



## **Rib Mountain Bowmen**

2385 Julip Drive

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Rib Mountain Bowmen Club (RMB) a 501C3 organization is an archery club located in Wausau, Wisconsin that strives to foster, encourage, and assist all people interested in archery, with a special emphasis on the area's youth, people with disabilities, and military veterans. Our goal is to develop and create a spirit of good fellowship in all archers by providing facilities for practice and proficiency as well as encouraging the use of archery for harvesting legal game species.

RMB was founded in 1953, We are located on 40 wooded acres with a 28-target 3D range on improved trails, a 20-yard indoor range with 18 lanes, and a 70-yard outdoor range. In 2023 we had 234 members which included 49 Youth and 29 Seniors. Although our current building was remodeled in 1978 and has served many archers and their families over the years, there is now a need for change. One major area for improvement is making our building more accessible for people with special needs — a proper ADA entry, bathrooms, a warming kitchen, and an updated shooting range.

Phase 1, the new septic system is completed so we can continue to operate. With a total cost of \$49,510.00, Members of Rib Mountain Bowmen paid this cost. We are applying for funding of \$332,000 for Phase 2, an addition to the East end of the current building, and remodel the inside gathering area. ADA Entryway, bathrooms, and kitchen and refinishing the concrete floor.

Phase 2 is now moving forward, and final drawings are now being developed with plans to break ground this fall.

We still need additional donations, to make this happen for all Archers in Central Wisconsin.

### **About Rib Mountain Bowman**

Our club is 100% volunteer-driven. The members at RMB invest many hours to help keep the club running. We recorded 2,616 hours in 2020, 1,945 hours in 2021, 3,012 hours in 2022, and 3,210 hours in 2023. These hours were spent not only on the upkeep of the building and the grounds but also on putting on multiple shoots and clinics that are offered annually for the community. In 2023 we had 1464 participants (692 were kids) at our events both at our facility and location where we hosted and sponsored.

With your help, we will be able to provide a proper ADA facility to continue growing the sport of archery. Is this a project you would consider assisting with funding? If so, can we schedule a time to discuss the project further?

Members of Rib Mountain Bowman

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A few clinics we hosted in the last 12 months, provided all the equipment needed, and club members provided personal assistance and training.

- We hosted a learn-to-shoot for the youth each Saturday in March with about 25 participants each week.
- 64 family members from RVA (rural virtual academy)
- 9 shooters from a Wausau Girl Scout troop
- 10 from a Mosinee troop participated in the learn-to-shoot day
- 24 local Boy Scouts spent a day learning and honing their skills on our ranges.
- 23 students from John Muir Middle School participated in a learn-to-shoot day
- Badges and Bullseyes, local law enforcement partners with social services and schools to provide underprivileged youths with positive opportunities had 16 participants.
- The local alternate high school students participated on 4 consecutive Saturdays learning to shoot and expanding their skills
- We opened our facility for the Venture 450 crew where 20 shooters enjoyed shooting and instructions.

Our members took our equipment and targets to events for youth shooters to enjoy and learn proper shooting skills providing personal assistance and training.

- Youth Heritage days at Wausau School Forest where 188 shooters participated.
- The Sports Show at the Patriot Center had 116 participants, and one lucky shooter was drawn and received a free Bow.
- Lincoln County Sportsman Club had 48 shooters enjoy a day of shooting and lessons.

We host shoots at our facility that are open to the public and bring in shooters from all over Wisconsin and other States like,

- We hosted the 2024 Arrowing Down Cancer. \$7,300 was raised at this shoot and donated to the Cancer Society. Half of that money will come back to a Marathon County family.
- We hosted HHAUSA Mission 33, a shoot that raised over \$7,500 for the Honor Flight, July 27-28 with 94 shooters, both of which all proceeds are donated to the cause.
- Badger State Games (winter and summer games) 136 Shooters
- ASA Style Shoot
- Vegas Shoot
- Spring Fun Shoot
- Chase Outdoors Shoot
- (2) Traditional Shoot only which had 172 shooters this year.
- We opened our complete facility to Back Country Hunters and Anglers, a national organization that hosted their Wisconsin 2023 Rendezvous, a 2-day event that brought in outdoor men, women, and children from all parts of Wisconsin.
- We hosted a 2-day Sectional Tournament for National Field Archery with top qualifiers in the State qualifying for the National shoot.