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Mount Vernon archer scores first perfect round in national 3D target competition



Logan Kelly, (center) from Mount Vernon, scored the first perfect round in a national 3D archery competition. Kelly is joined by Bryan Marcum, IBO president (left) and Ryan Bass, with the IBO 3D Challenge (right).

Iowa's Logan Kelly has become the first archer to shoot a perfect score in 3D competition when he shot a 300 on June 17 at the International Bowhunters Organization Midwest Invitational National Archery in the Schools Program 3D Challenge tournament, in Bloomington, Ind.

This national 3D competition is made up of six animal silhouette targets set broadside at various distances between 10 and 15 meters. The 10 point ring is about the size of an adult fist. Each archer shoots five arrows per target scoring up to 50 points. To score 300, the archer must hit the center ring with all 30 arrows.

Another challenge – archers may not use a trigger release or sight marks.

“You have to aim with the tip of the arrow,” Kelly said. “It’s pretty hard.”

Kelly said he started out strong but when he got to the fifth target his nerves had kicked in. “I told myself to calm down,” he said.

When the judge scored his sixth and final target as all 10s, the celebration began.

“Everyone got excited,” Kelly said.

His score was announced soon after and he had his photo taken with the scorecard. After the competition was complete, Kelly had a special recognition at the end of the awards ceremony, where he was presented a commemorative First 300 patch, targets, and a family membership to the International Bowhunters Organization.

Kelly, who is entering his sophomore year at Mount Vernon High School, will compete against 5,000 other archers in the world championship July 20-22, in Orlando, Fla.

"If I keep up my average, I should do well," Kelly said. "I'll see if I can bring a world title to Iowa this year."

Iowa's state parks have campsites, lodges and shelters available for Fourth of July weekend

Iowa's state parks are gearing up to welcome thousands of campers, cabin renters, picnickers and outdoor enthusiasts for the Fourth of July weekend.

"State parks are great destinations for these major summer holidays," says Todd Coffelt, DNR State Parks Bureau chief. "Whether you are staying for a week or making a day trip, they provide great opportunities for families and friends to gather and make memories."

Most electric campsites on the reservation system for the holiday weekend filled three months ago. A few state parks have one electric site available and Beed's Lake, Red Haw, Lake Keomah and Pilot Knob currently have multiple standard electric campsites available for Fourth of July reservations.

There are plenty of non-electric sites available for the holiday at most state parks.

Last minute campers can also take their chances with walk-in campsites, as 25-50 percent of all state park campsites are first-come, first-served. Realistically most will be occupied ahead of the holiday weekend. Best chances to secure a site will be at smaller, more remote parks.

"You don't have to stay overnight to enjoy our state parks," says Coffelt. "We have a wide variety of things to do for our day-use visitors, too."

Beautiful lodges and shelters offer great options for day visitors planning summer reunions, birthday parties and other gatherings. Dozens of these day-use facilities are still available to reserve for the Fourth of July weekend.

"Whatever the plan, whether it's to stay overnight or simply drop in to picnic, fish, boat or hike," says Coffelt, "we hope people will make Iowa state parks their destinations this Fourth of July weekend."

Visit www.iowadnr.gov/stateparks for a list of parks and their amenities, and check the parks reservation site at <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> for availability of campsites and other day-use facilities.

Reminders to State Park Visitors

Fireworks

The new fireworks law does not change what state parks currently allow. Individuals have been and will continue to be allowed to use what are called novelties, which include party

poppers, snappers, toy smoke devices, snakes, glow worms, wire sparklers and dipped sticks. A special event "fireworks" permit is still required to use all other fireworks in parks. For additional information on special event permits go to <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Camping/Rules-Regulations/Special-Events>

Firewood

It is strongly recommended that firewood should be obtained only within the county where it will be burned. It is important not move firewood from county to county or state to state to prevent the spread of forest pests.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship requires all firewood sold or acquired in Iowa to have the county and state of harvest location on the label of packages and the delivery ticket for bulk firewood.

The rule was added to prevent the spread of invasive species, and applies only to firewood sold and acquired in Iowa. The rule also requires the Iowa DNR to collect firewood from campers that does not have a label.

Alcohol Ban

Visitors are reminded that an alcohol ban is in effect for the beaches at Lake Macbride State Park and Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area.

The ban applies to the sand area of the beach, a 200-foot buffer of land surrounding the sand and the designated swimming area adjacent to the beach as marked by buoys or swim lines.

Pleasant Creek's beach remains closed due to recent lake renovation and will reopen when the lake has filled.

Alerts and Closures

Closure and alert information is posted on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/parkclosures. Park visitors are encouraged to check this site before travelling, as weather and other events sometimes impact trails and facilities in the parks. Current information is also available by calling individual park offices directly.

Cabin Availability

All cabins are reserved for the Fourth of July weekend; however, the following state parks have one or more cabins available to rent for the weekend, beginning June 23:

- [Backbone](#) 563-924-2527
- [Black Hawk](#) 712-657-8712
- [Lacey-Keosauqua](#) 319-293-3502
- [Lake of Three Fires](#) 712-523-2700
- [Nine Eagles](#) 641-442-2855
- [Palisades-Kepler](#) 319-895-6039

- [Pine Lake](#) 641-858-5832
- [Union Grove](#) 641-473-2556
- [Waubonsie](#) 712-382-2786

These cabins normally require a one-week minimum stay, but are available for only a two night minimum stay this weekend by contacting the individual park office.

Iowa's state parks have a total of 93 family cabins, multifamily cabins, camping cabins and yurts. They can be reserved a year in advance for those who want to plan ahead for next year's Fourth of July.

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Help stop aquatic hitchhikers this Fourth of July

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding boaters and anglers to check for unwanted hitchhikers on their boats and equipment this Fourth of July to help protect Iowa lakes and streams.

Aquatic hitchhikers, everything from zebra mussels to Eurasian watermilfoil, move from one waterbody to another by hitchhiking on boats, in bait buckets and on other equipment used in the water.

"Aquatic invasive species can create serious problems for Iowa waters by reducing native species and making lakes and rivers unusable by boaters, anglers and swimmers," said Kim Bogenschutz, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the Iowa DNR.

These invasive species often grow quickly and spread fast when brought to another lake or stream due to lack of natural controls.

"Boaters and anglers can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to new waterbodies by cleaning, draining and drying their boat and equipment after each time on the water," said Bogenschutz.

- CLEAN any plants, animals, or mud from your boat and equipment before leaving a waterbody.
- DRAIN water from all equipment (motor, live well, bilge, transom well) before leaving a waterbody.
- DRY anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, boots, clothing, dogs). Before transporting to another waterbody either: Spray your boat and trailer with hot, high-pressure water; or dry your boat and equipment for at least five days.
- Never release plants, fish, or animals into a water body unless they came out of that water body and empty unwanted bait in the trash.

It is illegal to possess or transport prohibited aquatic invasive species. It is illegal to transport any aquatic plants on water-related equipment in Iowa. Signs posted at public accesses remind boaters to stop aquatic hitchhikers and identify infested waters.

Boaters must also drain all water from boats and equipment before leaving a water access and must keep drain plugs removed or opened during transport. It is also illegal to introduce

any live fish, except for hooked bait, into public waters.

Find more information about aquatic invasive species and a list of infested waters in the 2017 Iowa Fishing Regulations booklet.

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New fish structure maps added to DNR website

Sixty new maps with fish structure locations for lakes across the state have been added to the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Fishing-Maps.

Symbols on each map mark fish structures such as cedar trees, rock piles, rock fields and pea gravel beds that have been strategically placed to attract fish for anglers. Fish hide in these structures throughout the year.

Anglers can catch multiple species from one structure. "Bluegills may be spawning on top of a rock reef in pea gravel beds, while groups of crappies are suspended on the sides of the rock reef near large boulders," said Lewis Bruce, fisheries technician for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Find more information about a specific structure such as GPS coordinates on the interactive Fishing Atlas or a downloadable GPX fish structure file on the [Fishing Maps webpage](#). These tools are updated each year as new content is available.

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