

THE MAINE BOWHUNTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By Jerome Richard

It appears we may experience an early spring and a lot better summer than we had in 2009! I know most of you will be scouting turkeys by the time you receive this newsletter and it seems like there are plenty of turkeys in Maine. Remember in 2010 a licensed hunter has the opportunity of taking two Toms in the spring and another turkey in the fall. I hope many of you will be successful and take a turkey with a bow.

The short winter season seems like it will help us with the recovery of the deer herd. Tina and I saw 4 different deer feeding in the fields between Presque Isle and Houlton on our way back from the Presque Isle sportsman's show on Sunday. Hopefully that is a good indication of better things to come.

2010 Sportsmen's Shows

By the time you receive this newsletter the Maine Bowhunters Association will have completed another year of the spring sportsmen's

shows. At the time of this writing we haven't done the Augusta sportsmen's show, but we can report on all the other shows. The MBA started this year's shows with the Cabin Fever Reliever in Brewer on February 27th and 28th. We had a great time hanging out with all the fly fisherman and had tons of kids stopping by the NASP set-up to experience shooting the Genesis bows. Thank God I'm short so I don't have to bend down and wear out my knees teaching the "11 Steps to Archery Success". My wife says the only people shorter than me are 3rd graders and Mike Rovella!

From March 12th thru the 14th the MBA had a booth with a youth archery range at the Orono sportsman's show at the University of Maine. Our team of volunteers were busy all 3 days especially on Saturday. A funny thing happened to me on Saturday where a gentleman slightly damaged my truck in the parking lot and after we finished the accident report the gentleman gave me permission to hunt some deer on his property this coming fall! Not a bad trade, right! Trucks can be fixed, but deer hunting is more important than life and death!

The MBA didn't have a booth at the Wilton sportsman's show, but Tina and I went up to visit Vic Morin and all the vendors on Saturday, March

20th. It gave us a chance to visit and spend time with some of the vendors that we don't get to speak with much due to our work schedule during the shows. We spent time with Central Maine Archery and also the Maine Christian Bowhunters who had booths at the show, plus we caught up with Fred Turner of the Maine Trapper's Association who made a couple of donations to the MBA banquet. Also, we met one of my best friends who works for a Canadian Guide Service (Larry Davidson of Taxis River Outfitters) who is donating a spring bear hunt to our annual MBA banquet. My buddy Paul, who works for Larry, and my best man at my wedding, has bear guided in the US and Canada for several years and I guarantee this will be a great hunting opportunity.

Then Tina, Russell Corson, and I headed off to the Presque Isle sportsmen's show put on by the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club on March 27th and 28th. We were met at the show by Lou Provost of Houlton who is also our Aroostook County MBA Representative and Tom Gerard of Madawaska who recently started the NASP program at Madawaska High School in November 2009. I have to say this show is fantastic and has an unbelievable amount of activities for kids! They had a climbing wall, trout fishing pond, B-B gun shooting range, live

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3D SHOOTS

May 2nd—Alderbrook
May 16th—Black Fly Shoot—Durham Rod and Gun Club.
May 30th—Central Fish and Game.
June 6th—Sanford/Springvale Fish and Game Association.
June 6th—Alderbrook
June 13th—Darrel Carter Memorial—Big Indian
June 27th—Somerset
July 10th and 11th—Poke and Hope Rendezvous—Durham Rod and Gun Club.
August 22nd—Maine Traditional Championship—Durham Rod and Gun Club.
August 22nd—Sanford/Springvale Fish and Game Association.

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animals (bear, wolf, owls, and an eagle), fly tying, and the MBA Youth Archery Range. This has got to be one of the best shows that we have done and we have been there 3 years in a row and it keeps getting better and bigger! We would like to especially thank Nick Archer of the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club and Todd Hedrich of the Northeastland Hotel for all their help and support for the Maine Bowhunters Association. Both of these gentlemen put in a lot of hard work to make this event successful. I can assure you Tina and I will be back in 2011!

Maybe I'm a little nervous or something, but I just realized that at every show that I was at this year I met Game Warden Dave Georgia! Honest Dave I didn't do anything – it was all Tina's fault! Dave was a big help during the Marsh Island BLIP in helping us to apprehend 3 people (one poacher and two thieves). Thanks again and it's great to see you as always.

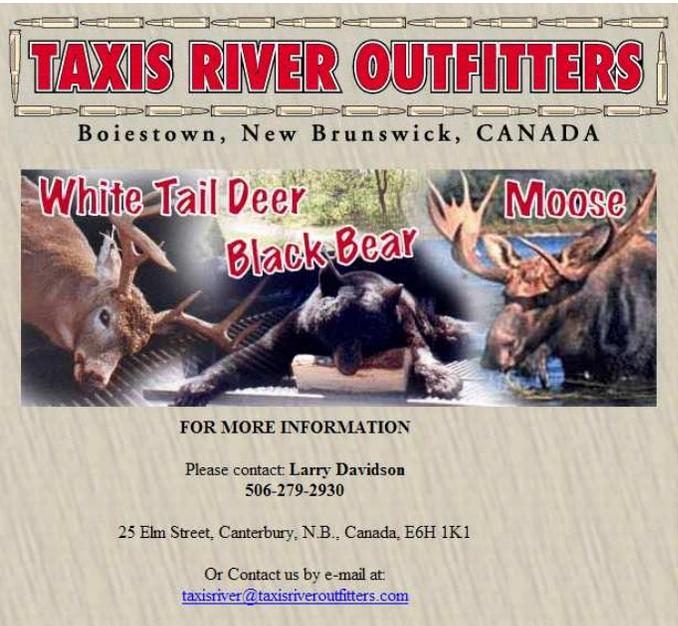
Annual MBA Banquet

You may receive this newsletter before the annual MBA banquet and have one more opportunity to make plans for the banquet. This is our fourth year at the Calumet Club in Augusta and I guarantee the meal is excellent. It's a great time to fellowship with your fellow bowhunters to discuss last year's hunting season and the upcoming turkey season. The MBA has received a tremendous amount of donations for this year's

banquet too. We have many items from modern and traditional archery equipment for both adults and youth, bear hunts, treestands, fly fishing rod and reel set-up, jewelry, everything but a Corvette! Our very own IF&W Deputy Commission Paul Jacques will be there as our auctioneer which should be worth a lot of entertainment! If we are lucky maybe we will have Col. Wilkinson and Major Sanborn plus head deer biologist Lee Kantar and Regional Biologist Mark Caron at the banquet. All of these gentlemen do a great service for the hunting community and the natural resources of the state of Maine.

Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center

As you may remember from our last newsletter that Mark Peeler passed away from cancer on December 9, 2009. Mark and his family made a generous donation of all of his archery equipment and everything related to his archery hunting. We are hoping to generate enough funds from raffles and the banquet to send as many as 10 kids to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center on scholarships in Mark Peeler's honor. The MBA is working with the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp (formerly the Bryant Pond Conservation School) to get this off the ground for the summer of 2010! Mark's family and the officers of the MBA believe this is the best way to honor Mark and pass along the gift of the outdoors to the next generation of kids.



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Old Town Archery Center 3-D Shoots

Old Town Archery Center will be having their 1st Annual Paul Caron memorial 3-D Shoot on Sunday, May 30th with registration starting at 8:00am. Some of you are familiar with Paul who helped out a lot at Old Town Archery Center, the bowhunter safety classes, and the MBA Marsh Island BLIP. Paul passed away a few days after the 2009 Marsh Island BLIP hunt. Paul was a veteran of the Korean War and a super individual that went out of his way to help anyone in need. This will be an opportunity to come together and have good time and remember the service that Paul did for his country and the community of bowhunters and archers. There will be a Pig Roast and bean-hole

bean supper. Please plan on showing up hungry!

Also, Bob Wengrzynek and "Big John" Ehman have offered the Maine Bowhunters Association a great opportunity to get together and fellowship on Saturday, June 26th at the Old Town Archery Center 3-D Range. We are planning on a 3-D shoot based on the bowhunter style with the kill, wound, or miss scoring system. We plan on having some cheese hamburgers and hot dogs with plenty of other activities. As usual with our crowd, please show up hungry!

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Val Marquez Visit

Tina and I went down to Shapleigh, ME on Tuesday, March 30 to spend some time with Val Marquez and his lovely wife Doris to talk about the past, present, and future of the MBA. Many of you probably know Val held several positions thru the years in the MBA either as an officer or director plus a major contributor to the Maine Sportsman under the heading "Maine Bowhunting with Val Marquez". Val just recently retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with about 35 years of service to our country and the US Navy! Thank you Val and please enjoy your retirement – I'm sure you will be spending a lot of time now bowhunting big game everywhere.

Val and I had a chance to talk about some of the past leaders of the MBA and how they all contributed to the growth of the organization. Of course as a group we may not always agree with the direction of the MBA from time to time, but we need to stick together. Val and I discussed how I hope that we can increase our membership and attract more support by others with focus on youth activities such as NASP and bowhunter safety education. I don't want to be a leader with a "club" mentality. I want the MBA to be an "organization" that helps promote the sport of bowhunting and archery by providing opportunities to people including adults (men and women) and the kids to get behind a bow and try it out. We also need to help promote our local professional archery shops throughout the state of Maine whether it be promoting 3-D shoots and indoor target shoots, bowhunter safety education, or informing the membership of upcoming events at these shops. If we are not a resource to our members, the pro archery shops, the archery shoots, and IF&W, then we exist for nothing, right? This organization has always had a lot of potential, so let's build the sport of bowhunting and archery with the talent we have in our ranks. I've been very fortunate to have tons of help from the people

inside and outside the MBA to guide me over the past 3 years.

During our visit Val Marquez donated one of his beautiful hand-made maple long bows with wooden arrows and quiver to the MBA to auction off at the April 24th Annual MBA Banquet. Anyone interested in this bow set-up better bring plenty of cash to out bid me at the banquet. I have plenty of compounds, recurves, and a long bow, but not one like this. Thank you very much Val for your donation to the MBA.

MBA Election of Officers

The Maine Bowhunters Association will be having their annual election of officers on Sunday, May 16th at 9:00am at the Augusta City Center. Nobody should be turkey hunting on Sunday morning, so please come down and let us know what you think. I'm willing to stay on for another year if the membership wants me to stay for another year as your president, but I need to know if the direction we have followed over the last 3 years is great, do we need to add anything or tweak the direction. At the May 16th meeting we will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Director, and Social Director, so please come down and give us your input. I promise we will not draft you and elect you to a position just because you showed up (we save that for the ones who don't attend the meeting).



MBA's Vice President Report



By Dan Long

Spring is here! I have had such a busy winter with work and worries that I just can't wait to get out with my bow and walk where I can get myself back in touch with what is really important. The smell and sound of the woods always helps me to find perspective. Planning for turkey hunting has me excited and getting gear ready for the first week of May. Of course I'm also looking forward to catching some rays with a fishing pole in my hand but this is a bowhunters newsletter so I'll confine my comments to bowhunting related topics!

The MBA wants to thank you for visiting the sportsman shows and sending your kids and young adults through the line to stress test the Genesis bows. It's great to have this offered at the shows and other outdoor events to show how fun archery can be and demonstrate that the MBA is an organization that works to introduce youth to the outdoors through the sport of archery. The MBA does a lot of great things in addition to the NASP youth archery events including representing the

bowhunting public on the legislative front, educating and training the public and new bowhunters on the sport of bowhunting, and developing opportunities for bowhunters across the state. The purpose of the MBA is to provide a Statewide organization within which people through individual memberships, with common interests in bowhunting, may recognize and have means of furthering their interests. This is accomplished through many means and the efforts of the organization have resulted in a truly effective organization; anti-hunting bills have been identified and defeated, expanded archery areas have been created and expanded, relationships with other outdoor organizations such as the Maine Trappers Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation to name a few have been strengthened, and membership numbers continue to grow. Businesses such as local archery shops and sporting goods stores benefit as we become stronger and continue to grow...The bowhunting sport in the State of Maine is as great as its membership, thanks to you, and the expert leadership of your President Jerome Richard and his support staff. Help your friends to see the benefits of the MBA and become members.

Enjoy the warm weather and spice up the times you practice shooting your bow by trying out the many outdoor ranges that offer many different conditions and angles to shoot. This will get you prepared for those few seconds when you really need to make it count.

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Legislative Report

By Jerome Richard

LD 1536 – ATV Stops on Private Property

Representative Sarty has sponsored LD 1536, “An Act to Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-Terrain Vehicles when Operating on Private Property”. You may remember my last legislative report where the previous legislative session passed LD 308 which prevented game wardens from stopping any ATV without “reasonable and articulable suspicion” on public and private property. This was a huge mistake and flew in the face of all landowners who came into a past agreement with the Governor’s ATV Task Force so that more trails could be opened for both ATV and snowmobiles. I said in my last report that all sportsmen should support Rep. Sarty’s bill LD 1536 no matter what your opinion may be of game wardens. The excuse I have heard from ATV riders against LD 1536 is that it violates their “civil rights” because it is unreasonable search. If you stay with that argument then in the very near future your privilege to ride will end at the posted property line and then what will those ATV and snowmobile riders do when their favorite trails get closed by the gracious private property owners? SWOAM and other large private landowners up north have already stated if this bill does not pass then the current ATV and snowmobile trail system will become fragmented due to posted land. The landowner just wants to be assured that game wardens are being active in overseeing these trails. I don’t know about you, but I’m not worried about being stopped by a game warden – only the criminals are! This whole issue started over a drunk lawyer riding on the ATV trail system up north who beat the arrest and summons using the “my civil rights were violated” and now we may all pay the price for this guy! At the present time the Maine House of Representatives passed this bill and now it is headed to the Maine Senate. If this doesn’t pass it may affect your access to hunting private property of others!

Northern & Eastern Deer Task Force

I attended the annual Northern & Eastern Deer Task Force meeting in Sidney on December 3rd. The bottom line was there is no easy answer or solutions from anyone in the room. There was some rather lively debate between SAM’s representative Gerry Lavigne and the other group of IF&W, SWOAM, and MFPC about the language of the guidelines with the wintering deer yards. They seem minor, but after this group was formed in 2007 we still don’t have the guidelines finalized. Most of the members of SWOAM and MFPC are already following these voluntary guidelines despite the ongoing debate. Whatever you may hear in the rumor mill, things are happening, but it is taking some time.

The guidelines are voluntary to help manage wintering deer yards, but remember wintering deer yards are not static yards. They are dynamic and constantly changing as these softwood stands age. The quality of the wintering deer yards can become poor and not be suitable for browse. I have heard many people suggest that the state (that means us taxpayers and specifically hunters) should purchase these deer yards, but if they become unsuitable for deer habitat later on then we basically bought a lot of land for nothing. I don’t claim to be an expert in forest management or wildlife management, but we do need to work with the many large and small landowners to come up with a long-term solution that both sides can agree on. I do believe most of the landowners are concerned about the deer herd and that they are entrusted by the public to be good stewards of the land and wildlife. There are literally thousands of wintering deer yards already in the northern and eastern part of the state with varying degree of quality browse and cover, but still no deer in the area or very low deer density.



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There were discussions about managing the travel corridor, winter browse, and how litterfall impact the survival of the deer in these wintering deer areas. The size of these DWA in both overall area and width can be an issue plus how we manage the road access in the winter such as plowed roads can obstruct deer corridors thru some of these areas since the deer may not be able to get across snow banks especially if a coyote(s) is in pursuit. All of this discussion lead to the next subject – predation.

Predator control came up during this meeting as a handout was presented by Sandy Ritchie of IF&W from the Deer Predation Working Group. This group met 5 times with over 20 hours of discussion concerning the impact of coyotes and bears on deer in Maine. Some of the recommendations were to utilize shooting coyotes over bait and hunting coyotes with dogs, as well as, promoting more coyote hunting and trapping. The subject of cable snaring coyotes was a recommendation, but may require more time to develop and administer. As far as what to do with bear predation the recommendation was to do nothing at this time because it could jeopardize the economic contribution from bear hunting if overharvesting became an issue, as well as, the group was concerned about a possible new bear referendum.

For a complete copy of the Deer Predation Working Group’s report go to http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/surveys_reports/pdfs/deerpredationreport.htm.

Gerry Lavigne representing SAM discussed the Coyote Hunting Network and how to use deer hunters to control the coyote problem. I would suggest that anyone interested in the Coyote Hunting Network, please contact Gerry Lavigne or George Smith at SAM as they are producing about 1,000 DVD’s to sell to teach people about effective methods of coyote hunting. Also, more information can be found on the Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine website.

I think I will stop on this discussion and refer you to the March 2010 MBA newsletter article “An Overview of the Current Deer Situation” in this same newsletter. Again, there are no easy, fast solutions to bring the deer populations back especially up in northern, eastern, and western Maine. We may be faced with less deer hunting opportunities in the future for a some length of time.

LD 1689 – Increase Tagging Fee to \$7

The hottest issue that just came up for me was finding out on Tuesday night January 26th about LD 1689, “An Act to Increase Payments to Agents Who Provide Tags for Wild Game”. I provided testimony for the MBA on February 4th to oppose this bill and I really don’t have enough space here to vent my anger over another fee increase caused by IF&W. Remember I wrote in the last issue of the newsletter encouraging everyone to accept the \$5 tagging fee as a way to support IF&W to protect the two data processing positions at IF&W. However, IF&W did a terrible job of communicating the reason of this tagging fee increase to \$5, so now Rep. Jim Schatz of Blue Hill introduces LD 1689 to raise all the tagging fees

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(deer, bear, moose, and turkey) to \$7 so the tagging stations will receive another \$2. The new breakdown of the \$7 tagging fee will be \$3 to the tagging station and \$4 to IF&W.

I e-mailed Rep. Schatz about our concern of how this bill could have some serious consequences to all of us as hunters may withdraw their support from both IF&W and the tagging stations when they say "enough is enough". He assured me in a response to my e-mail dated Wednesday, January 27th that he would ask for the bill to be amended to keep the tagging fee held at \$5, but adjust the split on the tagging fee between IF&W and the tagging station. That is something I believe the MBA could support. I know once the tagging fees increase we will never see them decrease no matter how good the economy gets in the future. Rep. Schatz did attend the hearing and stated that he would be in favor of holding the current tagging fee to \$5, but he want the tagging stations to receive \$3 and IF&W to receive \$2.

You may or may not support this bill, but during that same week I received two different e-mails from people who work for a land management company that jump on the band wagon to suggest another fee increase on top of this increase to have all sportsman contribute to another fund to buy up winter deer yards. So where does all the self destructive behavior stop? This is a fact – the more fees increase the more people drop out of hunting. Then everybody is back at the legislature asking for money again. This is what I call "circular thinking" leading to a potential "death spiral" for IF&W, culminating in a consolidation of the natural resources agency.

Remember we just got a license fee increase for the 2010 hunting

season along with the \$5 tagging fee that started just prior to the 2009 bear season, and now the current proposal is to raise the tagging fee to \$7 for deer ,bear, turkey, and moose. Let me ask you this. If I were to go turkey hunting and bought my firearms license and turkey tag, plus pay a \$2 agent fee, how many people are going to accept adding another \$7 on top of that to tag the turkey? That first spring Tom could be cost you \$56! If you bought the second spring turkey tag you would have a total of \$85 tied up in turkeys. I believe IF&W will see a dramatic decrease in revenues just in the drop turkey permits sold and tagging revenue received!

I just came off the Wild Turkey Working Group last fall that was formed due to LD 256. The group heard from dairy farmers, blueberry, strawberry, and apple folks about the problems with crop damage. We also heard in the future Maine might start with internet/phone tagging system using the turkeys as a starting point. If the farmers don't get their issues settled with hunters then they can fall back on Maine's "Right to Farm Act" where a farmer can dispatch any animal that is causing him crop damage without the need of a hunting license or any tagging requirements, so now IF&W loses the potential revenue because the increase in fees drove the hunters away. The working group also heard that farmers from Aroostook were against further expansion of the wild turkey by "trap and transport" because of the many issues south of them by other farmers because the issues over turkeys were not being resolved over the impact of turkeys to crop damage.

LD 1689 went to a working session and it appears it died in that session, so we will not see an increase anytime soon.

"The Spirit of Mark Peeler"



By Deanna Page

As some of you already know, I was recently a winner of a raffle package. The raffle included: a Double Bull Blind, Hoyt Vectrix XL bow with drop away rest and one pin adjustable sight, hard bow case, Scott Archery release, a dozen arrows w/ 100 gr 4 blade Muzzys, hard arrow case, 2 turkey seats, 3 turkey decoys, one ladder stand, a box of seven turkey calls, a turkey hunting vest and a Cabela's arrow saw.

The raffle package was donated to the MBA as a way to raise money to send kids to the Bryant Pond 4H Camp so we can pass the outdoor traditions to the next

generation. All this came at a great loss the MBA, we lost one of our own. Mark Peeler lost his battle with cancer last year and left behind his prized hunting equipment to the MBA. I was not lucky enough to know Mark that well, I only saw him at a few meetings and at last year's banquet. I've asked some of the MBA Board members to share their thoughts and memories of Mark.

"I met Mark at the BLIP hunt I went on two years ago. He was in the stand next to me, he was fascinated that I used a recurve bow on the hunt. One day down at my first Wells BLIP hunt , it was very rainy and very end of November cold . It was , by then, pouring buckets and pails , rain was coming down my back and I was loath to quit the chase. Mark was up in a big pine tree, I was in a hardwood to his north. The wind pitched me casually too and fro as there was no leaves and sail effect. Looking to the south, all I could see was this big old ninety foot White Pine crown like a sail bending over almost touching the ground and poor Mark I thought, must be getting quite sea sick as if he were on a boat at sea, tossed and turned about . That was the year we did the Harley raffle and Mark was a huge support to me in that venture and in anything the MBA did. As it was, I finally called it a day, it was ,

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as the old seafarers say, a brew to remember. Mark hung in there longer ...I believe this was a trait of Mark that I learned about that day, hang in there as long as I can, and in the end, he fought a valient battle hanging in there until his end on earth. I will remember Mark on that BLIP hunt as a unselfish mentor helping me with all the many questions I had and in assisting me in the field. I cannot imagine anyone that met Mark not liking his uplifting nature. He was truly a leader in the MBA and I will always, as many, fondly remember him. And I look forward to the day we meet again hanging in treestands, swaying in the wind in the heaven above." Robb Cotiaux

"Mark was very dedicated to the MBA. He was exactly the type of person that was needed for the BLIP program. He had an absolute understanding of what this program was all about, and what was needed from the participant, to make it work. He will certainly be missed." Jeff Hopkins

"I didn't get to know Mark Peeler until Jerome and I took office three years ago. He was like a big brother to me; we talked a lot on the phone about the MBA and other every day

life stuff (he was a great listener). He was a great encourager and when Jerome and I felt like giving up or got frustrated he always had a kind word to say, like that we were on the right path for the MBA. When Mark got sick Jerome and I talked with him just about once a week and he was always positive and couldn't wait to go on the Marsh Island hunt with us the next Fall. When he hung up the phone with me he always said talk with you later kiddo, I miss calling him now and just hearing his voice. Mark was a great member in the MBA and he was not shy about giving his heart and soul for the organization!!! The last great memory I have of Mark was that he came to the MBA Banquet last year and that was quite an honor to have had him in our presence. For now he is looking down on us smiling as we work hard and put our best foot forward for this great organization that I am very proud to be a member of." Tina Richard

"I really got to know Mark starting with the 2006 Wells Reserve BLIP hunt where we both were freezing trying to stay on stand to the last minutes. The cold, damp ocean air always made the Wells Reserve BLIP tough to stay on stand for extended times and then be able to draw a bow. Then when I first became president of the MBA in 2007 Mark

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shared a wealth of information and knowledge to assist me especially as I was trying to navigate my way thru my first year as president. Mark was always very helpful to me and I'll miss his presence at the meetings and his phone calls checking in on me. Mark was part of the team that organized and scouted the Marsh Island BLIP in 2008 prior to the event. Mark pitched in and assisted Jeff Hopkins, Dan Long, and Mark Caron the Regional Biologist for IF&W in scouting the properties and sharing advise on setting up the number of hunters per property. I believe Mark Caron really appreciated his insight on what worked well and what didn't work at the Wells Reserve BLIP. I know Mark was a great cook and unfortunately for Tina and me we were not able to enjoy one of his famous pig roasts. Katie even said he was a tremendous cook and I never heard any disagreement about that subject. Family meant a lot to Mark and there were many times I remember him talking about his nieces and nephews. The refrigerator door at their home was covered with photos of family members and great times he shared with Katie at family get togethers, vacationing in Jamaica, or with a small group of friends. I had several phone calls with Mark during his cancer treatment and I think everybody believed Mark was going to beat this disease. Mark was always upbeat and optimistic about his situation. I'll never forget his phone call to me to let me know that the doctors were stopping all treatment and just concentrate on making him comfortable. I was upset more with the doctors and at the same time finding myself unable to find the right words to try to encourage a good friend that the battle isn't over and miracles do happen! I know Mark's friends down at "The Bog" at Bullwinkle's in Waldoboro will truly

miss Mark. Tina, Katie, and I have been down twice for dinner since Mark passed away and it is amazing how many people he touched and they stopped to talk about the great memories they had with Mark. I know Tina and I are sad about his passing, but he still brings back some good memories." Jerome Richard

I feel a great honor to now own Mark's most prized hunting items. Although in life I never had the privilege to go hunting with Mark, I know Mark's spirit will be there beside me in the blind. God willing, I hope that he'll be there to guide my arrows to their mark for year's to come. I hope to use Mark's blind to take my first turkey with a bow this Spring. I plan to use Mark's ladder stand on this year's bear hunt, will Mark be there with me? I certainly hope so!

Mark left behind his family and friends, as well as many memories to be carried on by those left behind. I hope Mark's legacy, dedication and passion will be passed down through the MBA and on to the next generation of bowhunters to follow in our footsteps. May the Spirit of Mark Peeler live on through us.

PS- Unfortunately for me, Mark's 2007 bow is set at 29 1/2" draw and can't be changed to work for me. I will be selling the bow and would like to give MBA members the first chance to buy it. If you have an interest, please contact me. My goal is to replace it with a 40-50# w/ 27" draw that I can set up for turkey hunting. I would consider a trade if someone has something that will fit the bill. Please email me at dlpage@midmaine.com or call 270-3400.



Mark Peeler

Photos From 2010 Shows



Russell Corson working with a young lady at the Cabin Fever Reliever.



Lou Provost working with a lad at the Presque Isle Show.



Peter Caron working with a lad at the Orono Sportsman Show.



Presque Isle Sportsman Show group photo.



Tina Richard working with a young lady at the Presque Isle Sportsman Show.



Tom Gerard from the Madawaska High School working with a young man at the Presque Isle Sportsman Show.

MBA COUNTY REPS

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Tina Richard working with a young lady at the Discovery Museum in Bangor.

Miss Maine learning how to shoot bow and arrows by the MBA President.



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.

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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
- 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: _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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E-mail: _____

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The Perfect Arrow

By Tom Hartford

Let's start with two words; kinetic energy. High KE is good. Low KE is bad. Let's figure out how to be in the middle. Some archers don't have the physical ability to shoot higher poundage, such as kids, people with disabilities, and women. Hopefully this article will help all get the kinetic energy you need for a successful harvest. Most pro-shops have a KE calculator on their computer. Draw weight and length help determine the spine of the arrow along with the weight of the tip you intend to use. For example, one 300 grain arrow traveling at 300 feet per second yields 59.97 lbs of KE. (The 300 grains is the total weight of the arrow including its field point.)

When hunting deer, 60 lbs. of KE should be the goal. Sixty pounds KE or greater is excellent for deer hunting. When shooting bear or moose, my personal goal would be closer to 70 pounds of KE. My personal bow, the PSE X-Force at 62 pounds of

draw weight with a 360 grain arrow shoots 290 feet per second yields 71.96 pounds of kinetic energy. This is more than enough KE to harvest a North American animal.

When shooting less KE, shot placement and yardage is even more critical. Almost any good bow with a 35 lbs. draw or greater with a razor sharp broadhead (cut on contact) will get the job done when you put an arrow in the boiler room (the lungs, liver, or heart). In my opinion (I'm sure I will get hammered on this one), any bow under 50 pounds of draw weight should not be using an expandable broadhead. Why do I say this? Except for the Rage, G5, and a few other expandable broadheads, you can lose up to a third of your kinetic energy for the broadhead to open. If you're shooting 50 pounds and have an arrow at 300 grains and shooting 220 fps, that equals up to 32.25 lbs of KE. If you are using an expandable head and lose a third of the KE... do the math.

Bows at low poundage will harvest an animal, no question on that. However, we need the right arrow shaft to do it, near perfect shot placement, and yardage restriction. My wife, Jessica harvested a 10 point buck weighing close to 200 lbs with her Hoyt Kobalt set at 42 pounds. Her arrow was an Easton Flatliner 500 weighing 332 grains and traveling at 180 feet per second. She used a Muzzy Phantom weighing 100 grain razor sharp. (I spent a lot of time making sure her broadheads were sharp.) We worked at 20 yards and less all summer. We worked on shot placement on a 3-D GlenDel Buck. She had a tendency to shoot high. We had many spirited discussions on hitting the target low middle to the bottom third of the deer and broadside shot only. It paid off. She watched this deer for 40 minutes before it presented a shot that she was comfortable with. She hit the animal perfectly at 12 yards with a double-lung shot that took out the top of the heart. We had never seen so much blood when

tracking. It was a pro shot. It just goes to show you, low poundage, right arrow and shot placement location did the trick.

Now if we are shooting higher poundage and a heavy arrow, 380 grains or higher, that's a great combination! Lighter arrows will work, but don't get hung up in the speed game. Work on finding great speed and high kinetic energy. I've seen a lot of people miss clean while shooting 300 to 330 fps. I'll take a slower and heavier arrow and work on shot placement any day. As bowhunters, we need to have enough respect for the animals we are attempting to harvest to know our limitations, so we harvest animals ethically.

This article reflects my opinion and I'm sure not everyone will agree with me, but that's what makes bowhunting so cool, different opinions and gear. Half the fun is figuring out what works best for YOU, the Maine bowhunter.

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Gino Catruch showing off his shooting ability.



Tina Richard with Patience Fortier, the youth Genesis bow winner. Bow was donated by Bob Walker at Moosehead Trail Trading Post.

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- To foster a spirit of sportsman-like fellowship among all bowhunters.
- To initiate or support selected activities and programs intended, or expected, to emphasize the responsibilities inherent in any proper use of the bow and arrow and to protect such continued use and possession on the part of citizens of good repute.
- To strive toward upgrading the sport of bowhunting through education, training, demonstration, dissemination of information, and related activities.
- To encourage by education, training, and demonstration, the support of appropriate legislation or other activities, a high level of sportsmanship and ethics in any use of the bow and arrow in activities related to the interests of the association.
- To educate archers to the fact that bowhunting is a sport of separate from and not to be confused with the sport of target/field archery.
- To further the purpose of this association by means of education, demonstration, or other appropriate activities directed to the recognition and protection of the rights of others, insofar as they relate to property rights, and enjoyment and use of property, and the enforcement of laws and regulations.

