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President's Report - Tim Nuss

I am writing this in mid-March. The first Saturday in March has always been UBI Banquet time. As everyone knows, we chose to cancel it for this year. It was an incredibly hard decision for our UBI board members to make. I cannot thank all the people enough, the UBI board and regional representatives, that helped to arrive at the final decision.

With that being said, we have had to pull together a plan to move forward. We realized that we needed to get out a membership renewal effort. Lots of people renew their membership every year at the banquet. That was done successfully. We will be contacting those we have not heard from.

A decision was made to put together a United Bowhunters of Illinois Raffle Package. We are incredibly pleased with the package and think it will be of interest to everyone. We will be sending out Raffle Package information and tickets as soon as possible. We will have the drawing for the fantastic raffle package at our 2022 Annual Banquet, March 5, 2022 in Springfield, Illinois at the Northfield Inn, and Suites. This will give everyone time to help promote this fundraiser.

Arrangements are being made for as many All-Traditional Events as we can this year. We will get that information out as soon as we can get confirmation. That has been an incredible challenge with all the Covid restrictions that are in place.

The UBI will have a booth setup at the Compton Traditional Bowhunters Rendezvous from June 17th – 20th, 2021. I hope that everybody in attendance will stop by our booth to say Hi. I will be looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

The UBI has a great group of regional representatives. They are all working hard make plans for their regional events. I am truly looking forward to each of them. I know that they will get the information out as soon as they can. I would like to encourage everyone to try to attend as many of these events as you can. They are being put on for us by some of the hardest working most dedicated people that I know.

A lot of work has gone into our website and social media accounts. They have had some good improvements made to them. Please check them out and let us know what you think about them. We are always working to make things better for the UBI membership.

We have made a United Bowhunters of Illinois Tri-Fold Brochure. They will be available at UBI events and a PDF version can be sent out and can be printed off to help us get the word out about what the UBI stands for and to promote new membership. We also have other forms in a PDF available.

As you can see the United Bowhunters of Illinois has a lot going on this year and we need your help to get it all together. So, if you can help or if you would like to see us try anything else please let me know.

Our newsletter has always been especially important to the UBI membership. If anyone or if you know anyone that would be willing to submit pictures and articles for our newsletter, please encourage them to do so. Our newsletter reaches our members and keeps us thinking about ideas and things that are available to those of us who enjoy traditional archery. Keep in mind our social media platforms as well. Tell other people about our media platforms and ask them to submit stories and pictures, product or book reviews pertaining to traditional archery. Keep in touch about events that you have attended which will be of interest to members and help our current membership stay in touch.

I look forward to hearing from and seeing all of you. I missed the UBI Banquet this year for that reason. I hope to make up for that this spring and summer at events in our area.

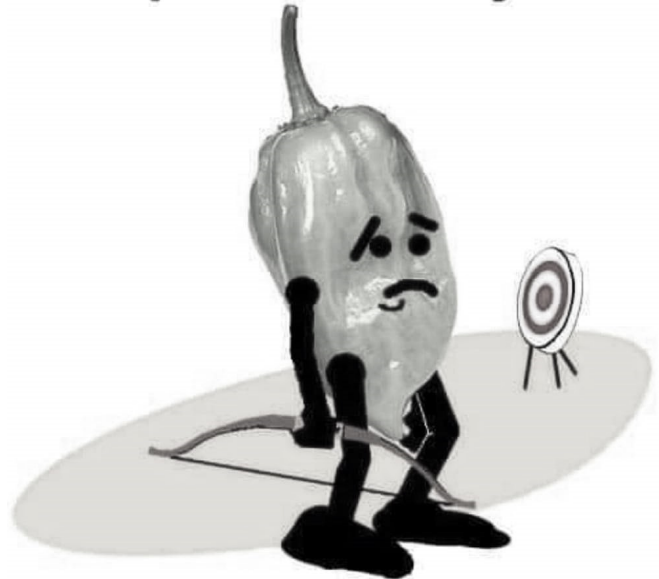
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why couldn't the green pepper practice archery?



...because it didn't habanero

Director's Report - Bob Mayo

This is going to be a great year for those of us who like attending traditional shoots. You can go on the UBI website www.unitedbowhuntersofillinois.com to see what traditional shoots are scheduled just in Illinois.

In addition to the shoots listed on our website, we have gotten official word, from the organizers, that the following traditional shoots are planning to go on as usual this year.

Tennessee Classic, Clarksville Tennessee, April 30 – May 2

Iowa Traditional Bowhunter Society, Eldora Iowa, May 29-30

Cloverdale Nationals, Cloverdale Indiana, June 11-13

Compton, Berrien Springs Michigan, June 17-20

Great Lakes Longbow Invitational, Hastings Michigan, August 13-15

Black Hawk, Rockton Illinois, August 28-29

In the past, many UBI members have renewed their membership at the annual banquet. Since the banquet was canceled this year, many members have been renewing by mail, or on the UBI website, www.unitedbowhuntersofillinois.com. Word from our Membership Secretary, Cheryl Best, and Treasurer, Jan Mayo, is that while we have gotten quite a few renewals, there are still a few long time UBI members that usually renew at the banquet who have not renewed yet. Don't forget to renew. And, speaking of the banquet, the 2022 UBI banquet is already in the planning stages.

As I write this report in late March, Jan and I are planning our southern Illinois turkey hunt. I am positive that I'll come back with a big gobbler or some great memories. I hope every other UBI member has good luck this turkey season.

Bob Mayo

Director's Report - Nancy Norris

Danny and I attended the open shoot at Twin Oaks in March, and although this is not an all traditional shoot, almost half of the people there were traditional. It was good to get out and enjoy ourselves and see some friends. The weather was beautiful and the turnout was great. In April, we will be going to the Kentucky TradFest, IBO MidAmerica in Cloverdale, and the Tennessee Classic. I'm looking forward to shooting my 1964 Ben Pearson Javelina, 32 lbs @ 28" in competition at the Buck Hollow traditional vintage bow shoot in July. To participate you need a bow made in 1970 or before. This will be the first time I will be shooting this bow in competition.

Danny is having a difficult time making the transition from deer hunting to fishing until it stays warmer and everything greens up. I'm sure he's not the only one that thinks about deer hunting all year long!

If you have never gone to a UBI regional event, it is worth your time. Spending time with others who have the same passion as you is a fantastic experience. Our regional representatives would love for you to come to their events. Be sure to read their articles for information in our Newsletters and talk with them about their events. It takes a lot of work for our representatives to produce these events, so let's show them our support.

Nancy Norris

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Director's Report - Jered Shofner

I could picture Fred Bear, Glenn St. Charles, or Howard Hill sipping a cup of coffee in this clubhouse. That was the thought in my mind as I looked around the Blackhawk Field Archers traditional shoot in August of 2020. Everything about the grounds and the clubhouse channeled a simpler time when the icons of our sport were living men and traditional archery was just archery.



My first visit to the Blackhawk Field Archers near Rockton, Illinois was prompted by stories from Bob and Jan Mayo. With the pandemic of 2020 forcing the cancellation of most events, the trip was a welcome change of scenery and a chance to enjoy some social distancing with friends. I quickly found out that this was not your typical 3D shoot.

My first clue was the door to the clubhouse. The door handle is a hand-made iron piece in the shape of an arrowhead. To enter the large clubhouse, is to be surrounded by archery history. If the UBI were to design their own clubhouse, this would be it! There are a few special mounts, several historical archery photos, and bows hanging on the wall. My favorite feature of the building was the large stone fireplace. The membership of the club was asked to collect a stone or two from their favorite hunting grounds. Those stones were assembled to form the hearth.

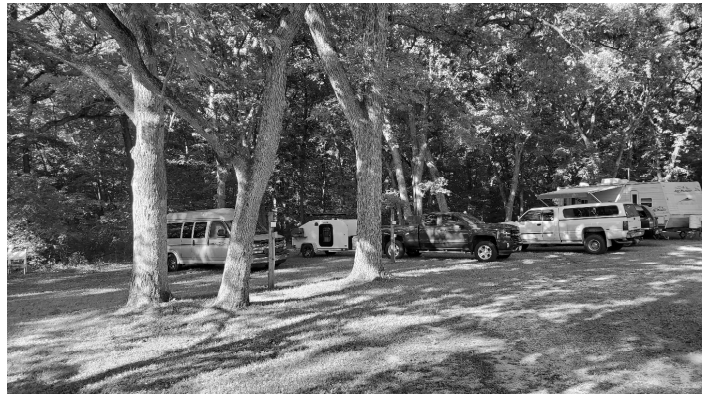
The ancient handmade paper mache 3D targets are worth the trip alone. This club pre-dates foam 3D targets. The members crafted these amazing full-size 3D targets decades ago. The club has worked hard to preserve this history. My visit to Blackhawk field



archers coincided with occasional rain, so the precious targets were covered with plastic tarps when archers were not shooting. Like a home-built bow or hand split feathers, these targets add something special to the archery experience.

In addition to the 3D course, the grounds include a large open range and camping area. The clubhouse kitchen provided great food during the weekend. I have included several photos to give you a better idea of what this great shoot has to offer.

If you are looking for a dose of archery history and a great weekend, plan to visit the traditional shoot at Blackhawk Field Archers on August 28th and 29th, 2021. Make plans now. WWW.BLACKHAWKFIELDARCHERS.COM





Blackhawk Field Archers Rockton, IL 29th Annual - All Traditional

**All Traditional Rendezvous
August 28th & 29th 2021**

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Vendor Info please contact: Dave Lee 708-476-0305 or bowhunterlee59@yahoo.com

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Treasurer's Report - Jan Mayo

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Balance Forward 12/31/2020 11,445.17

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| Dues | New Memberships & Renewals | 1,205.00 |
| Donations | Bill & Marie Secker | 100.00 |
| | Joe & Judy Atherton | 200.00 |
| | Jim & Debra Ellis | 200.00 |
| | Herb & Linda Henderson | 100.00 |
| Bob Mayo | Website Test | 1.00 |
| Total Receipts | | 1,806.00 |

Disbursements:

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| Michael Wiltse | UBI Winter Newsletter | 530.32 |
| IFOR | Affiliate Membership – 2021 | 298.50 |
| PayPal | Processing Fees | 13.19 |
| Total Disbursements | | 842.01 |

Ending Balance as of 03/31/2021 12,409.16

The above is a true and accurate accounting of Income and Expenses incurred by the United Bowhunters of Illinois for the First Quarter, 2021, commencing January 1 through March 31, 2021. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me at my email address: jan@acearcherytackle.com

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Mayo, Treasurer

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IFOR Report - Rick Stillman

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There are several bills introduced to "fix" the trailer license fee screw up from last year. So far, HB1898 is my favorite as it provides for a \$100 refund to those who bit the bullet and paid the \$118 fee. Other trailer fee bills are HB2916, 2917, 0036, 0636, 0837 and 2895

One item of particular interest and importance to the UBI and its members is HB3754! Sponsored by Charles Meier (R 108th District, Highland), this bill would include the AIRBOW in the archery season. If you feel the crossbow is out of place in the archery only season, just take a look at this thing! It is a compressed air gun that is designed to shoot crossbow bolts. There are currently three manufacturers and they all want a piece of the archery season action. It's not my place to tell you all how to think, but I'm confident that the UBI will choose to oppose this legislation and I believe the IFOR Board will agree. This bill has been assigned to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee. Please follow our website and facebook page for updates.

Other Filed Outdoor Legislation:

HB0123 Lance Yednock 5 YR HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE

HB0278 Lance Yednock WILDLIFE CD-FIREARM EXEMPTION

HB0334 Charles Meier WILDLIFE-LAND PERMIT-RESIDENCY

HB1827 Daniel Didech WILDLIFE-REPEAL BOBCAT TAKING

HB1891 Amy Elik WILDLIFE&CRIM CD-SILENCERS

HB1939 Tony McCombie FISH-FISHING LICENSE EXEMPTION

HB1941 Tony McCombie WILDLIFE CD-YOUTH ONLY HUNTING

HB1974 Lawrence Walsh, Jr. WLDLF CD-TRAPPNG LICNSE EXMPT

HB2549 Andrew S. Chesney WILDLIFE CD-RIFLE DEER HUNTING Would allow rifles chambered in the same cartridges allowed for handguns.

HB2618 Lance Yednock WLDLF CD-TRAPPNG LICNSE EXMPT


HB2744 Robert Rita FISH-AQUATIC STAMPS & LICENSE

HB2921 Avery Bourne WILDLIFE-NUISANCE PERMIT-AGE

HB3302 Lance Yednock WILDLIFE-FIREARM EXEMPT Allows concealed carry during bow and arrow season.

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HB3344 Andrew S. Chesney WILDLIFE CD-HUNTING OPENING each opening weekend for every hunting season established by the DNR shall be at least 4 days long.

HB3645 Avery Bourne MUZZLELOADING SEASON

HB3718 C.D. Davidsmeyer ANIMALS-DOGS-TRESPASS ON LAND

HB3752 Adam Niemerg VETERANS DAY-FISHING LICENSE

HB3755 Charles Meier WILDLIFE CD-WILD SWINE Provides that wild swine may be taken by hunting methods at any time. Provides further that wild swine may be taken during the open season by use of a small light that is worn on the body or hand-held by a person not in any vehicle.

HB3756 Charles Meier FISH & AQUATIC LIFE CODE

HB3757 Charles Meier FISH-PROTECTED SPECIES

HB3812 Norine K. Hammond WLDLIFE-DISABLD YOUTH DEERHUNT Provides that during the special 3-day youth-only firearm deer hunting season, one day of the 3 days shall be reserved for children with disabilities.

HB3928 Thomas M. Bennett CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

HB3917 Natalie A. Manley ANIMALS-HUMANE CARE

Region 4 Report - Ryan Duffy

I was really looking forward to meeting a lot of you at the UBI banquet but unfortunately COVID has proved more resilient than the experts thought. I for one would rather wait a little longer to meet everyone and find you all safe and healthy. That does not mean that we can not talk on the phone or through emails. I would love to hear from everyone weather it is just to talk about hunting or some of the awesome ideas you may have about Region 4 events. What would you like to see? What does the UBI mean to you? Where do you see the UBI in 5 years? Let me know.

I would like to share with everyone my experience hog hunting the last week of March 2021. Every spring, a few great friends and I go hog hunting with our traditional bows and this year was no exception. As the week of the hunt approached, I could feel the excitement building. Which bow/bows to take? What arrow/broadhead combo am I going to use? How am I going to hide from my wife all the new equipment I bought? Before I knew it, we were on our way to Oklahoma on another adventure. At the end of the first day of hunting I had not killed a hog. That's ok, I still have another full day of hunting left. After the second and final day I still had not killed a hog. I will admit that it is a humbling experience especially after years of success in the past. We have all had successes and failures when it comes to hunting but it is how we learn and move on that makes us who we are.

On that second day, someone asked me if I wanted to use a gun instead. I didn't even have to think about it. I simply said that I would never abandon my beliefs and passion for traditional

bowhunting to make it easier when things are not going my way. As traditional bowhunters we choose a path less traveled. A path that is often harder and more challenging in order to find that thing we are looking for weather it be traditions, personal mastery, patience or something you may not even be able to explain.

Upon seeing my friends when I returned home, I was asked all the usual questions. How was the hunting trip? It was great! So how many hogs did you get? None. This is the point when they look at me and say something to the extent of "How can it be great if you didn't get anything?" I never said I didn't get anything. I got to spend time with great friends laughing, joking and making new memories that I will have for a lifetime. I was able to spend time in nature so I could reconnect and recharge. I may not have killed one on this hunting trip but that doesn't mean I wasn't living high on the hog the entire time.

I wish you all good luck as turkey season approaches. As the woods come back to life, I hope you all get a chance to get out and enjoy nature. Try stump shooting or bow fishing to stay in practice and have a great time in the process. What are some of the ways you enjoy traditional bowhunting? I am always looking for new ideas.

Good luck and shoot straight,

Ryan Duffy



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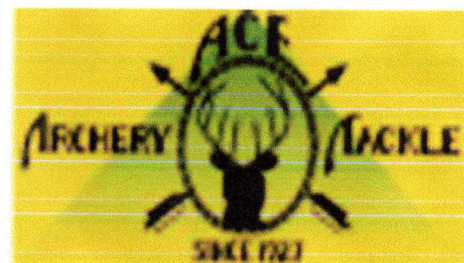
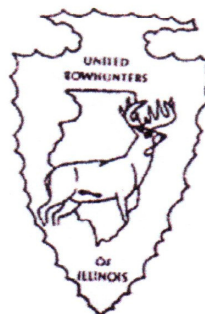
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Region 2 Report - Dan Forystek

First of all, if this reaches anyone in time The Joliet Archery club will have a shoot on May 1st & 2nd . It's a beautiful time of the year in a really nice setting. Same great place as the region 2 summer shoot coming in August. It will be good to get out without a mask on.

Our area is really going through some changes in a good way in the north east part of the state. We are seeing more deer but I have to wonder if it has anything to do with learning what not to do with trail cams. I am sure that implementing food plots help the deer make it through the winter and into the spring well fed encourages them to hang around.

In spite of a very healthy population of Raccoons and a lot of opossums, and now many Bobcats the turkeys seem to be going through a population explosion. What once was a sighting of a Turkey a rarity now people are seeing 50 in a group in a plowed field. WE had 9 hens in our front yard and 9 hens in the back at the same time. The future looks bright.

I hope all of you got the turkey permit you needed, and good luck in the woods. And PLEASE get pictures of your success over to Michael to share with all of us.

Is anyone looking for a sharper broad head?

I think it would be easier to list the people who are not concerned with trying to get a sharper arrow head. In fact, I personally can't think of anyone who is not looking for a sharper head. Most of my life I have considered a sharp pocket knife, or for that matter any knife, important. Weather it was gutting or butchering deer or filleting a fish. Even more important I think is an arrow head as sharp as a hunter can get it.



I personally own a box full of what was, at its time, the newest, latest, greatest, sharpening gizmo a person could its hands on. Only to find out that a file and strop worked better.

After finally getting a two blade double bevel head to acceptable sharpness the single bevel hit the market. Although I could get it sharp enough to kill, I was never really happy with it. Then Jim Ellis gave me a call said he had a system to overcome the biggest major issue incurred while attempting to create a sharp edge, the angle. After knowing Jim for a good while I had no doubt his system would work, however I had no idea how quick and simple it would work. After trying his new jig on a single bevel Grizzly head that took me forever to get close to acceptable sharpness, I was shocked to see how after only a couple strokes it was hardly believable how incredibly sharp and polished it was. After several sharpness tests on everything I could get my hands on in the little arrow making shop I became concerned that it could not be left just anywhere because no one but myself would realize the real danger involved in coming in contact with the edge of this point. It wasn't only the sharpness that concerned me but the flawless smoothness of the entire bevel that would ease it into a very deep cut before you would feel it.

All other previous sharpening methods left me feeling somewhat safe that I would at least feel a slight rough edge on it before I was cut to the bone. I set the point down on the table looking at the harmless looking chrome like edge and felt like I was leaving a loaded gun out for an unsuspecting child to pick up. I have heard of the term scary sharp many times before and used hundreds of scalpels in taxidermy work, but this is dangerously SHARP.

Jim has now perfected this tool to be used on two blade points also. If you like to get one of these sharpening jigs contact Jim Ellis, if you dare. But don't say I didn't warn you.

Dan Forystek

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Region 5 Report - Randall Beasley

Possibly two of the lesser-known archery hall of fame inductees are Walt and Ken Wilhelm. While I knew about Howard Hill, Fred Bear, and Ben Pearson in my early twenties, I only discovered the Wilhelm brothers in my late fifties. Although the Wilhelm brothers were contemporaries of Howard Hill and Fred Bear, information about the exploits of the two brothers is slight in comparison. Walt wrote a book called *The Last Rig to Battle Mountain* describing the family's trip from Missouri to California in a covered wagon while his father prospected for gold. This trip started in Missouri in 1896 and finished in California in 1910. On more than one occasion Walt describes how his father had to use his Winchester lever action to thwart horse thieves and claim jumpers. At the beginning of the trip, Walt was three years old, a sister was one, and other siblings, including Ken, were born during the trip. The children shot bows and arrows and played with Native Americans who lived close to them during the travels. Ken's obituary states he learned to shoot on a Blackfoot reservation in Idaho.

Walt wrote many articles for a variety of magazines. Sometimes these were hunting stories, other times, the stories featured their desert crawling trucks "Lena" and "Prowler." A September 1940's *Popular Mechanix* article featured Walt and Ken and their truck Lena. The article called *Cowboys on Wheels* explained how they installed two sets of tires on each wheel (one inside of the other) to avoid flats while out in the Mojave Desert. The trucks featured a kill switch on the back, so the brothers could ski behind the truck and shoot an arrow into the switch stopping the truck. A short video is available on YouTube showing Lena, and the brothers closing their gas station for the day to play in the Mojave Desert.

Since Hill and the Wilhelm's lived in California, they sometimes hunted together. One example is an August 1936 pig hunt described by Walt in the *Ye Slyvan Archer*. In this article, Walt mentions Ken always had two to three hundred arrows ready for any hunt and had no trouble getting two dozen ready for a hunt. Walt also mentioned that he used an eighty-four-pound bow, Ken a one hundred-three-pound bow, and Howard a one hundred-eight-pound bow.

In a book about Howard Hill, the author mentioned a turkey shoot tournament where Howard won the turkey, but only after Howard and Walt had shot the course several times. The first few times the two were tied. On the last round, Howard won by just a point or two. This was the level of Walt's skills.

I highly recommend the YouTube shorts of Walt's shooting. Walt has an unusual draw and anchor. He draws his right hand close to his side just above the hip bone. He does not anchor against the hip bone but has a floating anchor. I attempted to draw my 30-pound recurve using this type of draw and found I would not be able to pull more than that without extensive training. How anyone could draw an eighty-four-pound bow using Walt's method is beyond my concept.

Ken also possessed superior archery skills. He once held the archery distance flight record of 896 yards and was possibly the first person to shoot an arrow more than one-half mile.

Ken and Walt made movie shorts in the 1930's and 1940's which were as daring and entertaining as anything I have seen on YouTube. One of the short movies shows Walt sitting on a crate with an apple on his head while Ken is behind him with his bow and arrow. Ken shoots the following items from Walt's head: an apple, a ping pong ball, a die, and last a collar button. The shots were from 30 feet away. While he did not miss, I consider such shots too dangerous for anyone to ever attempt. Yet, the brothers performed this trick shot time after time without anyone getting hurt. In another short movie, Ken holds a match, and Walt lights it with the sandpaper glued around the arrow shaft. These shots allow for no mistakes ever!

One additional tidbit about Ken could be fact or an exaggeration. In his book, Walt described Ken ability to throw rocks, which he did frequently. Accordingly, one story claimed Ken was able to throw a baseball well enough to be a major league pitcher. However, he chose a different profession because he wanted to close to his family. Furthermore, the author claims in 1929 Ken threw 15 pitches to Babe Ruth and struck him out three times. If this is true, it might be part of his natural ability which helped him shoot bows so accurately.

Currently, I found three YouTube shorts about these brothers. I only wish the other movies made for Paramount Pictures would become available.

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Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

Spring is here! Maybe. The pandemic restrictions are easing and we can begin to gather again at our traditional events. It looks like Cloverdale and Compton are going to happen this year but even before that we will have some early traditional events. Brother Denny will be hosting his annual Stump Shoot on April 17. Details were described in a previous newsletter. Also Broken Arrow 3D Course is having a traditional only 30 target shoot on Saturday May 1 with registration from 7:00 am- 1:00 pm. This is one of the nicest courses in the state, laid out in a beautiful hardwood forest. The range location is 2780N CR- 2200E Hutton, IL 61920. OR , from Charleston go south on route 130 to the 5 mile house, then left on Westfield blacktop 3 miles to CR 2200E. Turn right (south) and travel 4 miles to entrance on left. Watch for signs. Contact me for more information.

We are on for the Region 3 Rendezvous at Lake Shelbyville again this year, but we are as yet undecided about which park to use. It will depend on scheduling but as always it will be the first weekend after Columbus day. The dates are October 15, 16, 17. Come early and stay late.



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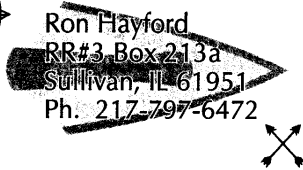





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Upcoming Events

| <u>Date</u> | Event | Host | City |
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| Apr 30 / May 2 | Tennessee Classic Archery Club Shoot | Twin Oaks Bowhunters | Clarksville, TN |
| May 1 | Region 3 Sponsored Shoot | Broken Arrow 3D | Hutton, IL |
| May 1/2 | Region 1 Sponsored Shoot | Joliet Archery Club | New Lenox, IL |
| May 28/30 | TAS World Championship | Traditional Archery Society Muddy Creek Archers Farmland Conservation Club | Winchester, IN |
| May 29/30 | Archery Club Shoot | Iowa Trad Bowhunter Society | Eldora, IA |
| June 5/6 | Archery Club Shoot | East Central Illinois Archers | Urbana, IL |
| June 11/13 | Cloverdale Traditional Nationals | Deer Creek Archers Cloverdale Conservation Club | Cloverdale, IN |
| June 17/20 | Compton Trad Bowhunters Rendezvous | Berrien County Sportsman's Club | Berrier Springs, MI |
| Jul-11 | Archery Club Shoot Vintage Bow Shoot | Buck Hollow | Dickson, TN |
| July 15/18 | IBO World Championship | Twin Oaks Bowhunters | Clarksville, TN |
| Aug. 12/15 | Great Lakes Longbow Invitational | | Hastings, MI |
| Aug. 28/29 | Archery Club Shoot | Blackhawk Field Archers | Shirland, IL |
| Sep 10/12 | Archery Club Shoot | Muddy Creek Archers Farmland Conservation Club | Winchester, IN |
| Oct. 15-17 | UBI Region 3 Rendezvous | Ron & Karen Hayford | Lake Shelbyville |
| Aug TBD | UBI Region 2 Shoot | Dan Forystek Joliet Archery Club | |
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The United Bowhunters of Illinois is adamantly opposed to the inclusion of any weapon that is not hand drawn and hand held in Illinois' archery season. Specifically, we are opposed to the use of the crossbow and the drawlock device, as well as any other weapon that does not require the shooter to draw by hand, hold by hand, and release by hand. Such weapons have the potential to negatively alter the primitive weapon status originally designated for archery seasons in Illinois

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

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

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