

# THE MAINE BOWHUNTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jerome Richard



I hope everybody is having a very successful hunting season this fall. It appears that it is going to be a good season for bear, deer, and turkey, so I hope to see a lot more statistics sheets sent into the MBA by all the successful hunters. In case you have not heard, the 2008 MBA Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Calumet Club in Augusta. The banquet is always a great place to pull our membership together for fellowship and share stories of our hunts. Over the years I have enjoyed the banquets, because a lot of good friendships started there and other opportunities developed due to these friendships. I really hope our members will come to the banquet to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Please bring the kids too because we are

trying to plan some activities for the kids as well.

The MBA is making a lot of great strides this late summer and fall, to becoming a more financial stable organization. We have identified a few projects that will make 2008 a very profitable year for the MBA, such as the gas powered electric generator raffle and the Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle. The drawing on the generator raffle is December 9 which I can imagine will be very useful when living in Maine. I know I will be purchasing a lot of raffle tickets myself. The Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle is limited to 1300 raffle tickets with a scheduled drawing date of April 15. If you are the lucky person to be drawn on this raffle then it will probably change your opinion of this "tax day" as being a sad day! I know I am buying some of these also! The Harley sits low enough that even I can straddle the bike and my feet will touch the ground!

The MBA will need a few volunteers at 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. I really need your help with these two events because we can make a lot of money at these two events to carry us through 2008. 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. The indoor youth archery shoot is not limited to kids and everyone gets to shoot 5 arrows for a \$1. The \$1 donation also includes them in a drawing for a Mathews Genesis bow with 6 arrows. Harry Vanderweide is really helping to promote this MBA event for the Augusta Sportsman's Show which will create a lot of good public relations for the MBA. Even if we do not gain one member at these two events, we have the ability to change opinions

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about bowhunting by providing a chance to experience shooting a bow. This is our opportunity to shine!

The MBA is on the verge of great growth opportunities. In the past, we have been misunderstood about our goals and what we stand for as an organization. When I accepted the nomination for president I stated that I wanted to build relationships with other hunting organiza-

tions, but it should include building good public relations with the non-hunting community as well. When people understand what bowhunting is really about, then we gain allies and friends to help us protect the future of bowhunting.

## Web Shopping

By Lee Smith

Over the years I have learned of some web sites and stores that offer good information and buys. My wife has said she didn't know that men could "shop". Check these out: Chasingame.com a trail camera test site, run by engineers that hunt.Grizzley.com for wood-working and metalworking tools, great customer service and a must have catalog for your ceramic reading

room. Sierratradingpost.com outstanding service and prices for all family clothing and hunting stuff {limited choices but great price} the prices for footwear and Carhart are hard to beat. HarborFreight.com for all types of tools, household items, similar to Mardens I have had good luck with the power tools for homeowner use. And last but not least Cabelas.com I met an active bowhunter that didn't know about this dealer.

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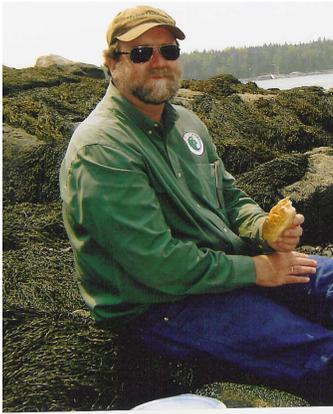
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## Legislative Report



By Don Kleiner

### Plum Creek Plan slowly moving forward.

In the last issue I described why the MBA had decided to become involved in the Plum Creek Plan. As the north woods changes we need to be certain that Maine's hunting traditions are maintained and the ability of hunters to access forestland continues. As land becomes increasingly controlled by new ownerships, both for commercial purposes and for conservation, some of that land has been lost to hunters. The board decided that as this major change in land use, along with the considerable amount of land set aside with easements and through sales, the voice of bowhunters must be heard, no one else can or will speak for us in this process. This is not a decision that was made lightly, intervenor status will require that the MBA give the process a significant amount of attention and time. Considering that the results will have an effect on bowhunters for decades to come it is an important issue for us to be involved in. At this point I

have provided written testimony and written rebuttal testimony on the proposal.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

Public Testimony: Sunday November 4 Greenville; Saturday November 17 Augusta; Sunday November 18 Portland. Unfortunately, I do not have the locations as I write this. I would encourage each of you to attend a hearing, and at the very least, listen to the points in this important debate. As you can see the public hearings are scheduled as inconveniently as possible for anyone that would like to spend some time hunting this fall, making it even more important that those of us that hunt and enjoy access to hunt get out and voice our thoughts.

I will be attending at least one day of hearings for intervenors the week of November 5 or the next in Bangor, to make sure that the MBA position is taken into consideration by the Land Use Regulation Commission.

### Task Force on Deer in Northern and Eastern Maine

I attended two meetings of the task force. The group is working on finalizing recommendations, of interest to MBA members, eliminating the taking of does in archery seasons, and youth deer days in any wildlife management district that does not have

any deer permits during the regular firearms season; reinstating a directed predator control program on coyotes in deer yards that would include denning, body snares, traps and shooting. Revisiting bear population goals in northern and eastern Maine, to reconsider lengthening the fall bait season or possibly reinstating the spring hunt. Considerable progress has also been made on habitat issues, after the Maine Forest Products Council put forward a plan, where they would offer to help their members meet agreed on goals on a landscape basis and do some cooperative research. The devil is in the details, but this is a welcome opportunity to make progress cooperatively.

### Lynx Lawsuit

I attended the hearing in Federal District Court on the suit by the Animal Protection Institute to make the State of Maine stop trapping because lynx have been caught in traps. The suit claims that the state is liable for the taking of lynx under the endangered species act, because it allows a trapping season and some lynx are caught in traps and in fact two have died as a result of being caught.

Skip Trask has been working for the trappers on the case all summer with the lawyer for the US Sports-

man's Alliance. I would say it paid off a little, because the argument, that lawyer made was the only thing that stopped the judge from finding the state liable.

The hearing opened with the judge saying that he had read all of the material presented and that he felt that the state was liable and the only discussion in his mind was what remedy he should require. The API lawyers were silent as was the lawyer representing Safari Club International. The states lawyer and the USSA lawyer carried the ball.

The hearing was postponed to allow the parties to enter discussions on possible solutions. As I write this, I am sure that those discussions are underway and you will have heard the result. Hopefully trappers in Maine will be allowed to continue trapping, but I have a sad feeling about how this might go and that it may be the beginning of many suits of this type affecting all hunting. Let's hope not, but we must begin to prepare ourselves to protect hunting when the time comes.

When you read this many of you will have already had a successful season, even if you have not taken an animal I hope that you have taken the time to enjoy some time in the Maine Woods.

## Maine Bowhunter Raffles

By Robb Cotiaux

The Maine Bowhunters Association is featuring two raffles this fall. One of the events is a cosponsored raffle with the National Wild Turkey Federation Maine chapter.

The first raffle which will be drawn this December is for a Yamaha EF 1000is Generator. This 27 pound inverter generator has a 12 hour runtime at ¼ load and according to the review I read "What's really freaky is how quiet this generator runs: you can stand next to it and have a conversation". It features a 12 volt DC output, and has a fuel capacity of .66 gallons. It is 900W rated. The value of this electric dynamo is \$700. The generator raffle was made possible by the folks at CMD POWERSYSTEMS, Inc. in Hermon, Maine. Please take your generation needs to these MBA supporters! Tickets are available on our website, [www.mainebowhunters.org](http://www.mainebowhunters.org). They are 3 for \$5, 10 for \$10, and 30 for \$20. The monies

raised from this raffle will help build our treasury and support our efforts state-wide.

The second raffle, the BORN TO BE WILD raffle is a co-sponsor raffle which will finance our lobbyist Don Kleiner. Don does a great job representing both MBA and NWTF Maine in the legislature. This is a position that is invaluable in promoting both groups missions to our governmental leaders. The joint fund raising effort will raise monies to be used solely for this effort. Please help make another year with Don possible.

The winner of this raffle will take home a 2008 Harley Davidson Sportster. The bike is being provided by Big Moose Harley Davidson in Portland. A picture of the motorcycle is on our website.

Only 1300 pre numbered tickets will be sold on the motorcycle. The tickets are \$20 each. They are on sale now and can be purchased

by mail. Send a check and self addressed envelope for the ticket amount you want to Robb Cotiaux, 91 Tufts Road, New Gloucester, Maine, 04260. These tickets make a great "stocking stuffer" for Christmas! Robb will mail you back your ticket stubs. Tickets will also be available at the many Sportsmans shows and the banquet if still available.

For those selling tickets, we have an added prize of \$200 cash to the person that sells the winning ticket. One needs to put the sellers name on the back of the ticket: if you send in the money by mail, to Robb, you are the seller!

The drawing will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 just in time for the spring and summer riding season. You will be notified if you win, and the bike will be picked up in Portland. Thanks to Peter and Lisa at Big Moose for all their help in this endeavor. Please support them as they have supported both the MBA and NWTF.

## All BLIP Members

By Robert Christensen-Lang

After sending out 163 invitations to the Wells hunt, we received only 81 returns, either YES or NO. There were 71 invitations that were not returned at all.

Those, who did not return their invitations, for whatever reason, we can not tell if they received their MBA mail or not.

Twelve letters were returned to us for various reasons. If you are on this list, you need to get your address corrected.

The names are as follows:

**Sidney DeRaps**

**Rodderick Payer**

**Peter Philbrick Jr.**

**Richard D Wills**

**Jim Patstone**

**Jeffery Binnette**

**Robert R Morency**

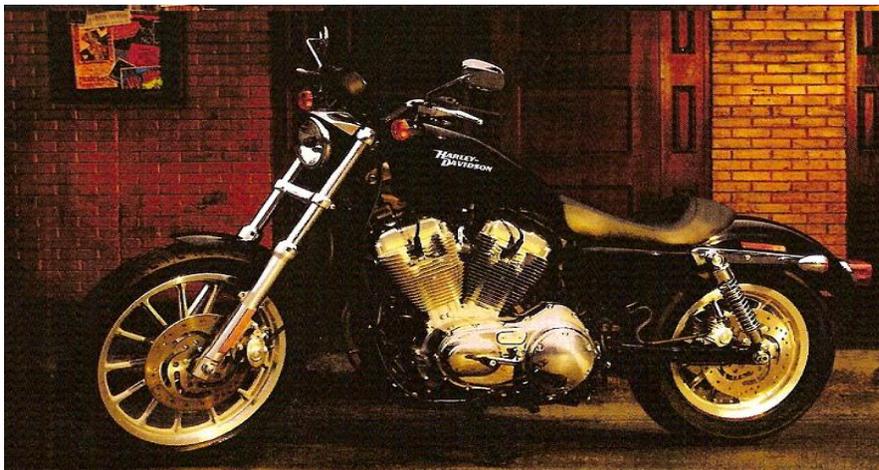
**Jeffery A Lassand**

**Gregory W Moore**

**Butch A Tripp**

To all those listed, Please contact the web master Paul St. John or Jeff Hopkins to get your information corrected.

Remember we can not contact you if your information is incorrect.



**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

## Women in the MBA

By **Tina Richard**

My name is Tina Richard and I am a proud MBA member. I have been an MBA member for six years, but last year I started actively getting involved wherever they needed help. Lori Weaver is another very involved woman in the MBA as a County Representative in Oxford County, as well as, Mac Dudley in Franklin County. Lori has as been doing an excellent job as Editor of the MBA newsletter which requires a lot of time and dedication.

I would like to encourage other women out there to get involved if you have a chance. Your ideas and opinions do count, and will contribute to the success of the MBA. You also help to encourage other women and young girls to break through the stereotype that bowhunting is for men only.

I help and support my husband, the new MBA president a 110%. Both of us are bowhunter safety instructors that work as a team doing about 5 classes a year. I also jumped on board with him this past winter, when IF&W introduced the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) and we went through the training together because we strongly believed that this was a way to attract kids into archery and bowhunting, and hopefully into the MBA.

According to statistics, women are the fastest group segment of hunters – not the



Lady archers from the SWOAN field day event.

kids. The women in the MBA have a lot of potential to help encourage and train the new hunters in Maine, which can help preserve our hunting heritage.

This spring and summer, my husband and I, along with a few other MBA members, have traveled over a great portion of Maine with, either the Volunteers of America or MBA NASP equipment teaching kids and adults the fun of archery. I love watching the changes in the expressions of the kids and adults as they get hooked by archery. I am the cheerleader encouraging them and helping them to be successful. I really think that my shooting has improved by going through the training and coaching of others.

Through bowhunter safety education and the NASP events we have met a lot of great people and made many new friends. I am originally from Maine, but this past year I have discovered a lot more of what we have in Maine through the MBA. Just

through the NASP events, we have put on youth archery shoots at places like the Maine Conservation School in Bryant Pond, Camp POSTCARD in Winthrop, IF&W Employee Appreciation

Day in Richmond, events at fly-ins at Greenville, Brunswick, and Bingham, special NASP events at Bowdoinham, Old Town, Sidney, and the SWOAM Field Day in West Baldwin. Don't ask me how to get back to some of these places!

The MBA is starting to tap into some fun things that will help us all whether we are bowhunters or target archery shooters. I think you will agree that we need a healthy MBA membership, vibrant local archery clubs and 3-D ranges, and especially stable pro archery shops in Maine. I would like to see the women being a bigger part of the future successes of the MBA.

Again ladies, we would love to have you come on board. If you can help in any way or even come to the meetings with ideas or suggestions it would be great. My motto is "it's not just a guy thing anymore, women can do it better!" We would love to see your smiling faces along with your enthusiasm that could be contagious.

## Email Addresses Wanted

By Dan Long

The MBA is working hard on improving communications to its members. The most rapid way to provide information is through e-mail. The current membership database is lacking many e-mail addresses (70 missing in Penobscot County alone!). With an up to date database, County Representatives will be able to contact their folks with important information on legislative issues, youth education issues, hunter safety classes, and upcoming events within their county.

To help update the membership database, please send an e-mail to Membership director Paul St. John at [PSTJOHN@ADELPHIA.NET](mailto:PSTJOHN@ADELPHIA.NET)

The subject line of the e-mail should state "MBA Database E-mail". Your e-mail should include your name, so it is clear which member the address belongs to.

We thank you for your help in this important matter.

## More Harm Than Good in Franklin & Oxford Counties.

By Mac Dudley

Rangeley Plantation, Sandy River Plantation, Dallas Plantation and surrounding areas.

Since the beginning of the deer feeding education program in Rangeley, many people who feed deer commented that they believed that it was necessary to feed deer because natural wintering deer yards have been eliminated by wood harvesting and devel-

opment. The Wintering Deer Yard Committee was formed here in the Rangeley Region to examine this concern and to take actions to insure that natural winter protection for deer is available and sufficient to achieve the ideal deer populations MDIF&W projects for Western Maine. In this area, current population densities of deer are well below these current targets.

One of our early findings is that deer feeding which has increased dramatically in the last 10 years or so, has resulted in deer wintering near supplemental feeding sites and not in the historic winter deer yards. This outcome has many bad effects that are unfortunately mostly transpar-

ent to the public. Key among these are:

- Deer abandon natural winter yards and based on rules created by Land Use Regulatory Commission (LURC) and guidelines for incorporated areas, this action allows wood harvesting or development in a historic deer yard because it is no longer in use by the deer.
- Feeding deer concentrates the deer in unnaturally high densities, which promotes the spread of disease such as tuberculosis (TB) and chronic wasting disease (CWD). The most potentially devastating of these diseases among deer is CWD. These higher densities also attract predators and increased risk of death by coyotes and domestic dogs. There is also an increased risk associated with malnutrition because deer are trapped in inferior winter habitat should snow depths inhibit their movement to better shelter and browse.
- Deer feeding occurs in developed areas, and has increased collisions between deer and vehicles as deer move between feeding sites. Rangeley has one of the highest deer collision-kill rates in the State.

- Since deer browse as they move regardless of the supplemental food they can find, there are increased issues with nuisance deer browsing on homeowners and community landscape plantings.
- On average throughout the year female adult does require 5 to 7 pounds of food daily. Males consume 8 to 10 pounds per day. Most people provide less than one pound per deer per day and many do not feed daily. What is provided is a tease and not adequate sustenance. Feeding is not beneficial unless you can afford to provide all the nutrition deer need especially in late winter. Most people are exploiting deer for viewing enjoyment by minimal offers of food!

Our local Wintering Deer Yard Committee has invited several speakers who are actively conducting scientific studies addressing the consequences of supplemental deer feeding. One very surprising conclusion from a study conducted by a University of New Hampshire researcher (this study was performed in Pittsburg, NH, which has similar winter conditions to Rangeley, Me.) was that few deer benefited from supplemental feeding. The deer that suffer



### Feeding Deer MORE HARM THAN GOOD

#### Facts to consider before you feed deer....

- Feeding lures deer away from natural winter shelter, concentrating them at unnaturally high densities.
- Concentration of deer at feeding sites increases the risk of death from predators, domestic dogs and disease transmission.
- The strongest most dominant deer can prevent young deer from accessing feed, or getting enough food.
- Travel to feeding sites consumes fat reserves needed for winter survival.
- Deer are killed and injured by collisions with motor vehicles when crossing roads to visit feeding sites.
- Over-browsing at feeding sites eliminates natural browse and future winter shelter critical for survival.
- Luring deer away from natural deer wintering areas may weaken public support for long-term protection of wintering areas.

*Please support MDIFW programs and efforts that protect, conserve and enhance deer wintering habitat*

**QUALITY WINTER SHELTER IS THE KEY TO SURVIVAL**  
*Help protect the herd and just say "No" to feeding deer*

For more information contact:  
The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Regional Headquarters in Strong  
www.mefishwildlife.com

This message provided by: The Town of Rangeley, Maine Bowhunters Association, Mooselookmeguntic Improvement Association, Bald Mountain Camps, BMC Moose, Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, and The Rangeley Region Guides and Sportsmen's Association.



This new deer feeding sign "More Harm than Good" is the result of an initiative involving the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, The Town of Rangeley, The Maine Bowhunters Association, Mooselookmeguntic Improvement Association, Bald Mountain Camps, Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, The Rangeley Region Guides and Sportsmen's Association and the Wintering Deer Yard Committee. These groups have agreed that there is a need to educate the public regarding negative outcomes related to supplemental feeding of white tail deer. These signs are being posted in WMD Region D, Western Maine and include Rangeley, Wilsons Mills,

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the most under harsh winter conditions are yearling's, fawns, and bucks that have depleted their energy reserves during the rut. The study found that these deer are the least likely to benefit from feeding. Why this occurs is complex but is primarily a function of deer behavior and dominance. Simplistically, the big bucks and especially the older dominant does rule the feed yard and the smaller yearlings and young bucks, which each have the least amount of stored fat, are chased away from the food. If you have an opportunity, sit for awhile and watch a feeding site. What you will see is like a kid's game of tag as the dominant deer chase off the others. Travel to and from these feeding sites and the "tag" issues are huge and unnatural consumers of a deer's energy stores. This is a life-threatening situation in a harsh winter.

Hence, there is little to support the public's impression

that supplemental feeding saves the lives of deer. In contrast, there are many negative outcomes as you can see by the factual information provided in the More Harm than Good sign. CWD is not yet a factor in Maine, but when it is, supplemental feeding will be the prime agent for spreading this highly infectious disease. Since the initial spread of CWD has been linked to game farms, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine have all banned the importation of live deer and elk as well as certain parts of cervid carcasses from CWD-infected areas. This is an effort to keep the disease from spreading eastward. Deer feeding has been banned by state law in many of the states west of Maine including New York, Vermont and Massachusetts to our south. The impact of CWD would be disastrous to our hunting economy and to outdoor recreation enthusiasts who look for or enjoy seeing deer in the wild.

## 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.

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## Rules of the Road for Industrial Logging Roads

These rules apply to all road users.

1. Obey all posted speed limits and signs: Maximum speed 45 MPH
2. Seat belt use mandatory for all operators.
3. Be prepared to stop at all checkpoints and reduce speed not to exceed **10MPH**.
4. Lights on for safety.
5. In areas of limited visibility always drive on the right side of the road and reduce speed.
6. All drivers must have a valid state or provincial driver's license with the appropriate rating for the vehicle they are operating.
7. All vehicles yield right of way to loaded trucks.
8. All traffic yield to equipment working in road, pass only after operator's acknowledgement.
9. For additional safety, drivers should use MURS radios to call out mile markers and landmarks. Be aware that communication systems are sometimes unreliable **and are not a substitute for prudent driving. Marine Radios are not allowed!**
10. Drivers must be in control of their vehicles at all times.
11. **All vehicles** operating on logging roads must be in mechanically safe condi-

tion for the work that is being accomplished.

12. Load weights must be within the safe design capacity of the truck.
13. All pieces of wood must be below the height of a minimum of two stakes.
14. A minimum of two chains or straps must be used to secure each tier of wood. ( Tree length loads are required to have a minimum of three chains or straps.)

These are minimum standards on industrial logging roads. Appropriate local, state and provincial laws apply to all other road systems.

These **Rules of the Road** supported by:

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## WHO IS IT FOR

By Robert Christensen-Lang

Recently I was reminded of what we do. I took the NASP course from Jerome and Tina. Their passion for the kids of tomorrow made me look at what I do. I had forgotten how much fun it is to put a bow in the hand of a young boy or girl and see what their first reaction is. I don't know how you can watch the NASP video and not get involved in some way. I had forgotten how much fun it is to just be in the woods with a bow. Or, how I look forward to teaching my four year old. On a recent trip to New Brunswick bear hunting, I watched as another BLIP member and his friend Nate Fenderson, teaching his son all about hunting and fishing. The future is with us to pass it on. In the last three years the United States has lost 6 percent of hunters. We need to turn this around, but it will take all of us to make a difference.

## Bowhunters Tip

Most of us awake before dawn's light and head to our treestand way before the rest of the world awakens.

Suppose that you fall, become unconscious and thanks be, a good Samaritan comes along and finds you.

If you are like me, you don't carry your wallet afield. You might have your license buried in your pack, but since time is of the essence, that person finding you is running off for help or dialing the cell phone hoping to get a signal. He doesn't care who you are at that moment, but the help coming will need to know who you are and if you have medical issues.

I am a runner and bike the trails as well as hunt and fish. Many times I have thought, what if something happens? Noone will know who I am or who to contact.

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**Photo Opportunity**

By Paul St. John

So, you've spent countless hours shooting and scouting, or even spent thousands on a guided hunt and have nothing to show for your efforts. Then, finally you're given the opportunity and harvest an animal with your bow, why not take the time to document the event with the best photo possible. For most of us, the only document that will be left is the photos taken before the animal makes its way to the butchers. Here are some general rules I follow when trying to take the perfect picture.

- 1) Invest in a decent digital camera. With today's technology you're able to take countless pictures and even view these pictures right on the spot. There should be no reason why we can't take a photo that doesn't do the animal justice. Also, make sure you understand all the camera's features. Example: If you're hunting alone make sure you know how to use the self timer on the camera so you can get a picture of yourself with your animal. Take the time and practice with your camera, so you don't waste time trying to figure things out in the field.
- 2) Take your pictures before you field dress the animal. If it was a clean shot and you've recovered the animal fairly quick, then you should have plenty of time to take pictures. If there is a chance the meat might spoil, then field dress the animal first. However, don't forget to take a quick picture of the animal alone before you do anything.
- 3) Clean up the animal. Carry a few wet wipes to clean up the animal, basically there should be no blood showing. The wipes can also serve double duty if nature calls, they will come in handy. Another thing to make sure of is that the tongue isn't sticking out when taking the pictures.
- 4) When positioning the animal try to get the animal elevated and his/her best feature forward. This will magnify the feature, whether it is the body or head. Just make sure the camera is positioned below the animal, and pointing upwards.

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- 5) If possible try to get the legs folded underneath the body of the animal. If rigamortous has set in this could become difficult, but folding the legs underneath the animal will actually give it a much thicker appearance. I find this trick to work extremely well with deer.
- 6) Position yourself behind the animal and as far back as possible. When you position yourself behind the animal, this will just magnify the best feature even more.
- 7) When dealing with animals that have racks, try to raise the head above the horizon (if possible) and don't sit directly behind the rack. By



Notice how the legs are tucked up under the deer.

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getting the rack above the horizon, this will make each point easily recognized.

when the photo opportunity arises you'll remember to try that photo setup.

- 8) Play with angles. There isn't one basic formal that works for all animals or animal types. I recommend trying different things. Example: Don't always look at the camera, maybe take a few pictures while looking at the animal.
  - 9) When looking through hunting magazines, if you see a photo that looks good cut it out and save it with your hunting license. That way if and
- I have to admit with all the excitement that comes with harvesting an animal; I don't always take enough time to get the best photo possible. But try your best because not all people hunt and when showing these pictures to non-hunters you're going to want the animal looking as natural as possible. Hanging from a tree or meat pole doesn't sit well with all people.

### The Maine Bowhunters Association is organized and shall be operated:

- To provide a State-wide organization within which people through individual memberships, with a common interest in bowhunting, may recognize and have means of furthering their interests.
- The Maine Bowhunters Association shall recognize ALL vertical bows as acceptable under the definition of bows provided by the International Bowhunter Education Program, which reads: "one that is hand held, hand drawn, and released with nothing attached to the bow that will allow the bow to be mechanically held in a drawn or cocked position." The Maine Bowhunters Association shall not recognize the crossbow under this definition and shall oppose attempts to make the crossbow acceptable for use in bow hunting only seasons.
- 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.

