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HISTORY MADE AT OUTDOOR CAMPUS

History was made at the SD GF&P Outdoor Campus West on Friday, September 27,2019.

The Porcupine Archery Club, with support from Running Strong, LNI Board and the Oglala Lakota County School District, hosted the inaugural Fall LNI Archery event. The event was the first archery tournament ever held at their 3D range. It was also the first time archery was added to the roster of Fall LNI events. Schools attending included Crazy Horse, Lower Brule, Batesland and Rockyford.

The weather, breezy with periods of drizzle, didn’t dampen the spirits of the 35 student archers who attacked the 14 target course. Groups of 3 to 4 shooters representing the different schools traveled together along the gravel road to each target. Archers each launched 2 arrows at the polyvinyl animal target cover hoping to hit the smallest scoring ring for the most points. The cohort then advanced to the target to record their scores. Often times the group had to work together to find an errant arrow that missed the target.

Most of the students shot a Genesis model compound style bow but a few chose to shoot a more traditional style recurve bow. Each style of bow was challenged to launch an arrow 30 yards, the maximum distance from any target.

After filling in their scorecards the archers retreated to the shelter of the shooting sports building to await the results. Results were determined quickly using an electronic scoring machine then announced to the anxious crowd. When the results were announced, support for their fellow archers was evident by the thunderous applause and yips.

An informal survey of the participants, using the thumbs up or down method, showed that every student had a great time and would participate again next year.

Credit goes to the staff at the Outdoor Campus, coaches and the dedicated volunteers for their collective efforts contributing to the events’ success.

Laughter rang through woods as the students competed, got to know each other and pursue their common interest. History was made this day!