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**Dalen and Dawson Cheuvette from Waterboro,
enjoying archery.**

SUMMER YOUTH ISSUE



Maine Bowhunters Association Presidents Report June 2013

Wow! What a start to 2013 for Maine Bowhunters Association. We attended four very successful Sportsmen's Shows, and had one of the most successful banquets we've had in years. We had an extremely challenging legislative session that ended successfully as well. Our membership has started to rise nicely also. We're now providing our members with a new national level bowhunting magazine, and our newsletter is back, not to mention full family membership for everyone. Our relationship with archery pro-shops continues to grow and improve. We just had elections on May 19th, and ALL OF OUR officer, director, and representative positions are filled. We could use a few more representatives to help out with all of the activities we're involved with, and I encourage you to contact us about helping out. We are a very busy group of individuals, and wherever you can help would be appreciated, even if it's just helping us make phone calls. My email address is listed below. If we don't have your current email address, please send it to us. We're providing our members with a great deal of important information that way.

On the legislative front, I'd like to recognize and respect the sportsman's groups, and landowner groups we have in this State. As usual, there were many legislative bills of "opportunity." During a time when we need to be rebuilding our deer herd, they should probably be called legislative bills of "greed." Thankfully all of our partners stood together as one strong voice. Many of these bills were controversial too, and placed sportsman's groups in a very difficult political position. The bills included special "opportunities" for youth, older people, the plethora of crossbow opportunities, more muzzle-loader opportunities, and on and on. I have to respect our outdoor partners for doing the "right thing" and putting the resource first. Our respect goes out to the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, the Maine Professional Guides Association, the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine, the Farm Bureau, and the Forest Products Council. You should seriously consider being a member of one or more of these groups. I'm very proud of our outdoor partners, and the leadership shown by individuals like David Trahan of SAM, and Don Kleiner of PMGA is greatly appreciated.

I'd like to give special thanks to some individual members who have done a lot for Maine Bowhunters Association this year. Rodd Lougee for stepping up into the Treasurer's position. Aidan Coffin for taking over Education Director. Travis Wood for becoming our Legislative Director. Dan Long for helping out with the banquet, and getting back onboard with MBA. Scott Abbot for his help at the Sportsman's Shows and the banquet. All of our new Representatives: Travis Wood, Jo Wood, Rodd Lougee, Gary Rohm and Brad Magoon. All of our representatives, including Mike Moreau, Perry hatch, Lee Smith, and Lou Provost. Jerome and Tina Richard for their help at the sportsman's shows, and all of the work they do with NASP and bowhunter education. Special thanks to Jerome for his help at the legislature. Mike Fitzpatrick for his help with the banquet. Julie and Brian Johnston for all of their help at sportsman's shows, the banquet, and special meetings. All of our members who helped with the sportsman's shows and banquet. Bill Valeau for being a great Vice President and helping out with everything. Steve Gray for keeping good records of our meetings. Val Marquez for his professional editorial work in publishing a great newsletter, and for providing me with MBA historical information and advice. Paul St. John for maintaining membership records and making our website better and better all the time. Lastly a very special thank you to Deanna Page for her selfless dedication to our organization, and all the help she's given me. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the help of all the great individuals above. I'm honored to know them and work with them.

John H. Hunt Jr.

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From The Editor

Val Marquez

Zombie Zip Line

School is out and the living is easy. This issue is geared towards entertaining young archers. Also, scattered throughout the newsletter are photos of some of your officers.

A zip line is easy to setup, takes very little space and involves no maintenance; it will offer years of entertainment for young and old as well. You will need the following items to complete this project: cable, cable clamps, circle hooks and heavy cord and of course the zombie target. You will also need pet ground stakes, check out pet stores. They will be screwed in the target and hooked to the cable.

The target I used for this project was Delta/McKenzie's "Undead Fred" 3-D (see photos). The target costs around \$100. the rest of the materials with run you around \$20.

To construct the zip line simply attach the cable on two trees, hang the zombie target to the cable and run the cord through the circle-screw, hooks behind the shooter. Line up the kids and pull the zombie along in front of them. I garreteer kids and adults will love it.



Katie Gould and Fred

Delta/McKenzie's new zombie target will enhance any archery program.



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“Bowhunter Education”

By Tina Richard

New bowhunters often ask questions about where they can take a bowhunting safety class. The answer is the IBEP (International Bowhunter Education Program). This comprehensive bowhunter training program, developed in the 1970s, was so successful in the U.S. that it soon was offered in many foreign countries.

The International Bowhunter Education Foundation (IBEF) was formed in 1979 from a committee of nationally respected bowhunters led by a gentleman named Bill Wadsworth. Bill passed away in January 1991, but the legacy of his bowhunter education program will likely live on forever. The NBEF instructs over 50,000 bowhunters each year and works closely with the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) and their 70,000 volunteer instructors.

What makes the IBEF special? As one might imagine, the class covers not only safe bow handling, treestand safety, legal requirements for hunting in your state and bowhunting methods, and a lot more! Don't plan on falling asleep in an IBEP class; classes are a ten hour course. Knowledge a new bowhunter gains on how a broadhead works, hunting methods, blood trailing, treestand safety, and shot placements apply equally to all types of bows.

Many states (and some foreign countries) either recognize or require successful completion of the IBEP before you can legally hunt with a bow and arrow. The list of mandatory IBEP states/countries or special areas (such as urban hunts) is constantly changing so it is important to make sure you know the requirements of the area or areas you may want to hunt in the future.

The importance of practicing treestand safety while bowhunting (and hunting in general) cannot be over-stressed and is an important component of bowhunter education. The most common accidents that occur while bowhunting involves falls from elevated shooting platforms. That is not a problem that affects just older bowhunters it affects every bowhunter that uses any type of treestand. Hunter accident reports for nearly every state where deer hunting occurs are littered with accounts of falls, broken ladders steps, tree steps pulling out of trees, slips on frozen platforms or steps, climbing seats becoming separated from climbing platforms, collapsing ladders...and the list goes on. Having the tremendous selection of safety harness available today (and since 2004-included free with a treestand purchase), it's hard to believe that less than 50% of bowhunters wear any type of fall arrest device while hunting from a treestand!

In addition to the comprehensive bowhunter training discussed above, the NBEF has developed a detailed, stand-alone, treestand program entitled Project STAND that is an acronym for Stop Treestand Accidents 'N Deaths. It has been estimated that between 10% and 30% of all hunters will experience a treestand fall in their hunting career.

How you can become a NBEI instructor simply get a hold of Mike Sawyer who is the Recreational Safety Director at michael.sawyer@maine.gov and he will explain the process. Jerome Richard has been an instructor for 16 years and I have been an instructor for 13; passing on our knowledge has been very rewarding. Jerome has taught 1,724 students and I've taught 1,535. The plus side to teaching is you can get new MBA members which adds to our ranks. What does NBEF have to do with the MBA? The answer is on our MBA green banner. It states we promote bowhunter education.



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- Provide with your membership: subscription to Bowhunting World, window decal, and membership card.
- Present special big game awards at our annual banquet.
- Offer special landowner appreciation certificates.
- Have helped to bring bowhunting to the forefront as a unique wildlife management tool.
- Provide information & education to create better sportsman and bowhunters.
- Set a new standard of sportsman working in cooperation with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

What is the MBA?

We are a proud community of bowhunters who want bowhunting to be around forever; dedicated volunteers who want to see a bow in their children's and grandchildren's hands.

What have we achieved by working together?

- Mandated a full 30 day archery season.
- Helped establish an expanded season and expanded hunting opportunities statewide.
- Mandated education for first time bowhunters.
- Fall Archery turkey season
- Archery only hunts in urban areas
- Defeated legislation requiring bowhunters to wear blaze orange.
- Presented legislation exempting bows from local discharge ordinances.
- Established a first landowner recognition program.
- Published our own Deer Management / Bowhunting solutions pamphlet with DIF&W endorsement.
- We helped rewrite & clarify bowhunting regulations to prevent flawed legislation from being passed.

**The future of bowhunting is on your
shoulders.
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