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*Maine Bowhunter's Association Member Brittany
Humphrey With her Great Moose!*

Inside This Edition

Read about Brittany's exciting archery moose hunt! Election Results! The greatest banquet in MBA's history and the awards that were received there! Another tasty venison recipe! 4H archery! A poll on what you want from MBA! And much more!

**President's Report
Summer 2014**



As many of you know, this is my final Presidents report. It has been such an honor to work with so many fine individuals. I'm extremely proud of our team, and all of their efforts. I hope they know how much I appreciate their hard work and support. I won't be going far though. I'll still be holding two Director positions, and will be giving our new President as much support as I can. I am very confident that our organization is going to be in the best of hands. If our new President does as good a job of being President as she did organizing our 2014 banquet, then our organization is headed in a great direction. Yes, Deanna Page and her team brought us the **most successful banquet ever** in the history of Maine Bowhunters Association! It was absolutely incredible!

We had United States Senator Susan Collins there. Her sponsorship was part of our huge success. Commissioner Woodcock and his team of bear biologists were there also to talk about the upcoming bear referendum. It was great to have my friend David Trahan of Sportsman's Alliance of Maine there, and of course Paul Jacques did a great job again as auctioneer. Our Unity College students were there to help us out, and I greatly enjoyed having them there, as always. You'll read more about our incredible banquet in other parts of this newsletter.

Deanna has been instrumental in so many positive things that have been going on with MBA over the past couple of years. Our membership has been skyrocketing lately, and will continue to grow under her leadership. We are more fiscally sound than we've ever been. We have more and stronger relationships with archery shops throughout the State. We have exceeded our goal in fighting the upcoming bear referendum. And, we continue to work to promote and protect the sport of bowhunting in Maine. Deanna has been a huge part of all of this. I'm so proud of her, and by the time you read this I will be proud to be part of "her team!"

I'm sure most of you will be pleased to read on the DIFW website that bow and arrow has been removed from the 100yd from a dwelling discharge law. We worked hard to make this happen along with the help of Rep. Michael Shaw. Be aware that it is illegal to discharge a bow from or across a paved way.

This change made things safer, while allowing hunters to practice in their yards and hunt in expanded archery areas.

Thank you everyone for your support of this outstanding organization!

John Hunt
President: Maine Bowhunters Association

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University of Maine 4-H Shooting Sports Training Weekend

By
Aidan Coffin

Education Director: Maine Bowhunters Association



The last weekend in April I attended the Head, Hearts, Hands, and Health (4-H) shooting sports training weekend at the beautiful Bryant Pond camp. The shooting aspect of 4-H has been around since 1930 and thrives by the help of volunteers. First of all, I would like to say that I had an incredible time and learning experience. I would like to thank the great and knowledgeable staff including the kitchen staff who cooked tasty home cooked meals that we sat and ate family style. There were around 30 participants who were broken up into three disciplines; archery, shotgun, and rifle. This weekend ensured state of Maine certification in 4-H shooting instruction in the discipline one chose. The certification allows one to teach youth under the age of 18 and once certified, one can start a club, work with schools, or assist in shooting activities in communities. This weekend was focused on youth developments as well as safe shooting.



The Archery discipline, which is what I chose was focused on learning all aspects of the bow from restringing, fletching arrows, and the 11 steps of shooting a bow as well as teaching good ethics and sportsmanship. We learned by hands-on training how to safely run an archery range. We practiced instinctive shooting with compound and re-curve bows. More importantly, we learned how to help young people develop confidence, self-reliance, and a sense of appreciation for the outdoors.



Cross training was also an important aspect of the weekend. As a group, the Archery discipline put on a mock-archery training session for those in the shotgun discipline. This enabled those in the archery discipline to practice their newly learned skills.

As a bow instructor, I am passionate about this sport and know firsthand that shooting is an activity that can last a lifetime. With that said, I really appreciated this opportunity and would highly recommend volunteering for a youth club like the 4-H.

Archery Moose Hunt By: *Britt Humphrey*

I was extremely excited that my family was finally chosen for a hunt during the September week of the moose hunt. This was our sixth moose hunt and I was familiar with zone six from going to school at University of Maine at Presque Isle. I shot my first moose back in 2007 with my Remington .308 Woodmaster and decided I wanted a challenge for this hunt and would use my bow.



Hunting has always been a family affair. This hunt was a smaller crowd. There were five of us. My dad Lonnie makes all the plans for the hunt and cooks all the food. My brother Cody is an expert caller. Brother-in-law Tyler runs the camera, and my uncle Mark helps me scout and make key decisions about the hunt. My brother and I made a couple of trips up to the county that summer and early fall to scout the area out and make plans. We drove up together the Friday before the hunt and everyone else joined us on Saturday.

I passed up a 35" bull on Monday, called within 75 yards but not within bow range. I ended up shooting my bull on Tuesday evening. My brother called him in to 37 yards. He came running towards us like he was on a string. What was about two minutes seemed like ten seconds. What a thrill it was to have an animal over one thousand pounds stand within 37 yards of us. I shot him with my PSE Rally bow and recovered him with the help of Susanne Hamilton and her tracking dog Buster early the next morning. He ended up weighing 828 lbs and had a 42" spread. I was pulling 53 lbs with my bow.



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“ The 2014 Banquet Summary” by Deanna Page

If you missed this years banquet, you missed a good time! The 2014 banquet was for sure one of the best if not THE best banquet the MBA has had! Why is that so? Let me give you a few reasons:

- We made a move from Augusta to Brewer, this may have helped bring in attendees from other areas. The attendance was up by 50 people more than the last several years.
- The Bear Referendum is looming over Maine; this contributed to more donations for auctions & raffles, as well as adding to attendance with people wanting to give more to defeat the referendum.
- Our newest Regional Rep, Travis Sutherland did a fantastic job of collecting donations! He was able to get the CVA Muzzle-loader donated by Bob & Toms’ Gun Shop. Among many other items, he also got a simple cash donation from a bystander who said he had an awesome sales pitch! This is what the MBA needs, some fresh blood with positive attitudes and great ideas!
- We had so many wonderful donations from our supporters it was nearly overwhelming. We literally had hundreds of donors from all over the country, from bear scent companies in WI, to Mom & Pop stores in Aroostook County. The MBA extends it’s appreciation to each and every donor. THANK YOU!!
- The 2014 banquet saw an introduction of a couple new games that were a hit with attendees: Wild Turkey Bingo gave people a chance to win an awesome fly fishing package donated by L.L. Bean. We were also honored to have the NRA Wall of Guns at our banquet (special Thanks to Brian Smith), we gave away a gun to 3 separate winners!
- With all the new ideas for the banquet, our best idea came from Social Director Scott Abbott: why not get a sponsor for the banquet itself? This year we had the honor to be sponsored by Senator Susan Collins! We also had the special privilege of having Susan mingle among the crowd and meet attendees.
- We are starting work now to make the 2015 banquet a success as well. We will be working to make check in & check out smoother. I apologize to attendees that waited in line and Thank You for patience. We were dealing with 50+ more people than usual (that’s a good thing)! In 2015 we will have separate lines for prepaid tickets, so plan early to attend the banquet!

I would like to personally THANK every MBA/Rep/Officer that helped with donations and helped at the banquet to make it a great hit! We made a profit of 5 figures and donated another 3 grand to the Maine Wildlife Conservation Coalition to help defeat the bear referendum.

Supporter of the Year Central Maine Archery Tom and Jess Hartford with Sen. Collins and Rep. Travis Wood.



Pat Cough receives biggest buck award



Expert traditional archer Bill Black receiving his award for largest turkey



The award for largest moose went to Mike Petruk!

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A Lifetime MBA Member's Perspective of This Years Banquet

By
Joe Hall

This years Banquet was unique in several ways. My home and bowhunting camp are both located in north Brewer. It was a short trek across town to Jeff's Catering & Event Center for the occasion! There my wife Alcinda and I joined a gathering of like-minded folks, sponsored by Senator Susan Collins, with proceeds directly in support of archery and bowhunting. Also 25% of profits to be dedicated to fighting the bear referendum coming for a vote this fall!

Inside we enjoyed playing several games and entered raffles & drawings for chances to win various archery-bowhunting equipment, firearms, a hunting blind, canoe etc. We had the winning bid on two silent auction offerings which included hunting videos and local folk music CDs! The live auction was very competitive and entertaining as usual! The dinner tables were nicely set and the meal was more than worthy of the admission price! The guest speaker, Jennifer Vashon joined by (fellow bear biologist) Randy Cross, did a nice job explaining Maine's current black bear management & study program. Jennifer also explained the importance of defeating the bear referendum for all residents.

Seeing Lance Farrar's (2012) Maine archery record buck on the wall was special to me! Beautiful animal! I would like to thank the MBA Banquet Committee members and all the volunteers for a great night out!



Joe Hall captured on camera appreciating one of the fine works of art at this year's banquet



Dick Cole was the 2013 recipient of the award for largest black bear



Ruth Hunt was the 2013 Bowhunter of the Year



New President Deanna Page Presenting a \$10,000 check from your MBA to James Cote to help fight the bear referendum

2014 MBA Membership Survey

Please fill this out and return to the MBA to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a MBA 10% affiliate archery shop of your choice.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

1. Would like to see the banquet in Brewer again? Yes No
2. One of the successes of any banquet are donations, would you be willing to assist in getting a donation for the next banquet?
 Yes No (If YES, please contact Donations Director Deanna Page for info on how collect donations).
3. If you attended this year's banquet, what did you enjoy? _____
4. Are you happy with what the MBA does for bowhunters in Maine?
 Very Happy Happy Somewhat Not Happy
5. Have you checked out the Facebook page that the MBA established last year? Yes No (Give us a LIKE)
6. What is your age range? 10-20 20-30 30-40 40-50 50-60 70+
7. What species do you hunt with a bow? Whitetail Turkey Bear Moose Other
8. Do you hunt the expanded archery zones for deer? Yes No
9. Do you have bowhunting friends that don't belong to the MBA? Yes No Why not ? Ask them!!
10. How did you hear about the MBA? _____
11. Do you visit our website (www.mainebowhunters.org)? Yes No
12. Do you have any suggestions to improve the current website? _____
13. Do you read the MBA Newsletter online? Yes No
14. Are you willing to help the MBA in any way? (i.e- working the booth at Sportsmans Shows, Banquet, or any event to promote membership). Yes No
15. What archery shops do you frequent? _____
16. Do you use your MBA 10% discount at our affiliate archery shops? Yes No
17. Check all that apply:
Bow Style Used: Long Bow Recurve Bow Compound Bow
Broadhead Style: Fixed Blade Expandable
Treestand Type: Hang-on Ladder Climbing Blind
18. Do you wear a safety harness while hunting from a treestand? YES NO
19. Do you like having the printed newsletter sent directly to you? YES NO
20. Do you feel the newsletter keeps you better informed on the happenings in the MBA? YES NO
21. Do you like receiving the full color e-version of the newsletter? YES NO
22. Would you like to see a few more pages in the e-version of our newsletter? YES NO
23. Are you receiving emails from the MBA to keep you informed of current events? YES NO (if no, PLEASE provide us with your current email address) _____
24. Would you like to contribute photographs and articles to our newsletter? YES NO
(Please do!!! It is your newsletter too! Email the Editor huntfish@tdstelme.net & provide your email)

28. Would you like to see some MBA merchandise made available? YES NO
(If YES, what type would you like to see? Check all that apply).
 Hats Mugs/Travel Mugs
 T-shirts/Sweatshirts (embroidered) Polo Shirts (emb)
 T-shirts/Sweatshirts (screen printed) Other _____
29. Do you have any thoughts or ideas for ways to improve what the MBA does in any way?

Return this survey to the MBA, PO Box 5026, Augusta, ME 04330 Attn: SURVEY before July 31, 2014

Chicken Fried Venison Steak

By
Ruth Hunt

Ingredients:

Vension Steaks
Eggs
Bread Crumbs
Flour
Spices-like garlic
pepper season-
ing rub
Olive oil



Directions:

Scramble some eggs in a large bowl (enough to coat your steaks)

Add your steaks to the eggs (If using tenderloins no need to tenderize. If using other cuts, use a tenderizing hammer.)

Mix bread crumbs, flour, and spices and pour them into a 1 gal. sized plastic bag.

Put the meat in the baggie one piece at a time and shake to coat the meat.

Place each piece on a separate plate as you go.

Put olive oil in a pan to about ½ inch and get it hot.

Once the olive oil is hot place the coated steaks in the pan. Flip to cook both sides.

IMPORTANT: Do not overcook. If the meat is not pink inside, it's overcooked. This is the biggest mistake people make when cooking venison, and leads to people saying they don't like venison. It needs to be pink and juicy.

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Election Results

President: elected Deanna Page
Vice Pres: elected Scott Abbott
1st Director: elected Julie Johnston
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Treasurer: re-elected Rodd Lougee
Secretary: re-elected Steve Gray
Education: re-elected Aidan Coffin
Membership: elected John Hunt
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Donations: elected Deanna Page
Social Director: re-elected Scott Abbott



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E-mail: Very important. Print clearly: _____

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