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Dear friends ◀

The air is crisp, the leaves have fallen and a new season is here - actually several new seasons. First, it's hunting season, which includes teaching hunter education classes and providing opportunities to get students in the field. This year, that also included an antelope hunt in Wyoming with a couple of our students (Tim Brothers and Clayton Frame).

In addition, this time of year we begin a new season of after-school archery programs. The number and sizes of these programs have doubled over the past two years, our schedule is filling up nicely and we are looking forward to our upcoming tournament in January.

Lastly, it's a season of special events including programs at churches, sportsman's clubs, youth centers and parks, allowing us opportunities to make new friends and spend time with old ones. All these different activities with kids make fall my favorite season of the year.

While the enthusiasm of the students is always exciting to see, what I love most about this season is the intergenerational mix that occurs. When adults and youth participate side-by-side, relationships are strengthened. Parents and mentors are able to guide the next generation through direct involvement, teaching not only outdoor sports, but a love for life and one another - qualities of character and faith that can't be taught from the sidelines looking on.

We look forward to offering more of these intergenerational activities as we press on with our Clubhouse Project which we hope to make a reality this winter. The facility will include an indoor archery and air rifle range where we can offer lessons, leagues, and classes for all ages. Keep an eye out for upcoming developments and let us know how you'd like to be involved.

Steve Scott

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