

To: Club Members

From: The Prez.'s Letter

Subject: Latest Info

March 31, 2007

I would like to make this as brief and informative as possible. I was able to sign the lease with the Parks and Recreation Department on March 21<sup>st</sup>, therefore the land officially belongs to Gold Coast Archers for the next seven years to be used as a passive park area for archery. It sure does feel good making that statement. A LONG TIME COMING.....

That evening I received a phone call from Chris Howett, who is a perspective club member. During our conversation I found out that he was a General Contractor. I asked him in the future not to throw away any of his unused pressure treated lumber, as we could use it to build targets with. To my amazement he said basically, I am still in shock, "it's your lucky day, I have a warehouse full of 2x4's and 4x4's, go to Home Depot rent a truck, they are all yours." Well I called my rocks, Joe Torjak, and Gino Graziose, who volunteered to help me on Friday. At 1:00 pm we called Pam, Chris's secretary at Contract Restoration, pulled into their driveway with our rented Home Depot truck and started loading. As a result when we unloaded the lumber at the club we ended up with 40-4"x4"x8''s; 98-2"x4"x16''s. Not bad for the cost of the rental of the truck, a 12 pack of there favorite spirits, Bud Lite in the Bottles, and a few hours donated by Joe, Gino and myself. Chris, on behalf of Gold Coast Archers, we can not thank you enough for your donation. We look forward to seeing you out on the range, thanks again. !!!!!

Club membership is open for business. The prices quoted on all of the fliers that have been handed out, will remain the same for those who join the club prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been advised by the State Secretary of the NFAA/FAA, that as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the dues to join these organizations will increase. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> the club dues will increase also. More coming on that one later.

I spoke with Tom Bridon, who is the head of the Game Wardens of all of the County Parks last Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, to make sure that our club members would be allowed on the park confines. It seems that the Rangers were not letting our folks on the premises. That has been resolved. His Rangers have all been advised through, a memo, that we are allowed to be there to work. There is one item that I have to work on and that is ID's. First you have to be a club member to be out there, so make sure that you get your club dues in to me ASAP. In the mean time, I have to get something approved by Joan Meyers, which will suffice until Corky returns from vacation in Australia, in the middle of April. I do have a solution for that also, but I have to have it approved by Joan first, so stand by on that one.

This came down as LAW from the Parks and Recs. Department. Until the Park is **OFFICIALLY** open, which I am being told now is around the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, the front gate will be controlled by the Park Rangers. Technically the park is open from one half hour after sunrise to one half hour before sunset. If for **ANY REASON THE PARK RANGER DEEMS IT NESASSARY TO CLOSE THE PARK, AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION**, do not, I repeat, **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THEM**. Do as you are told, pack up and leave. Remember, **THIS IS BETTER THAN WAITING UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF APRIL** to get out there and do things. I do need your help on this, it's very important that we remain on friendly terms with all of the Park Rangers assigned to Palm Beach Downs.

With our donation of wood, I am asking that only those with some mechanical ability attempt to build the target houses. We will put a template on the trailer for all to see, showing a diagram of the target house with all of the dimensions, as well as the sizes of wood which needs cutting. If we do it right, we will be able to make a few targets out of the wood we have. I know we will have to buy more, but let's not be wasteful. From what we have learned from Ft. Lauderdale Archers, we can construct these targets for around \$100.00 each, which will include the insert. The insert will be made of fiber board that will be cut to size.

This is to inform you that the office of Treasurer is open. Please let me know if anyone is interested in running for this position. If only one person is interested they would get the position by default. Two or more people interested would require an election. They would be placed on a ballot for a month, for all member s to see and the next month we would have the official election at the club meeting. The winner well be announced in the following month's news letter.

It is now time to seek those donations of trees, flowers, shrubs, and most of all lumber from those that would like to donate to a Non Profit Organization like Gold Coast Archers. We will need many different items such as 4x4's, shade trees, mulch, covers for the shooting line, flowers and shrubs. There are too many other things that will be needed for me to list here. The Parks and Recs are shooting for a Grand Opening date of the middle of April for the park. That does not give us much time to get our stuff together, but we have to be ready. I have to challenge each of you now to do your part.

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President

