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Hi fellow members. In trying to save space and postage, this note will be brief and a bit informal but hopefully useful.

Please find the enclosed 2008 gun tickets. We did quite well with last years ticket. I know the results from your hard work selling last year's ticket aren't terribly visible yet but they are pending. We have acquired new backstops for the outside range, and we have a contract pending to repair and improve the parking lot. I have enclosed 3 tickets. Please make every attempt to sell them. I would hope each member would buy at least one themselves and attempt to sell the other 2. Obviously there are more then this available. If you feel you can sell more please contact me and I'll get you more tickets ASAP. Like last year, the tickets are \$20.00 each. Each ticket has a unique 3 digit number that will play off the daily number in January from the 1st to the 30th. A ticket can win more then once. The winner will receive a gift certificate from French Creek Outfitters in Phoenixville, PA good for the amount of the gun listed for that day. They may use the gift certificate for that gun or to buy anything else in the store including other guns, archery equipment, fishing supplies, paintball, hunting or camping equipment, apparel, or anything French Creek sells. Like last year, don't be afraid to sell out-of-State or to non-local folks. I'll work with any remote winners to ensure they get the prize(s) of their choice. One slight change from last year . . sales will END December 31st of 2007. It is too much of an administrative nightmare to keep track of any retroactive winners. Now like last year, for every 10 tickets you sell, your name will go into a drawing for a \$300.00 sellers raffle. If you have any questions about how the tickets work, call or e-mail me using the above contact information. Checks can be made payable to "The Reading Archery Club".

IMPORTANT: The least-capable of the couple who stuffed the envelopes apparently may have managed to double-stuff some envelopes. (Yes . . that would be me . . okay?) Please check with your buyers for any extra tickets they find. These can be sold or returned to me.

We have a lot of events coming up in the next few months. These include the FITA East on November 10th & 11th. If you've never participated in a FITA round it is a lot of fun. Or just come out and watch. We also have the Christmas Invitational Nov 30th & Dec. 2nd. This is a smaller, less formal indoor event then the FITA East. Then there is the Mid-Atlantic JOAD on Dec. 8th & 9th. If your kids are not JOAD shooters it is a fun event to come watch . . but participation is more fun! We will also be having indoor 3d shoots the 4th weekend of every month from January to March again. Please see the website for more details.

In the spirit of forming a more club-like atmosphere, we are also planning a membership party this year. It will be a pot-luck event with the club providing beverages. The tentative date is January 5th. Final date and time to follow along with more information. But if you are free that weekend, please plan to attend.

As always, we can use help at the club. We have had much more member participation the last year or so but the unfortunate situation is that we can a couple people interested at a time and they get burned out and stop helping. It is hard and not fun to do work by yourself. I will attempt to schedule more regular work days so that all who desire to help will have the opportunity. Believe me, it IS fun when you have a group of people completing a project together. If you watch the calendar on the website you will see when events are. We ALWAYS need help either getting ready for an event or the day of an event. You can contact the event coordinator to find out what you can do to help.

Other tasks that need to be done include installation of a new toilet in the ladies room. We have the toilet, we just need an installer. Installation of a new faucet in the kitchen. We have a faucet and just need a plumber. Building stands for the new outdoor target bales, and rebuilding the field course before spring after our logging operation. You can contact me for details about both of these items. We also need to do some work on the indoor range this year. It also appears someone recently stole the aluminum downspouts from the building so these will need to be replaced.

It would be good to have more members interested and/or eligible to serve on the board. Typically this is not a strenuous position but the operation of the club currently hinges on a very small number of board members. Our laws of incorporation and non-profit status require that we follow our by-laws and as soon as there are not enough people interested in serving on the board our organization will fail and the club will go away. I don't want to see that happen and the threat isn't imminent but it is unreasonable to expect the same folks to do the same jobs forever.

By way of faster communication with our members we would like to build an e-mail list of those that would actually read e-mail from the club. We have a fair number of e-mail addresses for a lot of members but even those that have e-mail don't always read it or don't desire more e-mail. We have actually been reported as SPAM by one or more of our members in the past for group e-mails. So . . if you have an e-mail address and don't mind receiving e-mail about happenings at the club AND will actually read it . . please send me a note via e-mail (pgithens@ptd.net) to let me know.

Finally, don't forget about the monthly meetings. They are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM at the club. Participation is very low and we are often voting on key issues that affect the club. Despite websites, e-mail, and newsletters, these meetings are still the best way to stay informed about what is going on. Quite often I'll have a member tell me they didn't know about something, or they don't like the way something is at the club. The best way to be informed or to change the way things are is to come to the meetings and voice your opinion. All are welcome. We follow Roberts Rules of Order so all matters are voted upon by the membership in attendance.

Please feel free to contact me regarding these or any other issues related to the Reading Archery Club!

Sincerely, Pete Githens – President.

(See reverse side for schedule including upcoming work days. We really need help on these!)

Upcoming Events

- Work Day – Sunday October 28th 11:00AM
- Work Day – Sunday November 4th 11:00AM
- Club Meeting/Work Party (Final FITA East Prep) – Wednesday November 7th 7:30PM (or whenever folks arrive)
 - FITA East - November 10th & 11th. Contact Ed Dawson for details. Please come out and shoot!
- PSAA Christmas Invitational – Friday Nov. 30th & Sunday December 2nd. Contact Pete Githens for details.
- JOAD Mid-Atlantic – Saturday December 8th and Sunday December 9th. Contact Rich Goshorn for details.
 - Indoor 3d Begins 4th weekend in January.
- PSAA Valentine Invitational – Friday – Sunday February 8th-10th. Contact Pete Githens for details.
- FITA Mid-Atlantic – Saturday February 16th & Sunday February 17th. Contact Ed Dawson for details.

Note that we can use kitchen help for all shoots listed above. The kitchen is not hard to run and you don't have to be there all day. Even an hour or two here and there is appreciated. There is a board at the club to sign up on.