

THE MAINE BOWHUNTER

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Message From the MBA President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jerome Richard



I have seen a lot of good things happening in and around the Maine Bowhunters Association in the last month. My computer is smoking with e-mail traffic back and forth, but it is positive and uplifting. We have the people and the talent in the MBA to be successful, and I think we are coming together to join in a new direction. I really appreciate the people that I have met and talked to over the last month both inside and outside the MBA.

At the July 19th business meeting the group in attendance voted to keep Don Kleiner as the MBA lobbyist. Don is a highly respected individual at the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and

also at the State House. A few of us in the MBA have traveled to Augusta to see Don in action at the State House and have seen him deal with difficult situations. We have a winner and I think everyone agrees it is a good thing that he is on our side.

The funds used by the MBA to purchase the new NASP archery equipment have almost been restored to original levels due to the generosity of many members in the MBA. At the June 10th meeting approximately six members gave \$105 each to purchase the first six bows, Dan Long and some of his fellow employees contributed \$225, Lori Weaver contributed her 50/50 winnings to the cause, Bob Lang gave \$125 to the effort, Tina Richard gave her July 19th 50/50 raffle money back to the group, Pete Lamarre raised money at a few of the NASP events, Troy Frye is

making a big contribution, and I got a \$100 contribution from a Bowhunter Safety Course on July 21st. I hope I did not miss anyone, but the point I want to make is that our members and some people in the general public want to see the NASP project succeed because our motive is to get kids involved in archery and something that is positive in a kid's life. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, please send donations to Keith Dirago, Donations Director, Maine Bowhunters Association, 10 Cardinal Drive, Topsham, ME 04086.

Currently I am sending out a letter to Maine based companies asking for a \$250 corporate donation to the MBA NASP project in exchange for free advertising in the MBA newsletter, website, and, if they provide the company banner, we

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Upcoming Events

- *Kid Shoot: International Sea Plane FlyIn—September 8th and 9th in Greenville.*
- *Kids Shoot: State of Maine Air Show—September 15th and 16th in Brunswick.*

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will hang the banner at all NASP events for one year. I believe we will have companies that are very interested in helping kids. This project should help improve the overall image of bowhunters in the process.

By the end of August I hope to have finished some more NASP Basic Archery Instructor

classes and we will have plenty of certified instructors who can run a safe archery range for NASP events. Those in attendance at the July 19th meeting approved the MBA NASP Equipment Responsibility Form to keep the equipment and the participant's safe, as well as protect the MBA's investment.

The directors as well as the others in atten-

dance are looking into fundraisers for other projects too. One of interest to everyone living in Maine is a gas powered electric generator that Jeff Hopkins is working on. I don't know about you, but I plan on buying a lot of raffle tickets! My southern blood still has not adjusted to Maine winters in 19 years, so I plan on keeping the heat going somehow.

Robb Cotiaux is working on a possible Harley-Davidson raffle. We have some more details to work on with this raffle before the August 15 business meeting, but this could be an interesting endeavor too.

One of my goals as president is to visit and meet with other hunting

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Bowhunter Safety Education

By Jerome Richard

One of the opportunities that the Maine Bowhunters Association has to attract new members is being involved in the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIF&W) Bowhunter Safety Education. Many people take up a bow with high hopes of being successful, but soon drop out of the sport due to frustration with learning how to shoot and not understanding the equipment. According to the Archery Trade Association approximately 70% of people who purchase archery equipment will quickly leave the sport for that reason.

The MDIF&W is looking for people to become volunteer Bowhunter Safety Education Instructors. You

don't have to be some kind of expert, public speaker, or have shot any kind of game to become an instructor. After all, the MDIF&W let me become an instructor and I'm barely taller than Mike Rovella and I still have a southern accent after living in Maine for 19 years! I believe one of the best ways to protect bowhunting is to help recruit and train new bowhunters. I usually go to the MBA website and print out several copies of the MBA membership application, which I pass out to everyone in the class and explain the benefits of membership in the MBA.

The bowhunter safety course requires a minimum of 10 hours class time and requires the student to pass a 50 question test with a minimum score

of 70. The instructor must cover certain topics including landowner relations, ethics, bowhunting laws, first aid, survival, map & compass, treestand safety, archery equipment, shot placement, and game recovery. Probably most of us have experienced taking this class sometime in our past. The course seems to be getting more popular now that more states are requiring the safety class before being issued an out-of-state hunting license.

I have been involved in hunter safety education for about 9 years. I started out by being a team member of the Webb River Valley Sportsman Club in Dixfield, ME. Perry Edwards the Oxford County Regional Safety Coordinator helped us and we had a good

time helping kids in both firearms and archery safety classes. Back then we split up the course and did small sections of stand up lecturing. I never considered myself a public speaker and never liked being in a crowd, but I did enjoy helping people understand some of the subject matter.

Over the past winter when I was bored with little snow and plenty of cold temperatures, I started playing around with my laptop to develop a step-by-step map and compass sec-

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and archery organizations to improve our relations with them. When the next anti-hunting/anti-bowhunting attack comes, I want to be surrounded with other hunters working in the same direction. No organization is an island and we may never agree on every issue, but we still need each other. I have made many events including 3-D shoots and visits to archery shops trying to explain how we need each other to stay stable. So far everyone agrees on this issue



Jerome and Tina Richard at the Bowhunter Safety Education class.

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tion for my classes using Microsoft PowerPoint. Map and compass is probably the most difficult section to teach by lecture alone, but yet the easiest to illustrate using a computer, software, and a multimedia projector. I had so much fun building the PowerPoint presentation on map & compass that I started expanding the presentation to archery equipment and shot placement. Within a couple of months, I had built the presentation to cover all the sections for the bowhunter class. It is still a work in progress which has taken a lot of time and taught me a lot about making a presentation. To break up the PowerPoint slideshow and to give the instructors a break, I show two DVD's. One of the DVD's is "Bowhunting: A Timeless Tradition" and the other is a treestand safety DVD from IHEA. I actually wished I had the old "Survival" video cassette on DVD because it was another of my favorite videos.

I have done the bowhunter safety class in one-day classes, two-day classes, and even a three evening class as an adult education course. Over the years I felt that the course can be long and tough on

students to endure by just lecturing most of the time even with some hands-on work. However, I have shown the PowerPoint presentation on four different occasions this year and it appears that the class enjoys the visual "entertainment" of watching and listening, as well as, some hands-on work. The biggest potential may not be entertaining the "troops", but helping the new instructors so that they are not intimidated by the audience.

The older I get the less capacity my brain has for information. I bet there are a few out there who can relate to this problem. I ended up with a course agenda for one-day, two-day, and the three-night classes which tells me the order of the subject matter and a time allotment for each section of the class to be covered. After a long winter away from outdoor education, the course agenda helps me and the other team members look like we know something and have the first class flow easier.

When I first started doing the classes as the chief instructor I did not realize all the paperwork that had to be filled out to put on the course. Again, the computer made paper-

MBA Intervenes in Plum Creek Application Process

By Don Kliener



The Board of Directors decided at the April meeting to intervene in the Land Use Regulation Commission review of the Plum Creek plan. The plan as presented will allow for development of 22,000 acres and permanently protect some areas through conservation easements or direct sale to conservation groups. The total amount of land included in the current version of the plan is 408,000 acres.

First what does this plan do? It will change the zoning on a wide area of land that Plum Creek owns around Moosehead Lake to allow development to take place. If Plum Creek wants to develop lots or a resort after this is all finished it will still need to have each development go back for

approval, this will only change the allowable uses in that area. Keeping in mind that Plum Creek owns the land in question even though we as hunters have enjoyed the full use of that land for a long time it is privately owned.

Why intervene? 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 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

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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 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 Bow-hunted: _____

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

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

Username: maillist

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an important issue for us to be involved in.

A letter was sent to the Land Use Regulation Commission in June requesting permission to intervene and we were allowed to take part in the process. Because so many groups asked to intervene (34) the LURC staff decided that the best way to proceed was to group similar groups together and have them be represented at the hearings as combined groups with similar if not identical issues. The MBA was initially grouped with the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, the Maine Snowmobile Association, ATV Maine and the Maine Professional Guides Association. Only SAM decided to proceed alone all of the other groups are currently working together to present their issues jointly to the commission.

I have been working with the other groups to identify the things that each of us sees as important and where we agree on those issues. For the most part access to forest land going forward is a common theme for each group. There is also concern that some of the groups buying land as a part of the conservation plan are not interested in maintaining access to hunters into the future.

The People You Meet Hunting

By Paul St.John

I was going on my first spring bear hunt in New Brunswick Canada. I went with my friend from town Bob Hawkins, and a friend of his Dave Turner, who traveled up from Florida to hunt with us. We were staying and hunting with Juniper Lodge, which is in the small town of Juniper, New Brunswick. Several days before heading up to Canada, I wasn't too optimistic. The weather had taken a turn for the worse and several inches of snow had fallen on Juniper Lodge the week prior. Our outfitter and the owner of the lodge, Rod Reed, was even considering calling us to see if we were willing to change our hunting week to some time in June, that wasn't an option for us. Even upon arrival Rod didn't sound very optimistic about our chances of seeing many Bears. However, the



Truman hanging out with his new

weather forecast looked more promising for the week of our stay. We arrived on a Sunday afternoon and spent the remainder of day unpacking and making sure our bows still flew true.

Monday was our first hunting day. Once we all got back into camp, on Monday evening, had the same story, no Bears just wind. That is everyone except Frank. Rod Reed purchased Juniper lodge from Frank the previous year and Frank stopped by to meet the first hunters of the season. I always enjoy listening to all the old hunting stories and one stood out, I'll do my best to remember it. Several years' back Frank was guiding a rifle hunter from New York out of a blind. Most of the time the guides aren't too far away from

the hunters so when they hear a shot, they're at the site within a few minutes. Now this big bear was just walking down the trail when the hunter poked his rifle



Freddie wrestling with his daily

out of the blind and shot. Because the trail was only feet away from the blind, the hunter was white knuckled by the time Frank arrived. As they both approached this big bear they thought he was dead. However, they were both wrong because the bear reached out a bit Frank in the foot. Frank not being surprised or shaken told the hunter to shoot the bear again. I'm not sure how much time passed before shot again, but it made a good late night hunting story.

Now if you read Bob Hawkins article in the previous newsletter, you'll know that I was successful in getting a bear on that Tuesday, but I somehow missed with my first shot. Two hours after getting my bear, we were arriving back at camp with him, and with a full memory card in my camera. Sit-

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ting on the front porch waiting was Andrea (Rod's wife) and Truman (the camp mascot). Truman is a Rottwieler mix, is less than a year old, and close to 80lbs. After we all piled out of the truck, Rod asked Truman "where's the bear". Truman's excitement went through the roof. He climbed into the truck and sat down next to the bear. Sitting tall and proud, he looked as if his long lost pal had finally come home. I don't think Truman or I slept a wink that night, we both kept looking out the window every couple of hours to make sure the bear was still hanging on the meat pole.

The next morning I had the privilege of meeting Freddie the local skinner. He's was a little difficult to understand, with his French accent, and he's well up

there in his years. No one really knows his exact age because he's the oldest person in Juniper. However, that didn't appear to slow him down when work had to be done. Within a few short hours my bear was skinned and I was the proud owner of a 6 1/2 inch swizzle stick. Now I don't really understand the appeal of the swizzle stick and I was told to give the stick to my wife for stirring her coffee and tea. Might I add, she found no humor in it, and I was told that if I ever took the swizzle stick out of the bag, it was going into the trashcan. So, my swizzle stick now sits in a sandwich bag in the basement. Maybe some day I'll fully understand the importance it.

Next I was off to the meat processor. Andrea, who is not only Rod's wife, she's also the very excellent camp cook, saw an opportunity to get out of camp on a field trip and jumped at the chance. Now if any of you think you have a long day, you should spend a day in Andrea's shoes. Her day starts well before the sun

rises and doesn't end until well after dark. Between the hunters and miners in camp, Andrea's making somewhere between 7-9 meals a day and a meal isn't just a slice of meat slapped between two pieces of bread. Each meal is a full seven courses with plenty of leftovers and if your plate isn't empty, she wants to know why. She doesn't do it put you on the spot, she just likes to make sure she's preparing meals that you enjoy. I'd also say, she made the trip to the butchers a very pleasant experience, with general conversation on how life has been since purchasing Juniper Lodge. I never realized how much work went in to being an outfitter or outfitter's wife and I honestly hope Juniper Lodge becomes a household name.

When Friday came, it was the last day of the hunt. I wasn't up for sitting anymore stands, so I spent the day setting up bait sites with Rod and his right hand man Joe. Now Joe has been guiding these parts of the woods for some time and I think he actually came along with the purchase of Juniper Lodge, he's the only one who knows where all the sites are and each site name. It's odd how each site gets its name,

from the fly stand were a hunter was eaten alive by black flies to Sam which is actually named after a hunter. I asked what it took to get a site named after you and it doesn't happen over night. It would appear you have to keep coming back to hunt for 10+ years before you're even considered. Seems like I have a lot of work cut out before I get a stand named after me. "Now I'm not lying to you" (one of Joe's favorite lines), but I will say that I'm probably the only other hunter, besides Sam, who knows where his stand is. The big question is whether or

Richmond Days

By Pete Lamarre

The Archery Range was a big hit at Richmond Days on July 21st. Bryan Champagne, Reggie Read and I stayed busy for about five hours straight. Several parents commented that they were now going to purchase bows for their kids. Thanks to all that gave donations in a collection can marked for MBA Youth Archery Equipment. One member of a school department stated she was going to approach the school about NASP, and several people asked about the program.



Another day at the office for Rod

York County Report

By Robert Christensen

At our last meeting, about 26 members showed up in the evening for the first nighttime meeting. I was really impressed with the turnout. I only hope we can get more members actively involved. The Maine Bowhunters Association needs your help. We can only grow, if we all try to help out. Jerome and Tina have some really great ideas for the future of the group, and I believe that they are on the right track. Bowhunting in the state of Maine WILL NOT GAIN GROUND UNLESS WE ALL HELP OUT. It is that simple. This is a gun state and as much as I don't like SAM, they are in the lead, and they will stay there. We are the small-

est group and we need to keep working hard to continue. Don Kleiner is a valuable part of our future. He is an investment, not an expense. Come to a meeting, voice your opinion and vote, that is the only way to help change what you do not like. If you sit back and do nothing, then nothing will happen and you only have yourself to blame. Don't blame everyone else for what you don't do. I've heard some members complain about the direction of the group, yet where are they when the meeting is open to everyone and they are not there. At the June 10th meeting, we contacted every one of the 160 BLIP members and only around 16 were there, what we do should mat-

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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Cold Weather Hunting

By Robb Cotiaux

Last year, one of my fondest moments afield, was the last day of the extended archery season near Coastal Fal-mouth.

Entering the woods that cold afternoon, found me crouched downwind along a well used run in freshly fallen snow. My blind was one decided by nature, a blow down of hardwoods. Behind me breaking up my form, were mixed hemlocks and brush. Close by a stream flowed and as the morning progressed, red squirrels and song-birds broke up the wait with their search for food and their constant chattering.

Regular archery and gun season were now in the past, I had the woods to myself. With each breeze, snow fell like miniature dust storms. I am sure that some were sitting by the fire, recanting their success from those prior seasons. Me, I lacked the meat on the pole and my hopes were that last day success would come.

Nothing moved that day to my recurve. It didn't matter, I was outside and enjoying what was left of the year.

The late season is a fine time to hunt. Weather fronts come and go. A winter storm of a few days endurance can force game to move and to feed. After all, the rut is over, the bucks must make up for lost energy, and food is of the essence. Scouting for available food sources is of the utmost importance. I do alot of food scouting all thru the ongoing seasons planning my winter hunts. Learn what the deer in your area eat and where it can be found. John Ozoga's four series books on deer thru the four seasons can help you learn this information. One deals specifically with winter. Foods high in carbohydrates are the primary candidates. Acorns, residual apples, key on them. It looks like this year, 2007, will be a grand apple year and in some places the red oaks are showing good mast production.

One must prepare for a cold days hunt. It takes stamina to sit still all day, be it in a tree or on the ground. If there is a time to eat that breakfast, it is now. One needs the calories, oatmeal and bananas are a good easily digested meal. Not only is eating breakfast important, but

also eating throughout the day, of which small meals are the best. Protein bars and energy snacks break up the day. My pack is full of Cliff Bars which are available at most grocery stores. One needs fuel and the ability to maintain drink during cold weather.

Clothing is important. I put on microfleece undergarments and wool overclothes. Wool repels water. It is virtually noise free, which is appreciated when you need to move and draw. I carry two sets of handwear. One is the fleece gloves, the other wool mittens lined with sheepskin. The mittens cover my hands when it gets to extreme cold, and my draw mitten has a fold that allows me to move my hand out in order to place my shooting three finger glove on the string. I have suffered frostbite on my draw fingers. Since that episode, those fingers get colder faster than the others. Mittens keep all my fingers and hand in one place. I believe that alone is better than individual fingered gloves. Not only that, I can slip a HOT HANDS into the mitten on the back of my hands. Years ago, my father gave me a full face

mask of wool. It covers my head and face. And yes, it itches. I use it in extreme cold, otherwise, I have a wool camo head cap and facepaint. One must keep the head warm, it is where you will loose body heat the fastest. In my pack is a wool sheep lined vest for when the winds come up or when the sun begins to set. Ever notice that right before sunset, the winds pick up and the temperature drops? Sadly, this product is no longer made. Production costs in the USA forced the owner of the company to discontinue his line of woolen hunting clothing. There are other alternatives and I think this year I may order some woolen bib overalls from a catalog.

Footwear is also very important. I own and wear the best knee length rubber insulated boots that I could find. They keep my feet dry and warm, sometimes too warm. Again, if too cold I can put a HOT HAND into the boot. Just a tip, if you are hunting the next day, make sure you hang them upside down to dry, if you don't, the previous days condensation will cool your feet off very quickly. If you

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HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND ADS

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

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are preferred in either MS Word or Adobe .pdf format.

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New Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type: Indi- vidual \$25 Couple \$35 Individual Life \$350 BLIP \$5
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Treestand Recall

OI' Man Treestands Recalled by TSR Inc.; Locking Pins Can Unexpectedly Fall Out, Posing a Fall Hazard.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Treestands

Units: About 9,000 treestands, and about 500 replacement pin sets sold separately.

Importer/Distributor: TSR Inc., of Jay, Fla.

Hazard: The locking pins in the treestands can come out unexpectedly, exposing consumers to possible injury due to a fall.

Incidents/Injuries: TSR has received five reports of pins coming out of the treestand, including four injuries from falls.

Description: The recall involves locking pins, which secure the cables that connect the treestand to a tree. The pins were sold with the 2006 OI' Man Treestands, including the MV-MO (Multi-Vision), GMV-MO (Grand Multi-Vision), OMDX-MO (Original XX), GOMDX-MO (Grand XX), AMVP-MO (Multi Vision Pro), AGMVP-MO (Grand Multi-Vision Pro), AOMP-MO (OI' Man Pro), and AGOMP-MO (Grand OI' Man Pro). The recalled treestands are stamped on the underside of the teeth plates with "TSR 06" and one of the following date codes: 6018, 6019, 6020, 6021, 6022, 6027, 6028, 6029, 6030, 6032, 6033, 6034, 6035, 6036, 6037, or 6041. The recall also includes the 2006 OI' Man Replacement Pin Sets, model PL. No other models or parts are included in this recall.

(Cold Weather Continued)

can afford a boot dryer, an electric one, buy it. Another tip, if you have a big walk to your stand, one that causes you to sweat, dress lighter to your stand, then put on the warmer outer clothing when you arrive.

There is no question that the cold will cause a 50 pound draw to feel like 70 at that moment. One needs practice before the winter season, in those bulky clothes, before the hunt. In doing so, one will also find that points on the clothes

may interfere with a solid smooth draw and deal with them. Your physical might will be tested in the winter. Weight training, I do it all year, it pays off. Anything to build arm and back draw strength is good. I think an article on weight training for archers will be in order for a future issue.

Lastly, prepare for the cold. In all my years, what the weather man says in the morning may not hold, especially in mountainous areas. Make sure you have matches and a space blan-

National Archery in Schools Program

On Thursday, June 21st, at the Maine Conservation School in Bryant Pond, Maine there was a Certification course held for people that wanted to become NASP Instructors. The Training started with a complimentary breakfast by the Conservation School at 7:30 AM.

The course was presented by the three fol-

lowing MBA members: Jerome Richard, MBA President & NASP Basic Archery Instructor Trainer; Tina Richard, MBA member & NASP Basic Archery Instructor Trainer; and Peter Lamarre, MBA Vice President & Nasp Basic Archery Instructor Trainer Specialist.

There were four staff members from the



The five new NASP Instructors: Tina, Jerome, Pete, Dan

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Maine Conservation School and one MBA member in attendance for the training. All five instructor candidates passed the 100 question written exam and the practical exam as well.

The new instructors were trained in the "11 steps to archery success", olympic style target archery, how to set up and operate a NASP range both indoors and outdoors, how to adjust, maintain and repair NASP Archery Equipment.

The training concluded at 4:30 pm with all candi-

Corrections Corner

By Lori Weaver

In the August '07 newsletter:

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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.

