Texas A&M Archery has developed a program that prides itself on two things — the word team and a habit of winning. In a sport that is predominantly individual, Texas A&M has brought home the Overall Team National Championship four years straight. Led by a dominant senior class, including several international and Olympic-level archers, the team works together to push each other to the next level.

Founded in the mid-70s, the archery team has collected a good deal of hardware to show off. Since 1996, the team has brought 15 National Championships back to Aggieland.

"Because of our reputation as a top archery school, a lot of the top archers in high school look at coming here because of our great facilities and our reputation of winning," team president and senior Biomedical Engineering major Tristan Skarvan said.

This long history of success is strongly reflected in the growth of the club. After a record-breaking year for new membership, the archery team has grown to over 70 archers.

"I think a lot of it is the social media hype, like the Hunger Games and other movies hyping archery right now. A lot of people are interested in it," Skarvan said.

The club's growth is exciting to the current club leaders as they look towards the bright future. Several of the new team members are "home grown", coming out of the intermediate archery kinesiology classes which are taught by the archery coaches Frank Thomas, Bill Coady and Lorinda Cohen-Gomez.

"The added Bow Hunter Division has also made a huge difference and brought in a lot more people," senior Genetics major and Club Safety Officer Simon Rousseau said.

The archery team tunes up this semester, preparing for the Indoor National Championship in February and the Outdoor National Championships in May where they will be defending their titles.
Meet the Executive Committee

By Diana Lainez

Megan Mumford is class of 2015 Political Science major. She used her gymnastics skills for an episode on Friday Night Lights when she was a tumbling extra.

Nick Bellows is the Sport Clubs Graduate Assistant who is currently studying Sport Management. He played club football as an undergraduate student at Clemson University, but ironically his high school football team lost 31 games in a row.

Gregory Cook is a senior Mechanical Engineering major. At the age of 15, he bowled his first perfect game and has racked up 12 more since then.

Hayden Pritchard is class of 2014 Chemical Engineering major. Before joining A&M’s Ice Hockey club, he was an enforcer for two years when playing for the Minnesota Flying Aces.

Drew Zwicker is a senior Management Information Systems major. He plays on the Paintball Club and has owned a website since 1996, which he successfully uses as a pickup line.

Diana Lainez is class of 2014 Chemical Engineering major. If she’s not tackling someone while playing rugby, then she’s talking about how cute squirrels are.

Gymnastics National Champions

By Megan Mumford

Last semester, the Texas A&M Gymnastics Club traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs National Competition. Texas A&M won both the Men’s and Women’s 2012-2013 Nationals Titles. This was the third year in a row for the Men’s team to win nationals, and the Women’s team defeated James Madison University after tying with them in preliminary round. This also marked the first time in NAIGC recorded history for a university to win both the Men’s and Women’s national competitions. Congratulations to the Texas A&M Gymnastics Club!

Sport Clubs’ 4th Annual Food Drive

Begins: Monday, November 4th (Bring donations to the meeting)
Ends: Wednesday, December 5th
Reward: Club with the most goods donated will receive a food party of up to $100. Points awarded to the top 3 clubs. Additionally, each club will receive a one point for every five pieces of food donated.
Last year the Sport Clubs Association donated over 1,300 food items. Let’s break that record this year!

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