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# President's Report - Tim Nuss

Hi everyone,

First off, I would like to thank everyone who attended our 2019 U.B.I. Banquet. The people in attendance are the ones that make our banquets as good as they are. With out your support we would not have the United Bowhunters of Illinois doing all the great things that we are doing to protect and preserve the traditional archery way of life. Thank you.

With all the talk about this year's banquet I am very pleased to announce that we have confirmed the date, time and place for our U.B.I. 2020 banquet. It will be the first Saturday in March 7th, 2020 at the Northfield Inn and Suites in Springfield Illinois. We will be reviewing and signing the contracts very soon. We are still in need of an Editor for our newsletter and someone to maintain the club's website. If interested contact a board member.

I am also very pleased to announce that Mr. Jake Downs has agreed to be our keynote speaker for our 2020 banquet. Jake is from Chadron Nebraska. Jake has many great accomplishments in traditional bowhunting. Like this last fall, he was able to complete the Super Ten with traditional equipment. Now Jake is going after all 29 with a recurve. With his drive and determination, I know he will do it. He has and continues to take wild fair chase game of all kinds. Jake is the president and founder of his local archery club, the Panhandle Archers. He is also on the board of the Nebraska Traditional Archers, a active member in the Nebraska Bowhunters Association, Colorado Traditional Archers Society, and Compton Traditional Archers. All of that by the age of 31! Jake will tell you that the biggest accomplishment and what he is most proud of is his wife and 2-year-old daughter. I am really looking forward to getting to know Jake and his family at our banquet next year. I hope everyone will reach out to Jake on Facebook and say HI.

I would like everyone to reach out to traditional archery related vendors that would consider having a booth at our banquet. Donations are very important to our banquet. So please think about those things when you are at events this summer.

The U.B.I. has lots of adventures planned this spring and summer. First, we have the Region 1 Spring Stump Shoot on April 27th. It is a great event hosted by Denny Hayford and his wife. They put a lot of hard work into this regional event and it shows. For more information please contact Denny Hayford at (309) 840-2327.

On (Sunday) May 19th the Annual All Traditional Shoot at the East Central Illinois Archers in Urbana, Illinois will be held. The address is 1701 East Perkins Road, Urbana, Illinois, 61802. It is a fantastic event. We worked with their club to get this all traditional archery event started. Check them out on Facebook or contact me for more information on this event.

Then June 13th – 17th, Compton. I can't say enough about what a great time the Compton Rendezvous is. And anyone that has ever been to it will agree. If anyone has not been able to experience the Compton Rendezvous, you really should try. You will not be sorry.

The U.B.I. will be involved in lots more traditional archery related

events. If anyone knows of any traditional archery events that you would like us to check out, please let me know.

My first term is ending as the United Bowhunters of Illinois President. I would like to run for reelection as the President of this organization. I have learned a lot in my first term. We have lots to do to make the U.B.I. as good as I think it can be. We have made some changes already and I would like to make even more, and I am going to require your help to do that. I would really appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming U.B.I. Board Election. Look for your election ballots in the mail by May 14th.

Thank you very much!

Tim Nuss

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## Director's Report - Nancy Norris

We totally enjoyed the Annual Meeting and Banquet. The meeting was very informative, and the food delicious. I met new people, and was able to put a face to names I had only heard of before. Even though many of you probably know Jim Ellis, I thought it cool to meet one of the founders of UBI. Big shout out to Phillip Caywood, Bowyer of Deer Creek Bows. He donated a beautiful bow that Joe Atherton of Woodford County won. President Nuss announced he is working to get more UBI events scheduled in 2019. Our Regional Reps are busy planning events for this year also.



Thanks to our FB administrator Jered Shofner for his work on our UBI Facebook page. The changes he has made are already taking effect. You can read the excitement in everyone's posts. Speaking about our Facebook page, all of us need to get the word out about our organization to help us grow. One easy and free way to do this is social media. If you like a post you see on our FB page, share it so it appears on your personal FB page, or copy and paste it to your personal page. Let others see who we are and what we are all about.

I'm very thankful for the opportunity to serve on the board. I believe I can contribute to another segment of traditional archery. Not everyone that shoots a bow, hunts. My husband and I attend many traditional shoots every year and meet a lot of people that just enjoy picking up a bow and shooting it. We also attend a few mixed shoots, and have had people inquire about our equipment.

They see how much fun and camaraderie we have, and we believe we have made a few converts.



We attended the first annual Pre-Spring Arrow Fling in Dickson, TN in February. Even though it rained Friday and Saturday, Sunday was beautiful. There was a forecast for inclement weather, but there were still 141 registered shooters. Not only did traditional shooters show up, but so did the vendors: Alabama Hat Lady, Big Jim's Bow Company, Black Widow Custom Bows, Champion Custom Bowstrings, Compton Traditional Bowhunters, Navajo Longbows, and Smith Made Knives. The course and the club members were fantastic. We will definitely go back next year.

If you attend any all traditional shoots, please look around and see if we are there. We always have our UBI banner on our camper.

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# Director's Report - Paul Ladner

Our new governor has made the political appointment of Colleen Callahan to lead the Department of Natural Resources as is tradition for our state government when administrations change. I don't know what effect this could have except to shift blame and create a smokescreen while the IDNR continues to stagnate and suffer budget cuts and staffing reductions. Illinois is lacking in the awe inspiring landscape of other states and the things that made Illinois a beautiful state (the prairie) are nearly extinct in favor of factory farming monoculture. It would be gratifying if prairie got the respect it deserves, but alas it is just a field of grassy weeds to most drivers by.

The crossbow continues to be popular. The crossbow accounted for nearly 40% of the deer harvest this past season in Illinois. Not sure it has recruited a single new hunter, but all the compound shooters are lined up to buy crossbows. If you have a used compound you want to sell-good luck!

I am sorry I missed the banquet as I was out of town on a trip with a fixed date. I hope all enjoyed the time with friends and the programs. I see some new activity with the Facebook page. Let's keep it up.

The UBI has quite a fund available for education including scholarships. If you know a group who would benefit from our funding or a student who wants to apply for the scholarship please contact me.

We will be having an election for new board members soon. I hope we have some interest from the membership to step up and participate. New blood would be a breath of fresh air.



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## Directors Report - Bob Mayo

Well, the 2019 banquet is history now, and I think everyone that attended had a very enjoyable day. The evening speakers, T.J. Conrads and Gene Hopkins were both entertaining and informative. The UBI's own Randy Beasley did a great job with his Alaskan moose hunt seminar in the afternoon.

Our thanks to the many members who donated items for the auctions and raffles, and also to those who bid very generously at the auction. They helped greatly in making our banquet the success that it was.

Jan and I got kind of lonely at our Ace booth in the vendor room. Denny and Anne Hayford had the only other vendor booth in the room. Some of the other regulars had to back out for one reason or another. The UBI banquet is a very good opportunity for archery dealers, bowyers and artists to meet the most dedicated bow hunters in the state. If any of you members know of anyone who might like to set up a booth at next year's banquet, please encourage them to contact a board member to make arrangements. The booth space is free to vendors, you can't beat that.

I hope everyone had a successful and/or enjoyable hunting season. My hunting season was not very successful, but was very enjoyable. I had an extremely close encounter with a bobcat down south in the Shawnee National Forest. I was in my shaggy suit, that I won at a UBI banquet card raffle, using a doe bleat can call. I watched as a small bobcat came straight to me, until it eventually got within an arms length from me. That's when I decided I'd better chase it away. I didn't get drawn for a bobcat tag again this year.

I'm sure most of you are aware that Illinois changed the regulations for deer and turkey hunting last year. The bow draw weight requirement is now 30 pounds, at some point within 28 inches.

This should help some younger hunters who wish to get into our sport. It should also help some older hunters to continue hunting when they are past their prime. I'll worry about that in a few years.

The East Central Illinois Archers is having their second annual traditional only shoot on May 19, in Urbana, IL. We attended their shoot last year, and had a great time. They have a very well laid out course, and food was available. Quite a few of our UBI friends were there also.

There are a number of other traditional shoots scheduled this spring and early summer. My wife Jan (UBI treasurer) and I will be at these shoots. If you wish to renew your membership, or if you have a friend who wishes to join the UBI, just stop by the Ace booth and we should be able to take care of it and answer any questions you may have about the UBI.

The Tennessee Classic is scheduled for May 3-5, near Clarksville, TN.

The Iowa Traditional Bowhunters Society will have their annual shoot on May 25-26 near Eldora, IA.

The Cloverdale Traditional Nationals is June 7-9, at Cloverdale, IN.

The Compton Traditional Bowhunters rendezvous is scheduled for June 14-16 at Berrien Springs, MI.

I hope everyone had a good turkey season, and that you get to enjoy some of the traditional shoots this year.

Bob Mayo

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## From The Farr Side Of Fulton County - Jason Farr

Dear Traditional Bowhunters,

Another winter and our banquet has passed. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a great success. Our banquet just doesn't happen. Hours of planning, meetings and phone calls go into pulling off such an event and we are already looking at speakers for 2020. If you would like to have a larger roll or even take a position on our board, we would love your help. As I write this, we are still looking for someone to fill our magazine's editors position.

As I've said in the past, March means one thing to me. Shed hunting. Well, I call it shed hunting, but I'm scouting. Putting together a plan for the upcoming season and understanding why deer did what they did last fall. The work I do in March is what creates success in the fall. I guess it's my own form of March Madness.

Like many of you, I walk many miles and trim shooting lanes and trees for my climbing treestand. I put up stands and remove stands from areas that are no longer productive.





This is also a perfect time of year to secure a new hunting location for next season. Yes, I realize that's easier said than done, but remember, all a landowner can say is, "no." Just last week I stopped at a rural residence to ask if I could have permission to hunt this particular farm. I was really pumped up after watching 50 deer a night pour into his alfalfa fields. Pulling into his lane was like entering a shrine to the St. Louis Cardinals. I've never seen anything like it. Even the trees down his lane had Cardinal's paraphernalia tacked or hanging from them. I knocked on the landowner's door and was greeted by a man wearing a matching St. Louis Cardinals baseball cap and matching jersey. Unfortunately, our conversation was brief. After I introduced myself and expressed the reason for me standing there his answer wasn't just,

"no." It was "no! Absolutely not!" I politely thanked him for his time, shook his hand and off to my truck I went. For whatever ornery reason I couldn't help but turn around and jokingly holler "Go Cubs!" before pulling my door closed. I smiled, he smiled (kind of) and off I went.

I'm currently in the all too familiar process of losing a farm I've hunted since 2004. We've all been there but losing this farm stings. I have had the fortune to harvest a ton of whitetails off this farm and a few were truly trophy class animals by anyone's standards. Keeping a positive attitude, I'm going to be thankful for the opportunity I've been given and move on. That's life. Get over it and get on with it. In fact, I've decided to use the time I'd spend feeling depressed about it to try to replace it with another piece of property. It's also easier said than done, but the thoughts of future adventures prevail. That, in my opinion, is what we all need to do. Not just in our bowhunting, but in life in general. We've all heard a negative mind will never give you a positive life and I firmly believe it's the challenges that make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes it meaningful.

Have a great spring.

A Bowhunter,

Jason Farr

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## Director's Report - Jim Schulze

Another seminar and banquet here and gone. We had a great turnout again with our membership and a few guests. Thanks again to Gene for bringing his awesome Archery Historical Collection for us all to see. TJ Conrad's seminar on the French connection was enjoyed by all. Also had a great time with the Conrad's at dinner on Friday night.

There will be several board members terms up this year including mine. I have been on the board for 3 or 4 terms and truly enjoyed all the work it takes to keep a great organization like the UBI going. It has been an honor to serve on the board but I will not be running for another term at this time. Like I mentioned at the membership meeting we need some old or new members to step up and keep the UBI going down the right path.

Can't forget to thank Col. Bree and his son in law Brad for donating their skills at our auction.

Youth turkey season is here so I will be in the woods with grandson Lane and son Jed for the next couple weekends.

Can't think of a better place to be.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve on the UBI board.

Take care

Jim Schulze



*Here is picture of my Grandson Lane holding a set of antlers found by him and his Dad my son Jed on their property.*

Join our new online campfire!

The new UBI Campfire on Facebook is always burning bright and waiting for you.

Access to this online campfire is controlled, but once your membership is approved, you can pull up a chair and tell some stories. Whether it's bragging about that shot you made or just checking in with your UBI buddies, the United Bowhunters of Illinois Campfire group is the next best thing to the real deal.

To join, search for "United Bowhunters of Illinois Campfire" on Facebook. Once you find the group, submit a request to join. You should be in faster than you can get a fire started. You can also type in this web address: [www.facebook.com/groups/ubicampfire/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ubicampfire/)

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Jered Shofner



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# Region 5 Report - Randall Beasley

## Love of a Farm

When I was just 15, the property across the road from my home was purchased by Drexel Kermit Phipps. The 25 acre farm was one of the places where I hunted rabbits, quail, and squirrels. At first, the property was divided between farmland, mature woods, an orchard of apple and cherry trees, and a place for two house trailers. While the land never produced much in the way of income, Mr. Phipps enjoyed his farm. Often, he worked on the farm all day, only coming in for supper. He frequently stated coming in for supper interfered with what he had to get done. Unfortunately, he only lived on the farm about a year before his occupation took him several hours away. Nonetheless, he visited as often as possible on long weekends or summer breaks. He could not wait to get to his farm, often spending a week or more planning to complete the necessary tasks using his small tractor with bush hog mower and chain-saw.



cess. Since I had not applied brush killer to what I cut down, the brush just came back worse than before. The second round of cutting did not kill the brush either. While I applied a brush killer, I had used a 50 percent diluted mixture of herbicide that was already only 30 percent in strength. I have since discovered that not only do you need to apply the herbicide full strength, but you also need to apply it within ten minutes of cutting the brush. I tried other brush control methods that were suggested. The chop and spray method did not seem to be effective for the autumn olive bushes. If the olive bush was small, I could spray the leaves and kill the bush, but if it was very large at all, it was best to cut the bush down to ground level and spray the stump. I even cut a deeper cut or an "X" into the stump so I can get more brush killer on the stump. It was a learning experience. Recently, I had a forester review my property. She stated that I have a problem with bush honeysuckle and Japanese honeysuckle. Although I had heard about bush honey-

For years, I lived across the street. When I married Mr. Phipps' daughter, Sharon, we moved into a trailer on the farm. This was great for me. While I did not have deer or turkeys to hunt yet, the farm still had quail, rabbits, and squirrels. Mr. Phipps continued to visit his farm until his death in 1988. When Sharon's mother decided to sell the farm, my father bought it. My father wanted the farmland for its pasture and hay. He strung electric fencing, planted fescue, and placed a horse of two on the land. In 1997, he signed up twelve acres for the State of Illinois tree program. We started calling the farm "The Phipps Place," and I continued to hunt on it. My father and I were able to kill several deer there until my father passed away in 2003. At that time, I began managing The Phipps Place for the family. After the tree program was complete, we were able to sign up for set-aside money. Shortly afterward, I began to notice an invasion of autumn olives, multi-flora rose, and later vines that climbed up any and all of the trees. Therefore, I begin to fight back by cutting down the invasive species. Well, the first round to get rid of these invasive plants did not meet with any suc-





suckle, I did not know what it looked like so I had not been cutting it. Some of the bushes were well over seven feet tall. Now, I am going over the property again to address the bush honeysuckle. The forester also advised there were too many trees per acre, but the crop of young trees was inadequate. The fescue planted by my father was keeping the young trees from growing and killing them once they reached one or two years old. A slow burn could kill the fescue without harming the trees. This would provide a better environment for the nut trees. The fun will never end. Originally, as I stated the farm did not have any deer or wild turkeys. Over the years, the population of deer has grown larger to the point that I expect to see a deer when I go hunting instead of just hoping to see a deer. Last year, I shot a deer that made the Compton Archives from The Phipps Place. However, this year, I actually let a deer walk by that was even larger than the one I shot last year. He was so big I decided that if I did not shoot him today, his offspring would be part of The Phipps Place forever. Each year, a few wild turkeys travel through the property, some stay a few days, some stay a few months. My goal is to get them to stay all year on The Phipps Place.

As a result of hunting and killing brush, I spend a great deal of time on The Phipps Place. Now, I understand why Mr. Phipps enjoyed working on his farm so much. My regret is that I did not spend more time with my father-in-law to better understand what he intended for his place. Maybe for him, it was just a place for escape. Tomorrow, I need to go pull up or cut down some bush honeysuckle at The Phipps Place. I can only hope that after I am gone, someone else will think that The Phipps Place is as special as Drexel and I thought it was.

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## Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

Hello from Region 4!

When this gets published, the Spring Turkey Season will be well on its way. I hope it has been a good season for you. I am in Macon County and the turkeys have seemed to disappear. During this past deer season, I did observe a group of seven Toms in my hunting area every couple of days, but that was well over a month ago, and I haven't seen them since. I have been lucky enough to spend a few mornings listening for the majestic bird, but not one sound has reached my ears. Everyone keeps talking about the bobcat, others mention the flood of coyotes, I wonder if this is the new normal for my hunting ground? I sure hope not.

The 2019 Banquet has come and gone. I thought it went very well. I know plans are already well underway for the 2020 banquet. We are always searching for more seminar speakers to help strengthen our organization. I would love to have someone speak on how to use the compass and a topographical map. That would definitely strengthen my skills! Can you help? Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

My wife, Cheryl has taken over as Membership Secretary. She is a retired teacher that can't seem to retire. Please send all new memberships to [gilbertcherylbestbowhunter@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcherylbestbowhunter@gmail.com) or call 618-635-2360.

Lastly, Region 4 does not have any events scheduled. I cannot take off on weekends due to my work, but I would gladly love to have someone assist me with having or planning an event. I would do my very best to help in anyway. Please consider stepping up to help us strengthen this wonderful organization in this region. I think it doesn't have to be a shoot, maybe we could have a seminar at a local library or hunting club in the region. It would be nice to have a noticeable presence in the region.

Gilbert



*Gilbert putting up a tree stand with his grandson Joseph Oliver Feldman.*

## Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

I have missed a couple of newsletter reports due to a few hiccups in our newsletter publication. So, I would like to flashback to 2018 to offer some thanks and event summaries. First, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the archery tent at the state fair. On Saturday some of the directors worked at the tent and region 3 helped at the tent on Sunday. Many thanks to the volunteers who brave the heat to bring smiles to many young enthusiastic archers. Our helpers were Ron Jack, Chuck Ormsby, Don Osborne, Karen Hayford, and Denny and Anne Hayford. Again, thank you for giving your time to help promote archery and the UBI.

Many times in past reports I have mentioned the Grounds coffee club that met and shot every Wednesday at the Common Grounds coffee shop in Mattoon. Everyone was always invited and many of you did join us from time to time over the years. Well.....the coffee shop closed rather abruptly, so we lost our meeting place and our upstairs indoor range. We have still been meeting each Wednesday but our meeting locations are changing each week. So far we have met at the Coles County airport because it has good food and it is close to our outdoor shooting facility. We have also met at Jim Eveland's house for pizza and brownies and then gone out on his range to shoot. When the weather is nice we have met at a local muzzleloader/archery club where most of us are already members and had a very good day under the pavilion cooking hamburgers and brats and then shooting our bows out on the primitive range. You are all still welcome to join us on Wednesday but now you should call me on the Monday before to see what the game plan is for that week.

The Eagle Creek Rendezvous was a great success this year. Attendance was good, weather was good, food was good and many hunters saw and or got shots at deer. Ron Jack was successful in harvesting a nice buck on the first day of the rendezvous. Congratulations to Ron.

My son-in-law Zac Sowa leases a hunting property south of Pana and we hunted it several times this last season for deer and fall turkey. I never got a shot at a deer but I did take a handful of feathers off a turkey, maybe next year I can get the whole bird. I also had an enjoyable hunt with Scott Aubert down in Wayne county. The company he works for provides a nice cabin on about 200 acres of hunting ground for the employees to use as a company perk. We stayed a couple days, saw deer every hunt but got no shots. Great country to hunt and explore.

Once again the banquet was a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it great. The speakers and seminars were interesting and well done. Thanks to TJ Conrad, Gene Hopkins, and Randy Beasley.



*Ron Jack takes a buck at the Eagle Creek Fall Rendezvous*

Start planning to attend the upcoming events. The first is the Spring Stump Shoot at Denny Hayford's Deer Ranch on Saturday, April 27. Then come help with the Wolf Creek/Boy Scout /IDNR Rendezvous on Saturday May 18 and follow that with Central Illinois Traditional shoot in Champaign on Sunday May 19. The Cloverdale Traditional Nationals are June 7,8,9. The Compton Traditional Rendezvous is June 14,15, 16. And of course be sure to remember the Eagle Creek Rendezvous on October 18,19, 20. Looking forward to seeing everyone at some of these events.

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# Region 1 Report - Denny Hayford

## Region 1

The region 1 Stump Shoot will be over by the time you get this but we are hoping for another great turnout. The weather has me very worried since we have had 5 great weekends in the past but this year all bets are off. Watch for the next issue to see if our streak continued.

## Down Time

I always look forward to the lull between the end of the hunting season and the spring warm up so I can get out and look for sheds, do a little roving, cut out more invasives around my property, and eventually look for the illusive morel. So far I've found the same number of sheds as morels.....none.

It is also that time of year when building a few new sets of arrows takes place. I'm always looking for new ideas for fletching and cresting. There was an interesting article in Traditional Bowhunter where the author was using contact paper for cresting instead of paint or raps. About the same time I found a 1 inch wide luminescent tape that was very thin and rapped perfectly around a 600 carbon shaft. I think it will take a 1.5 inch version cut down to 1.25 inches -for 11/32 or 23/64 wood shafts. From all indications if you have six or so in your quiver you won't need a flashlight at night while walking out. The luminescent lasted for a couple hours after

dark and should help you locate that pass through or broken off fletching.

Just a reminder that contact information for all officers and regional reps is located in the front of the newsletter. Keep a copy around for getting in touch with us. If you would like to become a director please contact any of us and we will be happy to get you name in the running.

## Changing times

I think we made a step in the right direction lowering the draw weight for our requirements to match the state regulations. This could help us get a few old members back that were struggling to meet that 40 lb. weight restriction. If you know anyone that feels they can no longer participate due to that issue, let them know that we have changed our requirements and we would like to have them back.

Be safe, hunt hard, shoot straight.....

Best Regards,

Denny Hayford

Region 1 Representative

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# Region 2 Report - Dan Forystek

Some of the area covered in our region has super deer hunting. Where I hunt you seldom see big bucks even on trail-cams and the surrounding hunting pressure is kind of high but I am thrilled to have it. Part of the saving grace is how close it is to a major river, the Kankakee, and most hunters know that means there could be many surprises when the rut is on. Or not but you never know and that in itself is part of the thrill, the anticipation.

A life long dream of moving out of Chicago has come true. And we are not quite as country as I would like we are a stones throw from hunting, fishing, woods and corn fields. To put this into some sort of perspective for those not aware of what you are missing and why I am so happy to move, last week a fine young man that lived across the street from us who was always helping his grandmother with yard work and served us all as a young police officer (23) was gunned down and killed. His final move was to leap in front of his girlfriend to protect her and took two more bullets in the back and neck. He was the most polite and respectful young man you can imagine. He was a rare young man.

Not having to travel for over an hour will make more time for things like inspecting straps and ladders on tree stands to help give some insurance of a safe upcoming season. I hope you all consider this move too. If you have ever climbed into a stand that has been

up for a long time and the step breaks it is a heart stopper. In this case the tree grew and expanded giving the impression that it was rock solid. The additional torque of me leaning back while climbing was enough to cause it to fail.

For now, it's time to get out there and feed those ticks. Some call it turkey hunting.

Good Luck,

Dan Forystek

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## IFOR Report - Rick Stillman

IFOR held its March board meeting on Sunday, March 24. President Scotty Bryant has been in contact with our new IDNR Director, Colleen Callahan. So far he is pleased with her commitment to the constituents and open door policy. As expected, the legislative docket is full of gun bills. Our lobbyist, George Fleischli says that most of these are set to stay in committee and not make it to the floor. We will continue to monitor them as nothing ever really dies in Springfield. At this time however, there doesn't seem to be anything that directly affects bowhunting. The following house bills have cleared committee and might be of interest to some:

HB2778: Provides that notwithstanding any provision of the Code, each opening weekend for every hunting season established by the Department of Natural Resources shall be at least 4 days long. Effective immediately.

HB2783: Amends the Wildlife Code. Permits hunting with a rifle for the taking of deer. Provides that rifle hunting permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources shall be approved by county ordinance. Provides that notwithstanding any provision of the Code, it is unlawful to take a deer with a rifle in a county of the State with a population of 500,000 or more. Defines "rifle" as any firearm designed, made, or adapted to be fired from the shoulder that uses the energy of an explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a projectile through a rifled bore by a single function of the trigger.

HB3462: Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on hunting education that includes instruction on hunting safety. Requires the State Board of Education to prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials that may be used as guidelines for

development of a unit of instruction on hunting education. Effective immediately.

IFOR is holding its 26th Annual Fund-Raising Dinner on Saturday, May 4, 2019, in Godfrey, IL. It will be another fun evening of good company and food with prizes, games and auctions. If you would like to attend please contact Scotty or Trish Bryant as shown on the reservation form.

The IFOR Board meets four times a year and all IFOR members are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held at 11 AM, prior to the banquet. The venue has yet to be announced. The other meeting this year are July 21 and Sep 29 and will be held at Scheels in Springfield at 12:30.

Rick Stillman



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**Checking Balance Forward 12/31/18** **7526.97**

**Receipts:**

Dues	New Memberships & Renewals	730.00
Donation	Bill Secker	50.00
Donation	Bill Kissner	100.00

Banquet Proceeds	Includes: Banquet ticket sales, raffles, auctions, Pick of the Litter, card raffle	7170.16
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T-Shirt Sales	66.00
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**Total Receipts** **8116.16**

**Disbursements:**

Karen Nuss	UBI Spring Newsletter	780.00
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Northfield Inn	Banquet Services	3272.50
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Banquet Expenses	Includes: Travel, lodging and meal expense for guest speakers, gifts for speakers and auctioneers, copies and misc. supplies.	1951.39
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Hospitality Room Expense	128.30
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IFOR	Affiliate Membership – 2019	277.50
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**Total Disbursements** **6409.69**

UBI Savings Account Balance **1002.95**

**Ending Balance as of 03/31/19** **10,236.39**

The above is a true and accurate accounting of Income and Expenses incurred by the United Bowhunters of Illinois for the First Quarter, 2019, commencing January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me at my email address: [jan@acearcherytackle.com](mailto:jan@acearcherytackle.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Mayo, Treasurer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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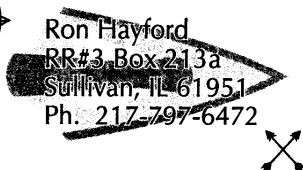



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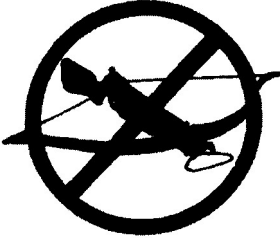
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**We are not opposed to the use of such devices by the truly handicapped, but we do question the legitimacy of some of these cases. Therefore we support all efforts by the IDNR to maintain the integrity in issuing handicap permits so as to minimize abuse in this practice**

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#### **UBI Archery Season Position Statement**

**The United Bowhunters of Illinois is opposed to the creation of any new hunting season, or the extension of any existing hunting season which will decrease the length of the archery only season or displace the season into less favorable dates. While the United Bowhunters of Illinois recognizes the rights of hunters who choose to use other weapons in separate hunting seasons, we will oppose all efforts to include such users in Illinois' archery season**

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#### **UBI Big Game Shooting Enclosure Position Statement**

**The United Bowhunters of Illinois opposes any big game hunting where the animal is within the confines of game proof enclosures. We oppose this despicable practice on the grounds of fair chase hunting, the threat of disease spreading from captive cervids to our wild deer populations, and the fact that privatizing wildlife is contrary to the North American model of game management. It is our position that the selling of hunts for big game animals that have been raised within an enclosure, or animals that currently are confined within an enclosure should be illegal in Illinois**