



## Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Media Release



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### **A First for the Nation – The 2010 Canadian Online Nationals for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)**

The first ever Canadian NASP Nationals was recently held across Canada from May 10-14. Over 340 athletes from four provinces competed for the national awards. NASP is currently being taught in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia and will be expanding to other provinces in the future. The competition was online, which meant each participating school shot at their own locations and entered their scores online during the length of the tournament.

The program teaches archery as part of the in-school curriculum, but often expands to after-school or lunch-time programs. It is an amazing program that not only teaches the skill of archery, but allows kids from all backgrounds and athletic abilities to participate in a team sport.

JeanAnne Prysliak, NASP Coordinator for Saskatchewan was not surprised that the event attracted over 300 archers. “Even though it was the first year for a National tournament here in Canada, I knew we’d have a high attendance. The kids, parents, and coaches are all passionate about NASP and are committed to helping it grow across Canada.” Next year Prysliak is hoping that the Canadian Nationals will be a face-to-face tournament. “This year we had the tournament online since it has only been running shortly over a year in Alberta and B.C., but hopefully by next year we can have kids competing together at one location.”

The United States held their National Tournament last month in Louisville, Kentucky. Close to 7,000 archers competed at this 2 day tournament. “Although we started on a much smaller scale than the US for our National tournament,” states Prysliak, “I know that NASP will continue to expand across Canada and that one day we will have an event where several hundred, if not thousand, kids will be competing here.”

The next stage of competition for NASP Canada is the World tournament in Orlando Florida this October. Teams and individuals from Saskatchewan are making the journey down south to compete against athletes from other NASP countries including the US, South Africa, and Australia.

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## **2010 Canadian Online Nationals Results:**

### **Individuals:**

#### Elementary Males:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Brayden Jarvis – MC Knoll Elementary School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kyle Elhard – Gus Wetter School; Castor, Alberta

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Logan Spady – Gus Wetter School; Castor, Alberta

#### Elementary Females:

1<sup>st</sup> place f - Amy Constant – Maude Burke Elementary School; Melfort, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Hunter Frankfurt – MC Knoll Elementary School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Narissa Zubko – Sturgis Elementary School; Sturgis, Saskatchewan

#### Middle School Males:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Joseph Bird – Chief Mistawasis School; Leask, Saskatchewan and Colton Steciuk – Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate; Melfort, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mitchell Smith – H.A. Kotash School; Smoky Lake, Alberta

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Natham Sekura – St. Mary's School; Taber, Alberta

#### Middle School Females:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Robin Johnstone- Chief Mistawasis School; Leask and Miranda Degerness – Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate; Melfort, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Veronica Pinette – Canora Composite School; Canora, Saskatchewan

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Savannah Cherniwchan- H.A. Kotash School; Smoky Lake, Alberta

#### High-school Males:

1<sup>st</sup> place – William Schneeberger – Canora Composite School; Canora, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Andrew Hollinger – Yorkton Regional High School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brett Geysen – Yorkton Regional High School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

#### High-school Females:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Dina Lazurko – Yorkton Regional High School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Megan Homeniuk – Canora Composite School; Canora, Saskatchewan

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Carolyn Hauser – Yorkton Regional High School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

## **Team Awards**

### Elementary Division

1<sup>st</sup> place: Maude Burke Elementary School; Melfort, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Canora Junior Elementary School; Canora, Saskatchewan

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Chief Mistawasis School; Leask, Saskatchewan

### Middle Division

1<sup>st</sup> place: H.A. Kotash School; Smoky Lake, Alberta

\*no other middle school division teams competed

### High School Division

1<sup>st</sup> place: Yorkton Regional High School; Yorkton, Saskatchewan

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Grande Cache Community High School; Grand Cache, Alberta

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Gus Wetter School; Castor, Alberta