

# THE MAINE BOWHUNTER

JANUARY 2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jerome Richard



I hope everyone had a successful hunting season and survived the holidays. I am sure that a few people have been packing away the calories since Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, and probably have started making resolutions for the year ahead. My first resolution is to never schedule an annual physical examine for January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I don't need a doctor to tell me at that time of year that I'm out of shape and my weight does correspond to my height! Bears survive winter this way, so why not me?

Speaking of calories, please remember that the 2008 MBA Banquet is on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Calumet Club in Augusta. Some of the officers and directors of the MBA are working hard to bring you another great evening of fun, celebration, and fellowship. I

encourage everyone to come and bring a friend or a landowner where you may have hunted. Last year I brought two different couples, who were not members or active bowhunters, but they had let Tina and I hunt on their property. After last years banquet both couples joined the MBA because of the good time we had at the banquet.

Also, please get those stat sheets into the MBA on the game that you harvested in 2007, using a bow. Never be ashamed of anything that you harvested with a bow (species or size). If you don't want your animal's weight given when we hand out certificates and patches, please let us know. Last year, I turned in a stat sheet for an expanded zone doe that dressed out at 55lbs. and a fall turkey this year that weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. The way I look at it, is it's real hard to hit a smaller target than some old 200+ lb. deer (that's my excuse and I'm sticking with it). So please get those stat sheets in so we can help you celebrate a good hunting season!

By the time you receive the newsletter, the MBA will have already had the drawing on the generator raffle. The final number is not in yet, but I can say at this time that the MBA did make money from the raffle. I want to thank CMD Power Systems for their contribution to making this a successful raffle. The drawing on the generator raffle was at the MBA Charity Shoot held at the Old Town Archery Shop. This year half the proceeds of the charity shoot will be going to the Salvation Army. As always Dan Long worked hard to put this event on with the support of the Old Town Archery Shop.

Now that you're sitting at home this winter waiting for spring, just think how good you would look sitting on a new 2008 Harley Davidson this coming spring or an extra \$200. One of the biggest undertakings that the MBA has ever taken is a raffle limited to 1,300 tickets in a joint effort with the Maine chapter of the NWTF. The MBA and the NWTF have

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 12TH, MBA MEETING IN AUGUSTA

FEBURARY 9TH, MBA MEETING IN AUGUSTA

MARCH 8TH, MBA BANQUET AT LE CALUMET CLUB IN AUGUSTA

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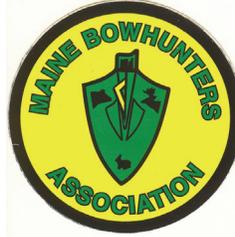


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ads in the Maine Sportsman, the Northwood's Sporting Journal, and several websites for this raffle. I have received money from New York, Tennessee, and Georgia on this raffle! I am not asking our members to buy a \$20 ticket, but to help sell at least one or two so that by the April 15<sup>th</sup> drawing we will have sold every ticket and made a big profit. Robb Cotiaux has been instrumental in making this project a success. Remember, whoever sold the winning Harley Davidson raffle ticket will win \$200!

I really need a few volunteers at the two sportsman's shows in March which will promise to be very profitable for the MBA. The first is the Orono Sportsman's Show from March 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> and then the Augusta Sportsman's Show from

March 28<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup> with the MBA booth and indoor youth archery shoot. Whatever time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Not only will we make money at this event, but we have the opportunity to introduce adults and kids to archery and hopefully gain new members. Harry Vanderweide is really helping to promote the MBA event for the Augusta Sportsman's Show, which will create a lot of good public relations for the MBA. This is our opportunity to shine! Please call or e-mail me to let me know if you can help me at either of these two events. Also, there is a volunteer sheet in this newsletter that you may fill out and return to us, to let us know that you are willing to help out. Thanks to any and all of the people that volunteer to help out at any of our events.



## 2008 MBA Banquet

**Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2008

**Time:** 5:00pm Social, 6:30 Dinner

**Location:** Le Calumet Club in Augusta

**Cost:** \$25 Individual, \$45 Couple

**Contact for Tickets:** Jerome Richard at 426-2082 or any MBA Officer or County Representative.

**Come and enjoy an evening of celebration and fellowship with other**

**MBA members. Awards, prizes, and auctions throughout the evening.**

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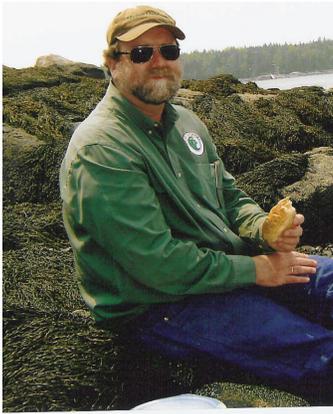
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YOUR  
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## Legislative Report



By Don Kleiner

In late November I attended two fascinating meetings both of which will impact the future of hunters and hunting but neither of them would appear at first glance to have anything to do with the topic. The Natural Resource Network met with a representative of the Governor's office about the rumored reorganization of the natural resource agencies in state government. We were assured that there was no immediate plan to combine the agencies. But rather a simple examination of what is broken, what could be made better and what should be eliminated. She was also clear that there would be no rush in the process and we could expect it to take four to six months and that this was the beginning of the process that would include outreach to the various constituent groups for suggestions.

An interesting footnote the natural resource agencies IF&W, Department of Conservation, Department of Agriculture and Department of Marine resources currently constitute 2.7% of the entire

state budget down from 3.8% about 10 years ago. If there are cost savings in state government clearly there must be more likely places to look. Later that day, I saw a television interview with the Governor where he stated that combining natural resource agencies was a place for significant savings and that it would be part of his budget package this winter. That would move the time frame to early January and not over six months. I'm not sure exactly where we stand after all of that.

Any combining of those agencies costs hunters not only political clout but license dollars that are currently being used for fish and wildlife management. As an example the recently combined financial service center that the agencies currently share cost the fish and wildlife department a few positions and eighty thousand dollars in cash. Not a savings from where I sit here in Union. This proposal, if it moves forward, will erode our position with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and siphon our license money into the state's general fund for other uses. This will not be an easy fight given that the state budget is showing signs of significant shortfalls. We will need to work closely with as many other interested groups as possible on this and our membership in the Natural Resource Network should be very valuable.

I have recently been reviewing the Land Use Regulation Commissions (the planning board for the unorganized parts of our state, mostly northern and eastern Maine and some coastal islands) comprehensive land-use plan draft. This draft has been prepared by their staff; at first glance it seems like an easy one for the MBA to avoid. A comprehensive plan is the framework for specific rules that control any future uses of land and development; not our normal interest. When I read through the section on recreation I concluded that the impact on hunters and hunting would be significant. Here are some of the issues of concern for us that I see after a quick review of the draft. First is a preference for primitive use, that I would think fits very well with bowhunting but that term actually means no road access. While most hunters do not hunt right on the road vehicle access is critical at some level to being able to use these lands. Couple that with what I see as a general preference against motorized access. There is also interest in providing for exclusive use over both the current multiple use schemes. In English, that means if an area is designated for remote camping or backpacking that use is preferred over all others, clearly we would lose access under that scheme. A related concern is what I see as no recognition of rural

economic development opportunities I think that we want to encourage guide services sporting camps and those sorts of traditional uses that we all associate with the North woods. Rather than some sort of eco-reserve for backpackers. As a whole the current document looks more like a blueprint for a park than a planning document. I'm not sure what opportunity we will have to comment or get involved as this moves forward I will keep a close eye on it and keep you posted.

Bottom line, it is clear that the crowd we do not normally consider our allies is running the show and when all is said and done hunters may be very much on the short end of the stick in the coming couple of years. We will all need to work together to preserve our hunting heritage for the future. Each of us will have an important role to play from fundraising to attending hearings or even just writing letters; every one of us will need to take part.

## A 2007 Great Bow Hunt in Unity, Maine

By Tina Richard

It was a beautiful, partly cloudy, 70° day for a bow hunt in God's Maine woods in Unity. I had permission to hunt a large piece of posted land from a friend of my husband's. At about 3:15pm I got settled into my treestand overlooking a small clearing in the woods. I had harvested a deer with my bow from this same treestand in 2002 and hoping that my luck would continue this time.

At 4:15pm I did some calling with a Primo's original bleat can call. About 30 minutes later, I did a few grunt calls. At about 5:15pm, I used the can call again followed several minutes later with a few grunt calls. At 6:05pm, I looked to my left and I spotted a nice sized doe on the edge of the clearing. Behind the doe was a 2-1/2 year old buck, but he stayed just back from the clearing. The wind was in my favor, as she came out into the clearing and then turned away from me which allowed me to stand up. She turned to look in my direction and had her nose up in the air doing a scent check. She turned around as if to leave the way she came in, but I said to myself she will come back out and she did!

Again the same thing happened. The buck stayed back and let the doe come out to investigate. She walked out, turned in my direction, and did a scent check. I thought a

few times she was going to drop and run, but she continued walking across the clearing and broadside to me. Unfortunately the buck remained at the edge of the clearing. I had really hoped to take the buck, but daylight was fading fast so I decided to take the doe instead.

The doe gave me a great broadside shot at 20 yards around 6:15pm. When the arrow struck the deer it bolted, but only made it approximately 30 yards which was just outside of the clearing. I was so excited that I could only wait about 5 minutes and then I got down out of the treestand. As I crossed the clearing, the buck had circled around to come back and he started blowing at me. The blood trail was unbelievable and even Stevie Wonder could have followed the trail.

I walked out of the woods to a nearby house to call the landowner to help me retrieve the deer. My husband got out lucky. He did not have to drag or field dress the deer! The doe dressed out at 110 lbs. I would like to thank my husband Jerome for getting me into bowhunting because without his help and encouragement I would not have such a great experience in the outdoors.

For the ladies out there, the equipment that I used was a blue Jennings Rackmaster Lite set at 40 lbs. of draw weight. I was using a 1913 aluminum arrow tipped with a Muzzy 75 grain 3-blade broadhead with an arrow speed of only 198 fps. I have shot two deer with this bow and had a complete pass through each time! Let the equipment do the work instead of me!



Tina Richard with her 110 lbs doe.

## York County Report

By Robert Christensen-Lang

York County Rep.

The informational meeting and proficiency test for the BLIP hunt was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and all of the hunters have been given a stand site and the process is well under way. The hunters will have plenty of time to get their equipment set up in advance of the hunt kicking off. By the time this comes out, the hunt will be ready to start.

Thanks to Tim LaPointe, Dick, Mark Peeler and Rob for all their hard work at the meeting. This was the first time that people were allowed to shoot out to 30 yards and it went very smoothly. At this point, I am not planning to take the lead on this hunt for next year. It is time for new blood and new ideas. Yes, it's a lot of work and it takes a lot of time to plan set-up and manage the hunt. If you are interested in doing this and have the time needed, please contact President Jerome Richard or Blip Coordinator Jeff Hopkins. Thanks for all who have helped me with the Blip Hunt in the past and all the other events we have done. I will still be a BLIP member and look forward to new adventures with BLIP.

### MBA BIG GAME STATISTICS SHEET

To be eligible for MBA big game awards you Must, complete this form, have paid membership 30 days prior to harvest, submit a certified weight slip (heart and liver included), submit photo of harvested animal, and send to MBA, P.O Box 5026, Augusta, ME 04332 before January 31.

The following categories are eligible for a certificate and a patch:

In state---- Buck, Doe, Bear, Moose and Turkey

Out of state----Buck, Doe, Bear, Moose and Turkey

Plus out of state -- Caribou and Pronghorn

Miscellaneous categories receive a certificate only.

Please Print

**Hunter Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs Bowhunted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Harvest Information:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

At time of first shot the animal was:

Laying Standing Walking Running

Animals position relative to the hunter:

Qtr. Towards Broadside Qtr. Away Heading Away

Distance of First Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Total of shots Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hits: \_\_\_\_\_

Position of Hits: \_\_\_\_\_

Penetration: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Waited Before Tracking: \_\_\_\_\_

Recovery Distance: \_\_\_\_\_

Time From First Hit To Recovery: \_\_\_\_\_

Misc.infoHunting Information:

Town/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Providence: \_\_\_\_\_

Method: Stand Blind Still Stalk

Lure: Bait Decoy Rattle Call None

Cover Scent: Fox Skunk Other None

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment Information:**

Type of Bow: Long Recurve Compound

Brand of

Bow: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Sights: YES/NO

Type of Arrow: Wood Aluminum Glass Carbon

Arrow Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Overdraw: YES/NO

Fletching: Feathers Vanes

If Stand Used, Type: Ladder Strap on Climber Sling Permanent

Type of Camo Used: Forest Mossy Oak Advantage

Snow Treebark Fluorescent

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Turkey Scoring Formula:**

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Beard \_\_\_\_\_ L.Spur \_\_\_\_\_ R.Spur \_\_\_\_\_

Weight (in pounds) \_\_\_\_\_ +2 x Beard Length \_\_\_\_\_ +10 x Length of Each Spur \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Information:**

Animal

Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Verified: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature of Witness)

If Antlers Present, Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

### MBA Online

Don't Forget to check out our website for all the latest news. To enter our Members Only section use the following:

**Username:** maillist

**Password:** mbaonline

## Jeff Nicholas, Head of Maine's First Chapter of QDMA, Speaks at Franklin County Meeting

By Mac Dudley,  
Franklin County Representative



Jeff Nicholas who is the Director of the First Branch Maine affiliate of Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) was invited by Mac Dudley to be the speaker at the Rangeley Region Guides and Sportsmen's Club's (RRG&SA) during its October membership meeting.

Jeff was invited to speak as part of the RRG&S Club's program to educate members and the public about issues effecting regional deer populations. Mac has headed this program up for the RRG&S Club & the MBA for several years. She introduced Jeff to the 50 some members attending the meeting. Jeff provided an overview of QDMA stating that it began in the 1980s and that it is a 501-type not for profit corporation. Today, QDMA has 150 branches in 34 states and two branches in Canada. Its membership is approaching 50,000. Three

thousand members are also biologists.

Jeff presented an overview of deer management approaches. He prefaced this part of his presentation by stating that it is a misconception the QDMA is all about growing big bucks. It is not. QDMA is focused on quality deer herds. Jeff stated that there were several currently used methods for deer management. Jeff defined traditional deer management, stating that the traditional approach stresses harvest of legal bucks while allowing little or no harvests of does. This approach yields many young deer and many does. Under the Trophy Management approach, bucks with big antlers are the only legal harvest of males. Some trophy programs also allow harvests of so-called "cull" bucks and encourage harvests of does. A "cull" buck is one with traits indicating inferior genetics. Under Quality Management, young bucks are protected and there is an adequate harvest of does. According to Jeff, this approach keeps deer populations under carrying capacity and yields healthy herds with balanced sex ratios and age structures.

QDMA works from the objective that healthy forests support healthy deer herds. Since deer degrade their habitat by browse activities, carrying capacity maintenance was critical to forest and deer health. Jeff went on to dis-

cuss aspects of deer management addressing bucks, such as programs in Wisconsin and in Vermont, which has an antler point restriction for buck harvesting. Jeff cited some age characteristics for bucks stating that antler size reaches maximum potential at ages 5-7 years with a peak at 5.5 years. Body size maximums are reached in the 4-6 year age class. Age 2.5 is generally the point in time when the buck reaches 50% of its full growth potential. Jeff continued by addressing management of antlerless deer, stating that doe harvests were needed to maintain ideal populations.

Jeff provided more details about the building blocks for Quality Management. He cited interesting data concerning does. Does reduce litters when they exceed carrying capacity and alternatively, total recruitment improves when population densities are below carrying capacity and the sex ratio tends to be balanced at 50/50. When doe densities are lower, there is more food for bucks. An aspect of Quality Management is to emphasize early harvests of does. (This is where the Bowhunter can be of help because of the early archery season). The rationale is that deer eat about one ton of browse per year. Jeff illustrated the gains possible from early harvest of does by showing how much browse is conserved in an area if 20 does are harvested in the beginning of a 60 day hunting season. If each doe consumes

five to seven pounds of browse per day and if the 20 does were harvested on day one of the season, 6000 pounds of browse are conserved for the remaining deer. Jeff also explained that a high density of does, reduces competition among bucks to breed and as such, many does are not bred during their first estrus and then reenter estrus again later in the season and are bred late. In the Northeast, late breeding has negative consequences in that it wears the bucks down when cold is setting in and browse is getting scarce. Also, it protracts the birthing period for spring fawns. This diminishes fawn survival rates. The highest survival rates occur when all the fawns are born at the same time.

Other aspects of Quality Management address habitat management, hunter management and herd monitoring. Briefly, habitat management addresses conservation of natural food and shelter sources, forest management and food plots. Hunter management addresses education of hunters about deer biology, habitat and good management practices. Herd management is focused mainly on gathering and analyzing harvest data. Jeff mentioned several key elements of biological and observational data that can be collected.

In closing, Jeff stated that QDMA is dedicated to herd health in all its aspects. The audience praised his presentation and the floor was opened for questions. Mac asked about food planting programs. Jeff responded that QDMA really stressed conservation and enhancement of natural food sources in deer habitat. Jeff was also asked about any involvement QDMA had in controls on supplemental feeding of deer. QDMA was not directly involved but had members keeping up-to-date on the issues and actions. Jeff briefly explained the results of a study on the percentage of supplemental food found in deer pellets in Northern New Hampshire. In summary, the study reported that no more than 30 % of the food content in deer pellets was natural browse. Jeff concluded with a discussion of age and sex ratios and what Maine's biologists were seeing. He stated for the Rangeley area that high yearling numbers observed were consistent with the string of mild winters in Maine.

## Volunteer Solicitation List

### "To Protect and Promote Bowhunting"

**The Maine Bowhunters Association needs your help & support.**

Below is a list of activities that the MBA needs volunteers for. Please take a moment to look over the list and check any and all areas that you or someone you know would be willing to help out with.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES...PLEASE CONTACT ME.

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If you are unable to volunteer some of your time, a donation of an item we can offer at one of our auctions or a donation of cash would be greatly appreciated. Your donation can be earmarked for any of these activities. All donations are tax deductible.

DONATION ITEM OR AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your support of the MBA and your part in helping to continue our bowhunting heritage in the great State of Maine.

The Maine Bowhunters Association is a non profit organization dedicated to preserving bowhunting. Our Tax ID Number is 22-3224655.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOLUNTEER CHECK LIST OR YOUR DONATIONS TO:

Maine Bowhunters Association, P.O. Box 5026, Augusta, ME 04332

## Harley Davidson Raffle Update

By Robb Cotiaux

When I was in my early teens, many, many years ago, one of my favorite television shows was featured on the NBC network (remember when we only had five channels?). The show was called "Then Came Bronson": the story line was one of a fellow trying to find himself out in, of course, California. This was during the late 60's of course.... everyone in California was trying to find their selves it seems. Freedom, the road.....

The best part of the show was what Bronson rode on his self quest. His "stead" was a Harley Davidson Sportster. On the gas tank was the "All Seeing Eye" emblem that same eye insignia featured on our dollar bills. And at the end of each show, as Bronson started on his way to his next venture, he would jump up on the bike and give it a firm kick to start it.

Back then, while on my own inward search, my personal Harley was a Schwinn Stingray, banana seat, and handlebars. I even sawed the front forks off another bike and put them on the Stingrays to make a chopper out of it. When I pulled a wheelie, of course, they flew off. I ended up on the ground in a pile of skinned up muscle. So much for me the cycle mechanic!

Fourty years later, still looking in at myself with family and spaniels, I still yearn for that chance to own and ride that Sportster.

I am quite sure that I am not the only one that dreams of kick starting my way down the highway. The image of "freedom", the rogue outlaw is all rolled up in one aboard a Harley product. Kind of like the early image of the Pope and Young archer, bow in hand, life fulfilled in the country, no phones, no strings attached.

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## MOVING?

Don't forget to notify us if your address changes. We get mail back from too many of our members' former addresses with a "no forwarding address" stamp on it. We have lost a few life members this year because they haven't notified us of the change.

BLIP members please check your information in the BLIP listing on our website. Updates to spelling errors, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses should to be sent to Director at large Jeff Hopkins.

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## How to submit articles And Ads

The Maine Bowhunter welcomes submissions from all MBA members. If you've got something you would like to share with the MBA membership, send it along. We want to hear from you. Stories, photos, hot topics, even gripes are welcome. Try to keep stories to 500 words or less. Please note the following dates for submission of material.

The Maine Bowhunter is inserted into the Maine Sportsman and sent to the committed members of the Maine Bowhunters Association every other month, six times per year.

Ad rates are for camera-ready copy; some assistance in designing ads can also be provided at our discretion. Submissions by e-mail or on disk are preferred in either MS Word or Adobe .pdf format.

Send material to: Lori Weaver editor@mainebowhunters.org

Ad Size	Dimensions	Single Issue	6 Issues Per Issue Price	6 issue Price Paid in Advance
Full Page	7 ½ X 9	\$275	\$200	\$1200
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Having purchased a handful of raffle tickets from the joint MBA and NWTF Maine Harley Davidson raffle, the hopes of my Harley ride to freedom remain alive.

As you know, there are 1300 tickets being offered at a cost of twenty dollars each. The funds will go to finance the employment of Don Kleiner again this year as our joint MBA and NWTF lobbyist. Don has been very busy for both groups this year in the legislature. He has spent a lot of time dealing with the Plum Creek issues and also the deer task force. He was very active last session in preventing the use of blaze orange while turkey hunting, setting up the actual fall gun hunt season, and other issues related to us as bowhunters and turkey hunters. He is also active in meeting with the various landowner and user groups in Maine. My belief is that what Don does, benefits us all as just plain hunters. This is especially true at this time with the Plum Creek issues. From what I read each week from Don by email, his position is time consuming and detailed. As some of us know, bear hunting in New Jersey was this year barred; perhaps this battle may rise again. Don is respected statewide and is an asset for both groups. We need him to be there looking out for us.

There are currently 600 tickets "on the street" with various members. The tickets are available by mail from me. The tickets will also be available at the many Sportsman's Shows this up coming year and various group banquets. The actual drawing will be held April 15th, 2008 just in time for the spring riding season. The motorcycle is being provided by Big Moose Harley in Portland.

If each one of the 600 plus MBA members purchases a ticket, the MBA will meet its share of the ticket sales. The raffle tickets make a great Christmas gift. Several members, some from as far away as New York and Arkansas, have purchased \$100 blocks. I have enjoyed the many letters of support for our groups that come with the sales. Thanks to all of you that have contributed to our hunting future.

Send monies to: Robb Cotiaux, 91 Tufts Road, New Gloucester, Maine, 04260. Phone 207-926-5392.

## York County Report

By Robert Christensen-Lang

York County Rep.

The Wells hunt is under way, things however have been very slow, the hunters so far have seen very few deer. Scott Lindsey will be walking the reserve with Dick and myself to see first hand what the herd number really is and if the count is much lower than expected. Depending on the numbers, the hunt might not

happen next year. Scott also talked about going over the reserve in an IF&W plane to do an aerial count, on snow, he thinks would be the best. If we find that the herd is larger than thought and our hunting results are still slow than we need to look at other options. We have a long way to go this year and the hunters are putting in a lot of time out there. They are doing a great job. Thanks to all of you that are trying so hard. Happy Holidays.

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