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President's Report

By Deanna Page



We had another awesome banquet Thanks to our great donors and all the people that attended! Our guest speakers were John Ford Sr and Mark Nickerson with their funny stories from their time as Maine Game Warden and State Police Officer. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the stories!

Among the hundreds of items donated, we had an Old Town Kayak, donated by Old Town Canoe, we also had our "Quiver of Guns" game sponsored by Old Town Trading Post again this year. Three lucky winners won their choice of 6 guns! LL Bean donated a Glendel buck target, a Summit Treestand, climbing sticks and a Wild Game Trail Camera that were used on games, auctions and raffles.

Once again this year, we will be donating a minimum of 25% of our banquet to Outdoor Education in Maine. We will be giving 2 Scholarships to upperclassmen attending Unity College who are involved with the Unity Archers. They have been a tremendous help to the MBA over the years volunteering their time to help us at the banquet and this year at the Sportsman Show in Augusta. We are looking now at a few other organizations to donate to, so if you have a suggestion, please email me directly at maine-bowhunter68@gmail.com, so the Board of Directors can decide. Any organization deserving of some financial help, that falls under the category of Outdoor Education in Maine will be considered. Those groups we can't reach this year will be on a list for future donations.

Last year, the Board also decided to give \$1000 to SAM to help them construct their youth outdoor archery range. There will be an Open House at SAM to showcase that range on Saturday June 18th from 8am-3pm at the SAM Headquarters in Augusta. Please join us to celebrate this event. The MBA will also be presenting SAM with another check for \$1000 to help with purchasing archery equipment for the range. This money will come from our general fund, and not be part of the 25% profit from our banquet. We feel this youth archery range at SAM is a worthy cause to help out.

I personally want to say "I am very proud of the current leadership team we have at the MBA." The Officers, Directors, Reps and active members have worked hard the past two years to restore our bank account to where it was prior donating \$15k to the bear referendum and purchase of the MBA trailer! Accomplishments like this can only be done with dedication from our awesome team of volunteers! Thank you!! We gladly welcome any member stepping forward to volunteer time and ideas. Feel free to come to a meeting, email, or call myself or any Rep to get involved!

In 2016, we would like work on building our membership towards where it should be. Every bowhunter in the state of Maine should be a card carrying member! The MBA exists to preserve, promote and protect bowhunting in Maine, so we need membership from every bowhunter to accomplish this. Please, talk to your friends, and ask them to join if they are not members. Any bowhunter who takes advantage of the Expanded Archery zones should definitely be a member of the MBA, because without the hard work of our volunteers, the Expanded season wouldn't exist. I would like to encourage EVERY current member to recruit at least one new member this year. Look how easy it would be to double our membership! A mere \$30/year buys peace of mind knowing that the MBA has the backs of bowhunters in our state. For that \$30, the member gets representation in bowhunting legislation, a year's subscription to Bowhunting World Magazine, our Quarterly Newsletter, 10% off archery equipment at most archery shops across the state, a patch, window decal and qualifies the hunter to enter stats of harvested animals to receive a certificate, patch with year and possibly a plaque if their animal is the largest in their category.

We plan to implement an online stat registration so you can fill out your stat sheet and attach a digital photo of your animal as well. At our recent Annual meeting on May 1st, we discussed putting together a digital photo AND bowhunting video footage movie together to play at next year's banquet. If you are successful at capturing a hunt on video and want to share that with us, please let me know. So, please, keep that in mind as you head to the woods with your bow!

Also, at our Annual meeting, we had our Officers and Directors elections for positions up for election in 2016. We were happy to have Rep Steve Cayer step into the Second Director at Large position. Steve was a great help gathering donations for the banquet and has been dedicated to helping the MBA whenever needed. We also had a member, Kristin Trenholm step up to take a Rep position in the South Central area and bring her knowledge and ideas onboard! Rodd Lougee will remain as Treasurer as we move forward, as well as longtime MBA Rep Steve Gray as our Secretary. Scott Abbott was unanimously nominated and voted to remain our Vice President. Scott has been a huge asset to the MBA for years and continues to give his time and dedication. Lastly, I will remain as your President for the next year. I am so very proud of the great team we have!

This Fall will be our official 50th anniversary! Let's work together to build that membership so we can accomplish more. Strength in numbers....United We Stand....it won't be long before the anti's are knocking on our door again, let's be ready for a fight!!!

Over the next few months we will begin working to put together info for a 50th anniversary celebration, so feel free to email me or call me with anything you would like to share.

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- 5% Italian Ryegrass [diploid annual] (Thunder)
- 10% Medium Red Clover (StarFire 2)
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Site Prep and Seeding

- Till or drag site to expose soil
- Stand quality is best at PH 5.5 to 7.0
- Broadcast seed at 25 lbs per acre using properly calibrated Cyclone-type seeder
- 50 lbs bag sows 2 acres; 10 lbs sows 2/5 acre (100 ft. x 170 ft.)
- Lightly cover seed by dragging, tracking, or packing. Good soil contact is **essential** to good germination.
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"Is Your Bow up to Par"

By Tina Richard

Do you want to save some money on your current bow and not have to worry about buying a new bow that you don't have money for? Here are a few tips on how to save you on costly repairs and boost your bow performance. One of the most overlooked parts of the bow is the bowstring which is the life of it. If it breaks it can be very catastrophic, not to mention the fact that broken limbs, cams and other parts can hurt your wallet.

Most folks know to keep the bowstring waxed and keep an eye peeled for fray and wear but it happens if you are not faithful to keep a watch on it and could cause a huge difference in the performance of the bow. Wear to the serving in and around the cam or cams, depending on your bow of choice, is easily overlooked. When the serving makes contact with the cam it creates wear on the serving, especially at points where the string/cable makes a severe bend around the cam or module. If your bow string's and cables are going bad and you don't know it, your shooting performance will stink and it could cause a serious injury to yourself.

Take time to check the condition of your bowstring and cables from top to bottom. If you notice wear in the areas mentioned or even if the serving is starting to separate, it's time to change the string. Take it to a respectful pro shop of your choice and they will do it for a small price. I check my Mathews Bow quite frequently before I shoot it, I have had my bow since 2010 and it still looks like brand new like the day I bought it because I take care of it. Taking care of your bow is a life time event but worth it when it you want to harvest a big game animal.

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The following health message is brought to you in a cooperative effort between Maine Bowhunters Association and the Maine Center for Disease Control. Permethrin is an "extremely effective" product, and is safe to humans when used correctly. It is difficult to find in stores in some parts of Maine, but can be easily found and ordered online.

Tick Watch

Spring is here, so it's time to think about the outdoors and proper protection against ticks. Maine had 1,171 cases of Lyme disease reported in 2015. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month and we want to remind you the importance of daily tick checks and encourage the "tick watch" prevention strategy.

Ticks are primarily active in warmer months. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is caused by a bite from an infected deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*). *In Maine, Lyme disease is most common in adults 65 and over and children between the ages of 5 and 15, but anyone can get the disease. Individuals who work or play outside are more likely to be exposed to ticks. The most common and visible symptom of Lyme disease is a red bulls-eye rash that grows and appears within 3-30 days of exposure. Other symptoms may include fevers, and joint or muscle pain.*

Lyme disease is treatable and most individuals recover completely with a proper drugs. However, the easiest way to avoid the disease is prevention, using "No Ticks 4 ME":

1. Use caution in tick infested areas
2. Wear protective clothing
3. Use an EPA approved repellent
4. Perform daily tick checks after any outdoor activity

A tick must be attached for a minimum of 24 hours before the infection can be passed on, further stressing the need for prompt and proper tick removal. If you are bitten by a tick, or work in a known tick habitat, watch for symptoms for up to 30 days, and call a healthcare provider if symptoms develop.

Deer ticks can transmit not only Lyme disease, but also two other tick-borne infections that are present in Maine: anaplasmosis and babesiosis. Babesiosis cases increased in 2015 and cases of Anaplasmosis remained steady. The majority of tick-borne illnesses occur during the summer months when ticks and humans are active outdoors.

Remember that the deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) is the only tick that can transmit Lyme disease, but there are other species of ticks throughout the state. Tick identification references are available to order online at Maine CDC's website. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick ID Lab offers free identification services and educational resources.

Additional information:

Maine CDC has Lyme disease information available on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/lyme>
Lyme disease data is available through the Maine Tracking Network at <http://www.maine.gov/lyme>
under Epidemiology Information on the left hand side of the page.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick ID Lab submission instructions can be found at <http://extension.umaine.edu/ipm/tickid/>

To continue getting Lyme updates throughout May please like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MaineCDC>



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