January 1st members can purchase additional tickets and tickets will be available to general public at this time as well. Ticket prices are \$50 each.

Get your tickets by contacting club president Bob Bruno at 860-250-2556 (texts get a faster response). Checks can be sent to Bob at 92 Fieldstone Terrace, Naugatuck, CT 06770.

Venison Donations Needed

The club is looking for venison donations, specifically hindquarters. These. Donations are greatly appreciated and will become amazingly tasty under the guidance of Mike O'Connor for our Game Dinner.



THE ANNUAL JOHN TRIMARKI ZOMBIE SHOOT

Great turnout with 25 shooters coming out to hunt zombies. A spooey time was had by all. Many thanks to all the volunteers for making the event a success: Keith, Tony, and Charles Trimarki, Ed Hanson, Mike and Matthew Bradshaw. Winston Ho got some great shots of the event and more can be found on the Club's Facebook page.

INCOME: \$758 from dues and the Zombie shoot

EXPENSES: \$1,981. From bridge, utilities, JOAD, garbage, and game dinner expenses.

Members: 152

Ric and his fabulous coaches recently hosted a

News From Our NFAA Rep

Peter St. Pierre

Scheduled 2026 warm-ups and tournaments. There is a no-fee option for club members to participate. For non-member adults the fee is \$15 and for children \$5. Reasonable fees to get friends and family involved in archery.

ALGONQUIN DATES

Saturday Jan 10 indoor 300 (60 arrows) 10-1pm

Sunday Feb 8 indoor 300 10-1pm

Sunday May 3 Field League outdoor

Sunday May 3 Try Field Archery sign-up

Sat-Sun July 18, 19 ASA Classic 3D

Sunday Aug 16 Outdoor field warm-up

Sunday Aug 31 CT state field championship

JOAD "Havest and Hunt" indoor shoot. Looks like a great time was had by all!



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Safety

BE ALERT---SAFETY FIRST especially with archery. As an archery club, we are very fortunate to have an Indoor Range and 2 outdoor courses on our property: 3-D & Field. All members need to remember that multiple archers, can be on any of the courses, at any given time. Also, **BE AWARE**, you may see hunters on the property. Do not be alarmed, as these are club members that have permission to bow hunt deer and turkey.

Algonquin does not allow the use of broadheads on any range on the property. Nor do we allow Crossbows.

Please refer to the club constitution for all usage rules.



Do you love to impress your family and friends with random knowledge? Well, now you can add some cool archery facts to your repertoire of information. These fun archery facts will help you understand your favorite sport/hobby and give you a deeper connection to an ancient tradition.

- 1. Archery has Latin roots.** According to World Archery, the word “archery” comes from the Latin word “arcus,” which means “bow.” So, it’s surprisingly straightforward. I’d even say it’s ... “on target.”
- 2. The oldest archery artifact is 64,000 years old.** The oldest known evidence of the bow and arrow, or archery artifacts, are small stone arrow points that were found in Sibudu Cave, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. They are a stunning 64,000 years old.

3. The second oldest archery artifact is 48,000 years old.



Artifacts were recently found in Sri Lanka that date back 48,000 years. Photo credit: Smithsonian Magazine

In 2020, archaeologists discovered arrowheads crafted from animal bone in a [rainforest cave in Sri Lanka](#). They date the arrowheads at a whopping 48,000 years old. And we're not referring to just one little point. The excavations in Sri Lanka produced 130 bow arrow tips. That's a lot of archery being practiced.

4. The oldest archers to medal at the Olympic Games all received their titles in 1904.

At 68 years old, [Samuel Duvall](#) is the oldest — old being a relative term — archery medal winner at an Olympic Games, claiming silver. Galen Carter Spencer won his archery gold medal at 64 years old. At 63 years old, Lida “Eliza” Peyton Pollock is the oldest woman to win a gold medal at the Olympics. And get this: All three archers won their medals at the 1904 Games in St. Louis, where women's archery made its debut.

5. The youngest archery medalist was 14 years old.

On the other end of the spectrum, the youngest archery medal winner at an Olympic Games is Denise Parker, who was just 14 years old when she won her bronze medal in 1988. Nothing like claiming Olympic gold before you get your driver's license! Parker also went on to become the CEO of USA Archery in 2009.

6. The youngest archer to score a perfect 900 was 13 years old.

In 2021, Liko Arreola became the [youngest archer](#) ever to score a perfect 900 at the Vegas Shoot. She's no stranger to perfection: She had just scored another perfect 900 only months before at the Rushmore Rumble competition. She's also only the seventh female archer to achieve that score. These young archers are here to make their mark on the sport.

7. The oldest archery “tournament” started in 1483.

The oldest [recorded official archery](#) event is a [papingo shoot](#). This is an archery game in which the archers shoot at a fake bird at various heights instead of at a target based on the ground. It was created by the Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers in 1483 and is still practiced today. If you're ever in Europe, give it a try.

8. The oldest traditional-style tournament started in 1603.

There's a historic archery competition still held in Scotland today. Photo Credit: East Lothian Courier

Though archery events date back further than this, the [Musselburgh Silver Arrow](#) archery tournament might be the oldest, longest-running, traditional-style archery tournament still [practiced today](#), also in Europe. I sense an archery-themed European vacation on the horizon.

9. The first compound bow was patented in 1966.



NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Check out Algonquin Archers on Facebook for real time posts regarding On-going archery tournament winners and other items added by members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/74006657269/>

Here's the latest posting:

UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP & WORK PARTY OPPORTUNTIES

The Game Dinner – check upcoming emails and attend monthly meeting in December.

Work hours are reported to Donna Rhoads at:

algonquinmembership@gmail.com

<https://algonquinarchers.com/>