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A photograph of a coyote standing in a snowy field. The coyote is facing left, and the background shows a line of bare trees under a clear blue sky. The text "Someone is still hunting!" is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font.

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Winter 2018 President's Report

by

Deanna L Page

The Maine Bowhunters Association is heading into our most active time of year: Sportsman's Shows as follows-

Eastern Maine (Orono) March 16, 17, 18

Presque Isle March 24-25

State of Maine (Augusta) March 30, 31 & April 1

We NEED your help! Come give us a couple hours of your time and help us share our passion of bowhunting! We will have our booth set up to talk to fellow bowhunters and to those new to bowhunting who may benefit from our advice. If you are able to help us out, please email me or give Scott Abbott a call at 356-6523.

Save the date, **April 21st, 2018!!** Join us for the Annual MBA Awards Banquet at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, doors open at 5 p.m. Come have a great meal, play some games to win some great prizes that are donated by our great supporters. We will present certificates and patches to every member that successfully harvested a game animal with their bow, please don't forget to turn in a stat sheet by March 1st to qualify. If you have something to donate for the banquet, or if you are able to request and collect donations from sponsors, please contact me by email at mainebowhunter68@gmail.com, or call 270-3400. We try to keep an updated list on donations and who donated them so we can be prepared prior to banquet day, this makes the banquet flow smoother so everyone has an enjoyable evening.

We have some exciting news we are putting the finishing touches on, and need to thank past President John Hunt Jr for his dedicated work putting this together. The MBA will be working with IF&W to make this a very beneficial program for all involved to put specially trained bowhunters in areas with the highest deer densities. Stay tuned for more info. This program will benefit landowners and bowhunters alike. We need volunteers to hunt and help manage this program, please lend a hand! Contact us today to be involved in the planning process.

We have recently "cleaned" up an issue with Bowhunting World magazine. If you weren't getting the magazine on a regular basis, this should be cleared up going forward. The past publisher has been bought out and they are now under new management. We are currently working to offer additional benefits for your membership dollars. Thank you for your continued support of the MBA.

Please go to our website (www.mainebowhunters.org) and "Like" us on Facebook.

Thank you for your membership,

Deanna L. Page

President, MBA

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Deer Harvest Numbers per State

By

John Hunt

I did a little research and made the following chart of deer harvest statistics of various States. I started with Maine, and worked my way outward south to Virginia and west to Ohio and Michigan. Hunters often look at the "total harvest" instead of a much more important statistic "deer harvested/sq. mi." For trophy hunters, another statistic may be "average age of buck harvested." Note: the harvest of some states can vary greatly from one area to another. For example, in Maine we harvest far more deer in our south/central and coastal regions than we do in our norther forests, and even though our overall harvest per square mile is low, we have some great deer hunting. Note: Some states take a while to get their stats out so I used 2015 harvest data, and some have hunting seasons that run into January, so some are the 2015/2016 harvests, but are considered the "annual harvest." Of course there are many other factors that determine hunting satisfaction, including hunter densities and availability of hunting access. Quality public land hunting is also an important factor for many hunters. However I think the following chart provides some pretty interesting information.

<u>State</u>	<u>Total harvest</u>	<u>Sq.mi. of land</u>	<u>Deer harvested/sq.mi.</u>
Maine	20,325	30,865	0.66
New Hampshire	10,895	8,953	1.22 about 2x of Maine
Vermont	12,747	9,249	1.38 about 2x of Maine
Massachusetts	9,910	7,838	1.26 about 2x of Maine
New York	202,973	48,708	4.17 about 6x of Maine
Connecticut	9,113	4,845	1.88 almost 3x of Maine
Rhode Island	1,883	1,045	1.80 almost 3x of Maine
Pennsylvania	315,813	44,820	7.05 ^than 10x of Maine
New Jersey	41,439	7,419	5.59 about 8.5x of Maine
Delaware	14,681	1,955	7.51 ^than 11x of Maine
Maryland	84,022	9,775	8.60 about 13x of Maine
Virginia	209,197	39,598	5.28 about 8x of Maine
West Virginia	138,493	24,087	5.75 almost 9x of Maine
Ohio	188,335	40,953	4.60 about 7x of Maine

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The Last Laugh

By

Bradly Magoon



Howdy to all. I hope you all had a safe and bountiful hunting season. Personally, I had a great season!

We have heard this before: "Take care of the small details and have a positive attitude. This is so true. Don't let anyone infer you can't do something.

It was 2002 in the early spring when I went to a turkey seminar held at the Skowhegan Community Center. There was a real good turnout. There was a biologist there, and at least 2 semi-turkey hunters that spoke. The information that was presented included safety, turkey calling, camo use, places you might find turkeys, and respect for landowners as well as nearby hunters.

Toward the end of the 2 hour seminar there were questions and answers: all good. However, one question by one of the speakers brought a laugh by many. The question was, "how many of you are going to hunt with a bow?" There were two of us that raised our hands. I could hear some laughs and see some smiles. Many of the people knew me, but they didn't know about my positive attitude.



On opening morning I killed a nice Tom with my SQ2 Mathews. This was my first turkey. I have killed many since that day, and all of them with a "stick and a string." "Kill em dead" Brad.



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Blast from the Past

We thought some of our readers would like to see what our newsletter used to be like. Maybe some of our long time members will see someone they know in one of these articles, or even themselves. Here is an article from nearly 43 years ago.

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(75-21) This summer has been a banner season for groundhogs - at least for bowhunters wading the hay or crunching the stubble of Maine's southern counties. Reports the officers have received from MBA members of central, western, northern and eastern areas are negative regarding woodchucks but extremely boastful about the fishing. Most bowhunters go fishing in the summer. The officers believe, however, that a trout and slamon diet is more appreciated if varied occasionally with fricasseed or fried woodchuck. You can acquire woodchucks easily if you have access to Maine's southern counties. Besides, you will be doing the farmers a favor. Please remember that it is very important to dress and skin the groundhogs and cool them off quickly within minutes after harvesting them. Cut into pieces, stewed, and served with a thick, savory gravy - a woodchuck is an experience the entire family will enjoy.

Taken recently, the photo here shows Maine Fish & Wildlife Warden George Chase with Romeo Jalbert, a woodchuck, and Douglas Bowen.

Jalbert has bowbagged the woodchuck. Warden Chase, in his spare time a muzzleloader, is doing his duty checking hunting licenses.

Jalbert's favorite chucking method is to climb a tree by a den near a stone wall and waiting. He is usually successful. Bowen enjoys silently crawling close to a den, hissing and whistling occasionally, and waiting. He is very successful.

But the most unusual method (or happenchance) to take woodchucks has been discovered by Jerry Troiano of Portland. Big Jerry practices with his bow and hunting arrows by shooting at daisies, clover tops, clumps of grass, etc. Anyway, he was practicing in this manner last July 26, snapping off shots at distant, swaying flowers and missing some and hitting some, of course. But it so happened there was a woodchuck lounging hidden near one of these targets, and Big Jerry shafted him nicely. So, you see, practicing can have hidden rewards.



Upcoming Events

Maine Bowhunters Association Annual Banquet: Saturday, April 21 at Jeff's Catering in Brewer

Cabin Fever Reliever: March 3, 4 in Brewer at the Brewer Auditorium

Presque Isle Sportsman's Show: March 24, 25 in Presque Isle at the University of Maine Presque Isle



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