

THE MAINE BOWHUNTER

JULY 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By Jerome Richard

How did everybody survive the 2009 Spring Turkey Hunt? I received a lot of stat sheets and e-mails from many of our members taking turkeys with a bow! I wish I could say Tina and I harvested our two Toms with a bow, but we went out opening day with the "heavy artillery" and got it over with in the first hour of daylight! I discovered that I'm not too excited about getting up at 3:00am to chase turkeys for more than a few days. That's probably why I like to bear and deer hunt because I'm well rested, well fed, and hunt late in the day. Of the top 3 things in my life it would have to be sleep, eat, and hunt in that order!

2009 MBA Banquet

The MBA had another very successful banquet on April 25th at the Calumet

Club in Augusta. I didn't think we could top last year's banquet for attendance, fundraising, fellowship, and fun, but we far exceeded last year's. Joe Hall won the 2009 Hoyt Superhawk Michael Waddell "Bone Collector" Edition bow and ended up trading up to the 2009 Hoyt Alpha Max 32 thanks to Bob Walker at Moosehead Trail Trading Post. The guided bear hunt donated by Ed Lugdon of "The Lugdon Lodge" in Eagle Lake raised \$620! I really want to thank several archery shops that contributed by donating youth archery bows to the live auction including L.L.

Bean, Old Town Archery Center, Moosehead Trail Trading Post, The Sportsman's BARR, and Jon Brown. We adults have had our time in the sport and I want to thank these shops for helping to create the next generation of archers with the kids in mind. Our future in bowhunting depends on us developing new archers.

When it was all said and done the banquet generated over \$8443.00 for the MBA! That is fantastic! Paul Jacques, the Deputy Commissioner of IF&W, did a great job of keeping the auc-

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LL Bean accepting the corporate sponsor of the year award.

3D SHOTS

July 12th—Durham Poke & Hope.

July 12th—Somerset.

July 19th—Lakeside Archery.

July 19th—Central Fish & Game.

July 26th—Buxton/Hollis Rod & Gun Club.

July 26th—Old Town Archery.

August 2nd—Sanford/Springvale Fish and Game Club.

August 2nd—Somerset.

August 16th—Somerset State Warm Up.

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tion lively and even had me bidding against myself. I must have been sleep deprived. Keith Dirago was my lifesaver again this year as he was our emcee for the night. I have attended many of the MBA banquets over the last several years and I think they keep getting better and better. The fellowship amongst members and the archery shops was great. The food at the Calumet Club was delicious and plentiful. I'm almost scared to see how good it will be next year! If you were not able to attend, please try to next year. I said it many times, please come for the meal and the fellowship. We don't force people to stay for the auction and we won't hold a gun on you!

Results from the Election of Officers

There's good news and bad news. The good news is that I was elected as your president to serve you for another year! The bad news is if you didn't like the good news you should

have been at the Election of Officers to keep me out. All joking aside we have a great slate of officers for 2009. I am staying on as president, Dan Long is the Vice President, Tina Richard is the Treasurer, Deanna Page is the Secretary, Jeff Hopkins is 1st Director at Large, Bob Christensen-Lang is 2nd Director at Large, Social Director is Scott Abbott, Statistics is Deanna Page, Education is Pete Lamarre, Membership/Webmaster is Paul St. John, and Editor is Lori Weaver. They are all great assets to the MBA and I hope you see them as great people who will serve you to protect bowhunting in Maine.

I want to especially thank Pete Lamarre for serving the last two years as Vice President. A lot of people probably don't realize it was Pete that called me up prior to the Election of Officers in 2007 and asked me if he could nominate me for President of the MBA. I told him he was crazy, but after a couple of weeks of pep talks from Pete Lamarre and Bob Walker (plus Pete said he would step as Vice President), I accepted the nomination and the rest is history. Pete was also instrumental in getting the MBA and me into the NASP program which has been extremely success-



Everyone who shot a buck in the state of Maine, in 2009.

ful for the MBA for fundraising and great public relations.

BLIP Update

The MBA is really lucky to have two BLIP events this year with the Wells Reserve and the Marsh Island events. At the time of this writing there may be a three month window on the Wells Reserve BLIP running from November 2nd thru the end of January 2010. The Marsh Island BLIP will be three weeks in October. As many of you know this program has been very controversial mostly because people do not understand how the program was developed through IF&W and the ramifica-

tions to the MBA if we do not run a successful event. The last two years, I and many others have been instructors for the BLIP course held at Old Town Archery Center to help give our MBA members other hunting opportunities. I hope that next year many more members will step up to the bat and help prove to the general public that bowhunting is a very effective deer management tool in urban areas. Some may know there are a lot of rules put on the BLIP members from the MBA, IF&W and the towns, but that is OK because safety is extremely important and we want this program to be beyond reproach. The requirements for BLIP must be

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met by everyone, no exceptions, including me. I don't care if you're related to Obama, everyone has to meet the requirements. If you have any questions about the BLIP program or the two BLIP events this year you can still call or e-mail me and I'll try to answer any questions that you may have.

Central Maine Archery

One of my goals this year as your president is to make as many personal visits to archery shops throughout the state of Maine. The MBA has a County Representative in each county of Maine that normally makes these shop visits, but I want to meet them and help find ways to promote the sport and their business. Every professional archery shop in Maine is extremely valuable to bowhunters and target archery shooters here in Maine. Think of where we would be without our local professional archery shops? Some of the best new bows cannot be purchased over the Internet. The Internet cannot replace a live, professional archery technician and hands-on coach. The Internet cannot make repairs or make

adjustments to your equipment. In fact, most bow manufacturers including Mathews and Hoyt state in their owner's manual that the warranty is void if the bow is purchased through the Internet. Sure the Internet may save you a little money, but will the Internet stand behind you when you need something beyond the purchase?

One of my first stops was to Central Maine Archery in Auburn owned by Tom and Jess Hartford. It was my first time to their pro shop and I have to say I was really impressed! They are authorized factory dealers for Hoyt, PSE, and Browning bows and had a tremendous selection of arrows in vanes and feathers. Their 6,000 square foot pro-shop has 14 indoor shooting lanes, techno hunt, huge retail/display area, and a large service/repair shop. Tom and Jess are both level II instructors and a JOAD club.

When I visited their pro shop one thing that impressed me was their involvement with getting the youth into archery. They promote the sport of archery with league.

MBA's New Vice President



By Dan Long
MBA Vice President

Bowhunters: (Please note this term describes anyone carrying legal archery equipment, not exclusive of traditional archers whether carrying longbows or recurves, or compound bowhunters. Which ever tool you choose, you are a bowhunter and this organization works for you.) At the time of this writing, I have been spring turkey hunting a few times with success –just no bird taken! Successful because a good friend has generously taken me with him to roost and hunt, and the time in the field was educational and very memorable. By now, you are half-way through summer and looking forward to fall hunting season. Get out there and scout, and talk to the landowners and remind them how much you appreciate their allowing you the privilege.

Let me thank everyone who helped out with, and attended the 2009 Annual MBA Banquet in Augusta in April. A super time! Congratulations to Rod and Lisa of ClimbPaws, LLC. Lisa won the guided bear hunt generously donated from The Lugdon Lodge at Eagle Lake. Lisa was justifiably excited and we fully expect to receive pictures and an article telling us about her experience!

As your newly elected Vice President, I would like to introduce myself to you. I was born in Presque Isle; attended grade school, high school, and college in Orono; have lived in Old Town most of my adult life, and now live in Hermon. I have the greatest Dad in the world who introduced me to bowhunting when I was a kid with my first recurve. He has always lived to hunt and teach others about all that he has learned from his lifetime of success. I am passionate about bowhunting. There is something about being in the woods with a bow and leaving the rest of the world behind. When in the woods, my sigh of contentment tells me I am in a good place. Since August of 2007 I have served and continue to serve the MBA as Penobscot and Hancock County Representative. March of 2008, I was elected Secretary and served until elected Vice President in May of 2009. I received the "County Rep of the Year" award for 2007, and "Director of the Year" award for 2008. I am a NASP basic archery instructor (BAI) and am an Advanced Bowhunter under the Bowhunters/Landowners Information Program (BLIP.) For more info on the BLIP program, see the May 2009 issue of The Maine Bowhunter, Jeff Hopkins did a fantastic job of defining the BLIP program, summarizing the Marsh Island efforts in 2008, and explaining the value that BLIP members offer the State as a tool for reducing deer populations that are above biological, social, and/or land use objectives and firearm use or regular / expanded archery is not allowed.

I will work to support the MBA by contributing to the mis-

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MBA's 2009 Banquet.

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sion and President Jerome Richard's vision. I can always be contacted by e-mail or phone (see the Officers/Directors/Representatives contact info in this newsletter or on the website at www.mainebowhunters.org) and hope to hear from members with concerns, opinions, or compliments about what is working and what needs attention. My first step as VP will be to establish defined job descriptions and an organizational reporting structure to help focus position responsibilities. This information will be made available to all persons holding a position in the MBA to help improve efficiencies, and assign accountability. I will also work to contribute to increasing our membership; as long as we live in a

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 be sent to Director at large Jeff Hopkins.

democracy, we can change, fine-tune, or eliminate any policy that comes along but it requires that the MBA increase its membership. We must show our strength in numbers and in voice. This means your voice spoken through the MBA. Don't be somebody that watches from the sidelines and then complains later. Encourage your friends to join the MBA. Fresh ideas are always welcome. E-mail your County Representative, they will represent you at the next MBA Regular Monthly Business Meeting in Augusta where the MBA's tact on the various issues at hand are discussed and agreed upon (we can't represent you if we have no idea what you want or what you are thinking!) Speak up for yourself, for every bowhunter, and every future bowhunter in Maine. It's too common that the few fight for the many. The MBA needs you so stand up and fight for this great sport. As a member of the Board I am committed to supporting what the majority of our members direct us to do.

We have a great president leading the MBA and an incredible composition of talented officers, directors, and county representatives. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife respects our president's viewpoints and participation in efforts including but certainly not limited to expanded archery, and bowhunters/landowners relations. This organization is well positioned to continue to add bowhunting opportunities within the State and to do battle against the anti-hunting groups, but what is lacking is the majority of licensed bowhunters in the State of Maine that are not MBA members. Apathy or inaction will certainly lead to diminished opportunity. Each of you knows someone who is not a member of the MBA and should be.

I'm proud to have been elected to step up to the plate and work for the sport I am so passionate about. I am privileged to be on the Board of the MBA and involved in efforts which connect youth to the outdoors, create and expand bowhunting opportunities in the State, and do battle against anti-hunting groups. I'm honored to be able to add value to the MBA leadership under Mr. Richard's direction and look forward to the growth of the organization as a result of the team's efforts.

Finally, thanks to our dealer members who continue to amaze me with their generous donations in support of everything that we do for bowhunting in this State. I also want to again make a request that each of you help to improve the deteriorating landowner/hunter relations in this State. Respect the lands you hunt: don't leave trash and report anyone you see dumping trash because this leads to posting and gates. Carry a couple of garbage bags with you and pick up what you find. If it's been raining heavily, don't rut up the roads because that will (and already has) led to large and small landowners gating their roads and posting their land. It's all about respect and gratitude. Unless you own the land, hunting is a privilege and not a right.

Have fun out there. Practice regularly with your broadheads. Don't pull the trigger unless the shot angle is ideal. Be safe, and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Good luck and don't forget to turn in your bowhunter stat sheets!

MBA's New Secretary



By Deanna Page
Secretary

At the May 3rd MBA board meeting, I was nominated and voted in to fill the Secretary's position that Dan Long had held. Dan was nominated and unanimously voted in as our new Vice President, Congratulations Dan! Dan has been and will continue to be a great ambassador for the MBA. But that has left me with some BIG shoes to fill as the new secretary. I will give it my best shot to serve the MBA and its members to the best of my ability. I would also like to congratulate all the officers elected for the MBA. A big Thank You to Jerome Richard for staying at the helm as our President, he's doing a great job to lead the MBA in a positive direction.

In a phone conversation with our First Lady, Tina Richard, a month before the board meeting, I offered to take over the Stats for the MBA. It seems that many of the jobs needed to keep the

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MBA functioning are left on the shoulders of a few active members. I am doing my part to help, is there something you can do as a member to help the MBA? Without the work of the MBA, we as bowhunters wouldn't have all the hunting privileges that we have now. Are you reaping the benefits of the expanded archery season? Maybe giving back some time to the MBA will benefit us all.

As the new Stats person, I have some ideas I would like to pass on to all our members. For starters, the MBA needs ALL its members to fill out a stat sheet for every animal you harvest with your bow. The stats help the MBA to get an idea on harvest success, type of equipment used, average shot distance, recovery distance. Please help to do your part by filling out a stat sheet for each animal you harvest. Also, don't forget to send a nice harvest photo of you and your animal. It would also be great if you could email a copy of those photos to me at statistics@mainebowhunters.org. I will put all these photos & info in a folder on my computer throughout the year. At the MBA annual banquet in the spring, I would like to have a running slide show of all the MBA harvest photos. This will give a nice touch to the banquet each year and allow all those who attend to see the success of our members. Also, during the awards part of the banquet, as each member goes up to receive their award, I will have the harvest photo for that animal displayed on the screen. Anyone have any other ideas to help make things better for the MBA and its members? Please let me know I would love to hear from the membership. I hope everyone has a great summer and are



By Dan Long

Maine Bowhunters Association continues to make efforts to educate youth and encourage participation in outdoor activities. Nearly every MBA sponsored event or program including conservation camps, school programs, law enforcement and IF&W events, and the Maine sportsman shows includes a youth archery event. The MBA contributed money to purchase a youth bicycle to the Stockton Springs Recreation Committee's Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast Benefit held April 4, 2009 for the kids at the Stockton Springs Elementary School. You may remember this is the school where a gunman held 11 fifth-graders hostage in October of 2008. The importance of supporting the youth efforts offered by the MBA can not be overstated. With our encouraging youth to become interested in the sport of archery we help to ensure that archery and bowhunting will continue to be of interest and will be supported by future generations. We help youth to develop strength and outdoor values which work to increase interests in outdoor pursuits. Wondering what to give for a gift to a young person? How about a youth bow! Teach a young

Supporting Youth Efforts



Russell Corsen working at the NASP shoot.

person respect for the outdoors and how to properly shoot a bow and as they become proficient their pride and confidence levels increase. All MBA officers and County Representatives are encouraged to become National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) certified basic archery instructors (BAI) to aid in these efforts. Please remember that encouraging youth to participate in outdoor activities

is a great way to also encourage family values and a healthy lifestyle. Check the MBA website or contact an MBA Officer or County Representative for more information or to make a donation to support the upkeep and purchase of youth equipment in support of these efforts.



Winner of the Stockton Springs School Easter Egg Hunt.

Field Care Tips and Techniques

By Greg Barnes

Hello to all. My name is Greg Barnes. I own and operate Appalachian Taxidermy in Greenfield, Maine. I have been doing taxidermy for going on twenty years. I started skinning deer in my dad's Taxidermy shop in Maryland, when I was about twelve years old and haven't stopped since. Here are some tips to help you get a quality mount when you harvest your trophy.

The current chronic wasting disease problem has caused many states to change laws on how harvested game animals are transported across state lines. Maine law states that [no severed carcass (deer, elk, moose, etc) can be brought into Maine. Only boned out meat, hide, and skull plate with antlers cleaned and free of all brain tissue] may be transported into our state.

What this means for the Maine hunter who goes to any state to hunt is clear. You need to plan ahead to bring your game home. Bowhunters especially, we hunt the warmer seasons, and if you want to mount your trophy, field care is the highest priority for a great mount. I would suggest that when planning your trip you contact a butcher shop in the immediate area you will be in. Second, you might want to talk to your taxidermist about field care if the hunt you are going on doesn't lend itself to a local butcher shop. An Illinois whitetail hunt will differ greatly from a Montana elk hunt in how you will care for your trophy.

Most guides and outfitters can handle caping and boning out meat, but ask anyway. If you are not on a guided hunt however, you might consider learning the

caping process before you go. It isn't difficult, but it is easily done incorrectly. You can also contact a taxidermist; most only charge a nominal fee for caping. Cleaning the skull plate is not hard either. After the antlers are removed you cut off as much of the meat that is still on the bone as you can. Then you can use a propane torch to burn all of the remaining meat and brain tissue. Here you burn the entire skull plate for a few minutes or until the meat turns to black charring. Then use a coarse wire brush and your knife to scrape away the charred meat. It is simple and effective, you can also pressure wash the skull, but this can blow out all of the bark that is usually in the antler burrs, not to mention difficult to find on a camping trip.

There are a few more things I will mention that you can do as first steps to a great mount. First is the field dressing, when you are making the cut from between the hind legs forward to the chest, stop cutting when you run into the breast bone at the point closest to the hind legs. Second is getting the animal out of the woods. Try not to wait too long, as it is easy to ruin a trophy mount. Two of the largest bears I have ever mounted were both brought out whole without being field dressed. They both were over 500 lbs live weight and both hides were nearly lost due to hair slipping from heat trapped in the stomach area. Trying to replace a bear hide of that caliber would be nearly impossible. Field dress your game quickly and cleanly. Last, don't hesitate to call a taxidermist. I doubt any of us will ever have a problem helping with field care or any questions regarding a trophy, it is after all, our job. Happy hunting!

Additional Photos From Past Events



Tina Richard accepting the volunteer of the year award from Deanna Page, at the MBA Banquet.



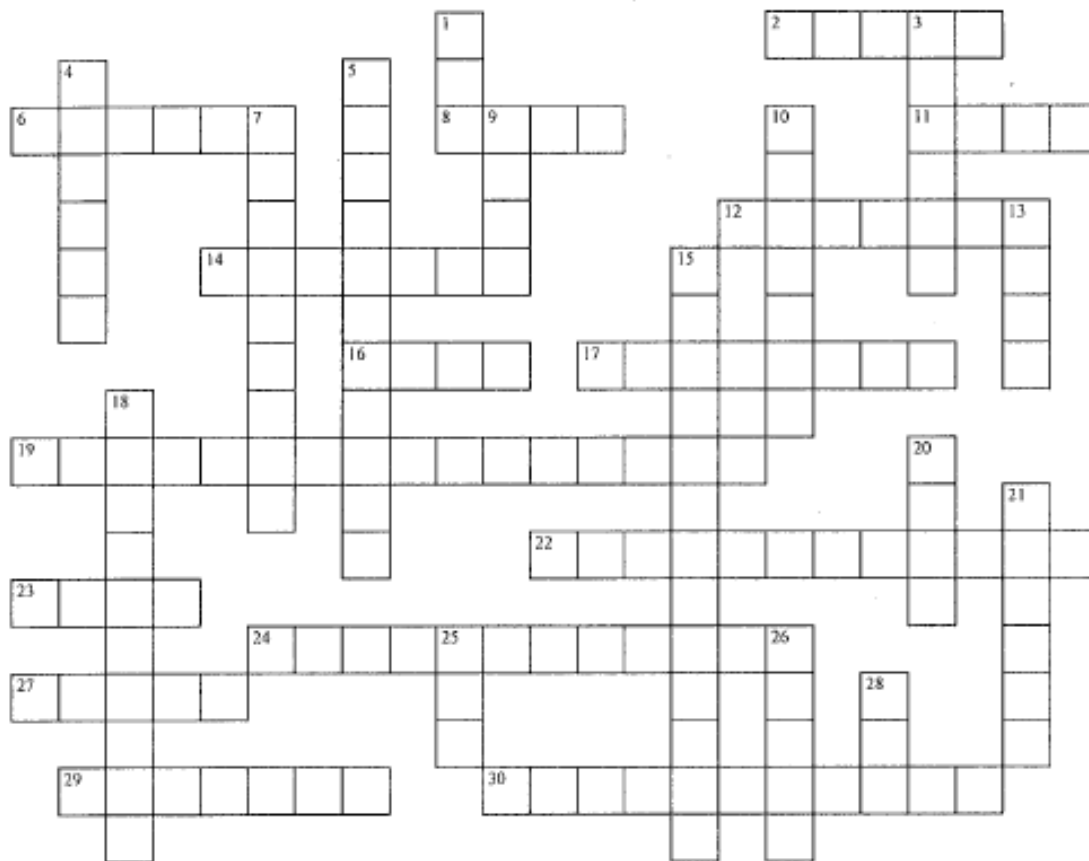
Maine Doe awards at the MBA Banquet.



Everyone from the LL Bean Spring Expo.



Josh Cottrell doing his best to call in hunters, at the LL Bean Spring Expo.



ACROSS

- 2 Antler scoring system
- 6 Current president of MBA
- 8 Special hunts
- 11 Drop away is a type of _____
- 12 Partially white deer
- 14 Type of bow
- 16 Type of bow
- 17 Type of bow
- 19 The number of deer an area can support
- 22 Antler scoring system
- 23 Deer wintering area
- 24 Gland found between deer toes/hooves
- 27 Conceals you
- 29 Always wear one in stand
- 30 Used to determine arrow speed

DOWN

- 1 Made to leave scent on a tree
- 3 Gland found on the hind leg of a deer
- 4 They know where your stand is, you're _____
- 5 Hidden
- 7 Most cam wheels aren't round anymore. They're _____
- 9 Tick borne disease
- 10 Color of lung blood
- 13 What they really do when they jump the string
- 15 An alert deer may do this when you shoot your bow
- 18 Gland found on the inside corner of a deers eye
- 20 Should also be used if you use a mechanical release
- 21 Provides consistency in shooting
- 25 Happens in November
- 26 Where you should aim on a deer
- 28 Organization that represents bowhunters

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REMEMBER, THESE NAMES AND THE CONTACT INFORMATION IS LISTED FOR YOU. SEND YOUR COUNTY REP YOUR THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING BOWHUNTING RELATED. YOUR COUNTY REP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO YOU AND/OR BRINGING YOUR QUESTIONS/ISSUES UP AT THE NEXT MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING.

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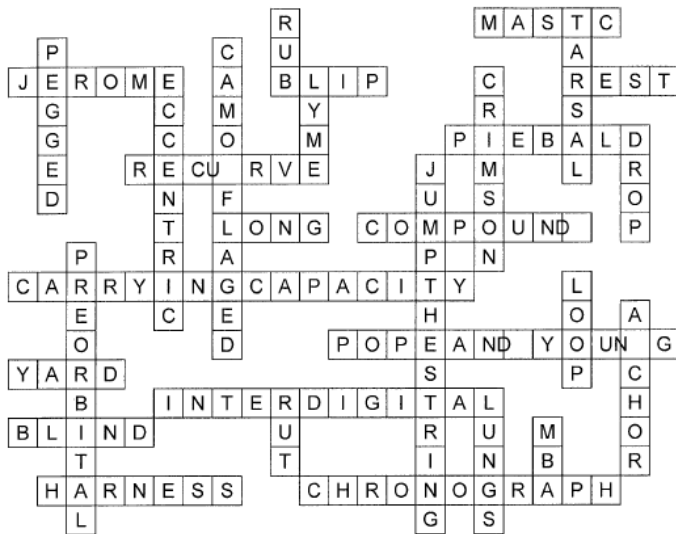
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MBA BIG GAME STATISTICS SHEET

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 **\$5 if you wish to receive the patch** 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
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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: _____

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.

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November	October 1

MBA Membership Application

New Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type: Individual \$25 Family \$35 Individual Life \$350

Individual 65+ with proof of age \$20 Couple 65+ with proof of age \$30

Club or Business Affiliation \$95 Corporate Membership \$250 Patron \$250 V.I.P. \$1000

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Bow Tech Talk



By Chas LaVersa

Don't nock the nock! Sometimes we don't realize the critical nature of the less glorified components of our equipment, like the arrow nock. This little piece of injection molded plastic looks so simple and yet is so important to accuracy.

It doesn't matter if you use expensive Bieters or cheaper any brand, if they aren't right your groups will spread out. It can be easy to injure them. Just drop the arrow on it and you may have damage that cannot be seen and is not close to failure but will cause you to wonder what you did wrong on that last shot! Not that they are particularly weak but you never know and that is what makes them so easy to overlook.

Each arrow is loaded up with tremendous speed and force in a very short power stroke. We all know that if you don't have the correct arrow spine that makes the arrow load up differently than the others and it can cause accuracy problems. Nocks can do the same thing. If they are not

exactly straight in the arrow they will load it up differently than the other shafts causing accuracy problems. If one ear is a little tweaked or weaker, that can make the arrow load up differently and cause wider groupings. In extreme cases it can cause the nock to fail, exposing your bow to a virtual dryfire.

In research done by Spot Hogg and duplicated by yours truly, it was found that by simply rotating the nock an eighth turn, many flyers could be brought back into the flock. The problem with that is rotating the nock can easily now cause fletch contact, which is another source of accuracy problems. The solution may be to replace the nocks often.

Whenever I am having trouble with groups and can tell by my arrow numbers that it is a particular arrow(s), I turn the nock a little. Quite often that will fix it but points out a new solution. Replace them! Sure, if a simple twist fixes the arrow and does not cause fletch contact I will shoot it like that but if it happens to the same arrow again I am looking for the problem. I like to keep an extra dozen or more nocks on hand for situations like this and I replace my nocks a couple times a year for no other reason than I know they are not good forever.

Most shooters never replace the nocks. Face it, you probably never even think about them. You just shoot them until they break or you lose the arrow. Isn't it inter-

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esting that some arrows just don't seem to shoot as well after a short while? It could be something as cheap as putting in new nocks that refurbishes those trusty old arrows. This makes the argument for using a squaring tool on both ends of the arrow as well. Sometimes if the tail of the arrow is not perfectly square, a couple shots makes the nock tweak a little crooked as it conforms to the slanted shaft end. Squaring up the back end will make sure that the nock is perfectly straight with the shaft, eliminating this possibility.

Now many of you are feeling like you don't have to hit the X on the paper every time just to hunt deer. This information is

critical to target shooters and hunters as well. Target shooting is the best way to improve your shooting skills for hunting. If you really want to have confidence in yourself and your equipment at that exciting moment of truth, shot often and shoot for absolute accuracy! Learn your equipment and be all you can be! Good Hunting!

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