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**NEWS RELEASE
ERIKA ANSCHUTZ REWRITES THE RECORD BOOKS
IN NATIONAL ARCHERY COMPETITION**

Seventeen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska rewrote the record books while winning her thirty-fifth national title in archery competition at the National Archery Association's (NAA) 122nd National Outdoor Target Championship tournament that was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado during August 1-4, 2006. After shooting a total of 576 arrows during four days of competition in the Junior Women Compound Bow division, she established fourteen new national record scores at target distances ranging from 30 to 70 meters. Included among these records was a world record score of 352 points out of a total possible of 360 at the 60-meter target distance. To achieve this amazing feat, Erika shot 28 of her 36 arrows at that distance into a 4.75-inch diameter ten-ring on the target, with the other eight arrows hitting within the outer 9.5-inch diameter nine-ring. After a decade of involvement in the sport, she has compiled an incredible total of 150 national records, 18 of which are also world records.

The day following the completion of the NAA's National Outdoor Target Championship tournament, Erika competed in the 2006 U.S. Open tournament that was also held in Colorado Springs. The venue for the U.S. Open consists of a series of 12-arrow matches in which archers are paired against one another in a tournament bracket to determine the final outcome of the competition. Based on her performance earlier in the week, Erika was seeded number two in a field of 22 women archers from around the U.S. and other countries, including Canada, Denmark, and Mexico. Despite being one of the youngest archers in the competition, Erika won three consecutive matches on her way to the final gold medal match in which she was defeated by one point in a close contest with Camilla Soemod of Denmark.

Earlier this summer, Erika also competed in the Professional Women's Freestyle division at the National Field Archery Association's Outdoor National Championship tournament that was held during the last week of July along the north shore area of Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton, South Dakota. The venue for this tournament consists of shooting a different 28 target field course during each of five days. Each course is constructed on rough, woodland terrain and has target distances ranging from 20 feet to 80 yards. Depending on the type of target faces used on each day of the tournament, the archers are required to shoot up to four arrows at each target. After shooting a total of 476 arrows over the course of five days of intense competition in extremely hot and humid weather conditions, Erika finished the tournament in third place, the youngest among 14 professional archers from around the U.S. and Canada. Her third place finish was only one point behind two other archers whose tied scores necessitated a shoot-off to determine the first and second place for the tournament.

Interestingly, two other archers also tied for fourth and fifth place, one point behind Erika. Thus, only two points separated the top five professional women archers in the tournament.

Erika graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in May 2006 and plans to further her formal education at the University of Nebraska this coming fall. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Company at its Iams facility near Aurora, Nebraska.