

Pioneer Valley Bowhunters

3d Archery Shoot

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What is a 3D Archery Shoot?

The 3D Archery Shoot is A course of life size three dimensional targets using various animal figures. The course uses varying distances and natural terrain features to simulate actual hunting situations and challenges. The 3D Archery Shoot covered here is coordinated and sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Bowhunters Association.

How do you score a 3D target?

Each target has either 2 or 3 circles located in the vital area, or "kill zone" for that particular animal. You not only have to be a good shot, but also know where these vital areas for each species of animal are. For larger targets, there is a small inner circle which gives you an "X" along with 10 points. This is used as a tie breaker if needed. The next circle out (or the inner circle on smaller targets) is the 10 point ring. A hit in this area is usually referred to as "dimeing" the target. The next ring out is worth 8 points, and a hit anywhere else on the target is worth 5 points, sometimes referred to as a nickle. If you miss the target completely, you "scratch" with 0 points. You only get one arrow for each target.

Who am I competing against?

Each archer registers before going out on the course and is given a score card for their particular category which they're shooting. Upon completion of the course, the score cards are turned in and the scores recorded for the day. There are a total of 30 targets for a possible maximum score of 300 points. Most shoots have some type of recognition, such as a pin for the top 3 scores in each category and some have trophies for the children's categories. For the most part, you're competing against your own best score and the recording of everyone's scores is done just to make it interesting.

What type shooting categories are there?

There are a total of 15 different shooting categories in the Pioneer Valley Bowhunters Association shoots. They are separated by type of equipment, age, and sex. There are special categories for both boys and girls, with ages up to and including age 10 called Cubs. The Jrs category range in age from 11 to 15. There are also different divisions for Bare Bow shooters, shooters with and without mechanical releases, and shooters with sights. Whatever type of equipment you have, there's going to be a category you'll be able to shoot in.

Who can shoot and what is the cost?

The Pioneer Valley Bowhunter 3D shoots are open to anybody. You do not have to belong to any organization or club to register and shoot. The cost is only \$10 for adults, Children age 11 - 15 are \$5, and Children age 10 and under are FREE.

How do I sign-up or get more information?

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can contact Marc Courchesne at (413) 967-7519 or

you can stop in at one of the 3D Archery shoots listed below and get a first hand look at what 3D Archery shooting is all about. The Nenameseck club only hosts a couple of shoots a year, so check the listing below for dates and location

From the Nenameseck 2007 3D Archery Shoots

Pioneer Valley Bowhunters 2009 Shoot Schedule

March

- 15 - Chicopee Sportsman's Club
- 22 - Swift River Sportsman's Club
- 29 - Wales Fish & Game Club

April

- 5 - Nenameseck Sportsman's Club
- 12 - Easter
- 19 - Westfield Sportsman's Club
- 26 - Agawam Bowmen Club

May

- 3 - Fairview Sportsman's Club
- 10 - Springfield Sportsman's Club
- 17 - Pequiog
- 24 - Agawam Bowmen Club

31 - Nenameseck Sportsman's Club

June

7 - Granby Bow & Gun Club

14 - Nenameseck Sportsman's Club

21 - Springfield Sportsman's Club

28 - Wales Fish & Game Club

July

5 - Fairview Sportsman's Club

12 - Granby Bow & Gun Club

19 - Springfield Sportsman's Club

26 - Chicopee Sportsman's Club

August

2 - Pequiog

9 - Wales Fish & Game Club

16 - Fairview Sportsman's Club

23 - Granby Bow & Gun Club

30 - Swift River Sportsman's Club

September

6 - Labor Day

13 - Chicopee Sportsman's Club

20 - Westfield Sportsman's Club

27 - Springfield Sportsman's Club

October

4 - Agawam Bowmen Club

11 - Wales Fish & Game Club

Club Directions

Agawam Bowmens Club

Located on Rte. 57 on the Southwick-Agawam town line. 3.1 miles east of Rte. 10/102 from Southwick Center. 7.1 miles west of Interstate 91 (Exit 3 off Int. 91)
Telephone (413) 786-2108

Chicopee Sportsman's Club

Located in Granby, MA. on Rte 202, turn at the Granby Cafe' onto School St., drive past the monastery 1 1/2 miles, take your first left onto Batchelor St. for 100 yards, take a right into the entrance way. Tel # (413) 219-9637

Fairview Sportsman's Club

Located at Belchertown, Granby line. From Belchertown, take Rte 21 south to Turkey Hill road. Follow signs to the club. From Granby Cafe', follow the signs to the club. Tel # (413) 323-6285

Granby Bow & Gun

Located in Granby MA. Off Rte 202, look for the sign on the south side of the road where Chicopee St. meets Rte 202. Tel # (413) 533-4116

Nenameseck Sportsman's Club

Located in Ware MA. From Rte.2 to Rte.32 south to Ware left on South St. (look for signs to hospital) go past Mary Lane Approx. 2 miles to Bacon Rd. on right. From Mass Pike, exit 8, left onto Rte. 32 North, Right onto Old Warren Rd. to the end, then left on Rte. 67 approx. 1.3 miles left onto Ware Rd. 1.5 miles to Bacon Rd. Club is on the right. Also, see "How to find us" for map from Ware center. Tel # (413) 967-3720

Pequiog

Rte 202 to Rte 122 east 2.7 miles to South Athol Rd on left. South Athol Rd north 3.8 miles to Bachelor Rd on right, travel .2 miles to Chase Rd on left go .2 miles to the club on the left. Contact Astro Minty @ 978-724-0228.

Springfield Sportsman's Club

Located in Monson MA. Mass Pike Exit 8 Right onto rte 32 south to Monson center, right onto Bridge St. right onto Lower Hampden Rd. 3 miles. Stay right at hairpin turn at the top of the hill. Right onto Woodhill Rd. Club is on the left. From rte 20 in Wilbraham to Main St.

south through the center of town. Left onto Monson Rd. which will turn into Wilbraham Rd. Continue to stop sign. Turn right onto Upper Hampden Rd. take first left onto Woodhill Rd. Continue to the club. Tel # (413) 596-9073

Swift River Sportsman's Club

From Belchertown Rte 181 south, take a left onto Cold Spring Rd. The club is approx. 2 miles on the left. From Rte 9, 100 yards west of the Swift River, turn south onto East St. (the fish hatchery rd.), follow it to the end, take a right. The club is 1/2 mile on the left. Tel # (413) 323-9387

Wales Fish & Game

Rte 20 to Brimfield, take Rte. 19 south approximately 4 miles, left onto Holland Rd. approximately 1/2 mile. Club is on the right. Tel # (413) 267-5774

Westfield Sportsman's Club

From the Mass Pike Exit 3, take a right on Rte 10/202 to the second traffic light. Turn right onto Notre Dame St. Follow Notre Dame to Montgomery Rd. Take a right on Montgomery Rd. Left onto Furrowtown Rd. just after the Westfield High School. Tel # 413-562-0771