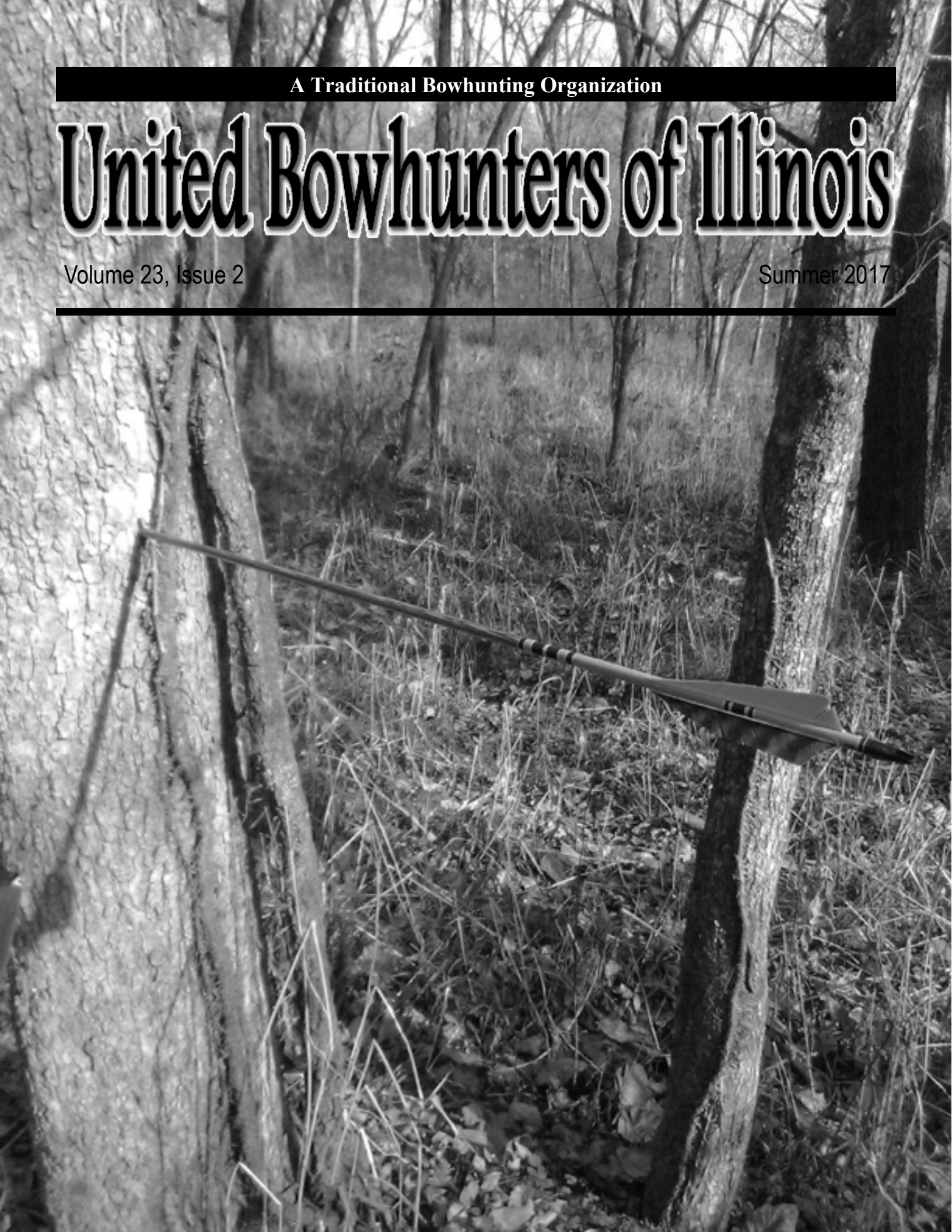


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President's Report - Tim Nuss

I am looking forward to the opportunity and privilege to serve the United Bowhunters of Illinois as the next President. In the past, I have worked with many different Presidents, U.B.I. Board Members and U.B.I. Regional Representatives. Each and every one of them have done things a little different, which I plan to incorporate along with some new ideas that have been suggested to me. I am open to new suggestions as I would like to see our membership grow.

I have tried to be a productive and active member of our organization since we started it many years ago by attending and participating in as many of the U.B.I. events as possible. I was also fortunate enough to serve as the first U.B.I. Region 3 Representative. That was a great learning experience for me and a lot of fun. We now have 5 regional Reps. I feel the involvement of this group will be a tremendous asset to our organization. I hope many of you will take part and support the events they host.

In the last few years I have done the best I could to perform the duties of U.B.I. Membership Secretary. That has given me the opportunity to interact and get to know even more of the U.B.I. membership. This responsibility has been taken over by Patrick Norris.

Please read the newsletter to see present board members and regional reps. They will all need your support to make the organization as great as it can be.

Any contact with your state representatives and senators is greatly needed. Let them know about the UBI and the impact their vote may have for our sport of bowhunting.

Again, I encourage you to be aware of the current board members and regional reps., support them by attending events and bringing your concerns to them.

As always please contact me any time with any comments, questions, suggestions, or complaints.

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Director's Report - Paul Ladner

The new board is getting settled in via a couple teleconferences. Face to face contact is great, but just trying to get a half dozen people together for a phone conference can be a challenge let alone when they are all over the state. Chairman Tim Nuss has a good grip on things and some great ideas moving forward. I urge everyone to offer him your support.

Michael Wiltse has updated the web page with the past newsletters, dates of upcoming events, etc... It is a great resource for our members and informative for potential members. Please visit the web page and post on the message board.

We also have a Facebook page. Please like, follow and share. I know we traditional hunters can be a bit averse to techy stuff, but a digital presence is important to the younger crowd, our future members.

It seems the inevitability of full inclusion of crossbows in archery season may come to pass. Not sure if it is a done deal, but from what I understand it has gotten past the house and senate. I am sure you will hear more about this issue elsewhere. The DNR maintains a neutral stance and the NRA fully supports it.

The state fair will be 8/10-20 in Springfield. The UBI supports the archery tent in conservation world and we help man the tent on the second weekend of the fair. Consider attending the fair and helping out at the event. It is fun working with all ages and skill levels.

Contact me if you can help.

By the time you get this newsletter the selfbow building workshop will in the past. We have several people at least who will be attending. At least one will be enrolling as a new member. Speaking of new members, we had a table at the Compton shoot and signed up 3 new members there. Thanks to those who helped out.

Anyone interested in, or need any information about the Jerry Pierce scholarship can contact me.

Director's Report - Bob Mayo

I'm honored to be one of the new directors of the UBI, and I hope that I can in some way help make the UBI an even better organization than it is now. Many of you may have met my wife, Jan and I at the UBI banquets, or other traditional events, at our Ace Archery Tackle booth.

We saw many of our friends from the UBI at the Compton traditional shoot in Michigan, in June. The UBI had a booth there. I got to shoot the courses at Compton with my custom Black Widow Longbow that I won at the UBI banquet a few years ago. It seemed like everyone at our table won something at that banquet.

Because of my business, I get to travel to traditional events throughout the Midwest. I regularly see fellow UBI members, and Illinois bowhunters who have never heard of the UBI, at traditional events in Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky. We always see a few UBI members at Illinois best-kept secret, the Blackhawk traditional shoot near Shirland, Illinois, which will be held on August 19-20 this year. It's not a huge shoot, but they have 3 very enjoyable courses, and my wife Jan has brought home a few trophies in years past. Their classic target course is a unique experience. They really put a lot of time and effort into those hand-crafted targets. The Blackhawk Field Archers club is one of the oldest archery clubs in Illinois, founded in 1946. They have a nice clubhouse where they serve breakfast and lunch both days, and always have a good dinner on Saturday night.

I am also pleased to report that the turkey population in southern Illinois seems to have increased from the previous couple of years. We saw and heard many more birds this spring when we took our annual spring trip to the Pine Hills area in the Shawnee National Forest near Anna/Jonesboro. Those turkeys must be very familiar with the regulations though, because the huge gobbler I saw strutting for 3 hens in the road in front of where I parked my Jeep, knew that when I came out of the woods and saw them there, I couldn't shoot him. Even though I came home without harvesting a bird, it is always exciting and enjoyable to experience seeing them in the beautiful setting of the national forest. We also saw other wildlife there, including an armadillo (deceased) on the Pine Hills road! We thought this was quite unusual for Illinois, but then again, we were in southern Illinois!



I hope to see many of you UBI members at upcoming UBI and traditional archery events soon.

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Director's Report - Jason Farr

The Farr Side of Fulton County,

I spoke with Mr. Rick Duggan yesterday who has confirmed his position to be our guest speaker at the 2018 banquet. Mr. Duggan was the first person to complete the "Super Slam" which is harvesting all twenty nine big game animals recognized by Pope and Young with a recurve. I heard him speak at Compton several years ago and he was very entertaining. His ability to tell a story reminds me of Monty Browning.

Your board members have been brainstorming new ideas like creating opportunities to draw a larger interest from our youth and in July we had our first selfbow making class at Paul Ladner's. Mr. Nuss and I have been thinking about going to Springfield this summer to discuss different options with our banquet facility. By the way I'd like to thank Tim for stepping up to accept his new role as President of The UBI as well as thank Jim Ellis for his time served. Also, I offer a big thank you to Mike Wiltse for editing and doing the leg work for our magazine.

Wow, by the time you read this summer will be half over. This summer I've had a new experience of shooting a new bow a friend of mine made in his garage. This was my first opportunity I've had to take part in anything like that before. I joke by saying I learned the process of making a bow and he learned patience. Anyway, throughout the journey I couldn't help but think of the experiences I hope to have with this bow. To those who have never made a bow before I have to admit it has kind of taken on a life of its own.



PONDERINGS

I thought about the summer heat it will endure and then the freezing temperatures it will be subjected to. How many snowfalls will it witness? How many sunrises and sunsets will it see? How many times will it see a "light" shower turn into a down pour? I think of the many times I plan on reaching for it at the sound or sight of an approaching animal. How many animals will it be laid across as I admire a freshly harvested trophy? I ponder its travel. Will it see the belly of an airplane or will it even leave the Midwest? How many times will I be holding it after missing a "chip

shot" or having it in my hands while following a successful blood trail to a fallen animal?

As you can tell throughout the process I had time to reflect on life and bowhunting. I've concluded that we as traditional bowhunters are a different lot. Some of us prefer the stroke of 0.010 of an inch off an exact spot in a limb rather than a CNC machine. Most prefer wood over aluminum or carbon and file rather than change broadhead blades. We're proud of our short shots and knowing success isn't reliant upon the latest gadget or a \$1600.00 hunting outfit. Like life in general I firmly believe that in bowhunting we get out of it what we put into it. With that being said I'm off to hang another trail camera and confirm a new treestand location. Have a safe rest of the summer.

A Bowhunter,

Jason Farr



Director's Report - Peter Tarcha

The carp were spawning in the Chain-of-Lakes and other ponds in Northeastern Illinois in early June 2017. I had not used my boat in about 5 years, but pay insurance and registration fees every year. I have to either use the boat or get rid of it. So I got it working and went out on the Chain a couple of times and whacked a few. Now I feel a little better about the boat.

An e-mail went out to most of the membership regarding a Self-Bow Building workshop to be taught by Bernard Swank on July 22-24, 2017 at Paul Ladner's farm. The event may be one for the UBI History Books when you read this, but at the time of this writing, we have 3 definite and 4 maybe participants. We should see the overall results at the 2018 banquet, where we will have a self-bow contest on the agenda.

It is likely that we will have cross-bows for the entire archery season sometime in the near future.

The bill passed the Senate with only 2 NAYS, but is listed as going back to the Rules Committee. I was troubled when I heard from the UBI directors who were working on the issue for us in Springfield, that the NRA was actively lobbying for the bill. I have been an NRA member for most of my life and never saw anything mentioned about cross-bows in their publication, American Rifleman, which I get. I sent a certified letter to Director Chris Cox, at the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, as an NRA member in good standing, asking if NRA had a position on cross-bows, and if so, why are they involved. He referred my letter to his Illinois State Liaison, Shannon Alfred, with whom I spoke with recently. My letter is printed below:

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May 24, 2017

Chris W. Cox, Director
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Dear Director Cox:

I am currently a member of the National Rifle Association and have been so for many years. A non-firearm matter has come to my attention which is troubling, because an NRA lobbyist is involved. The issue I am referring to is a bill in the Illinois Legislature to change the Illinois Wildlife code to allow the use of cross-bows as a legal weapon throughout the entire archery deer season (S-1467).

I learned through another organization, where I serve on the Board of Directors, namely, the United Bowhunters of Illinois, that an NRA lobbyist, Todd Vandermyde, is actively lobbying legislators to support S-1467. This was further confirmed by calling my State Representative, Barbara Wheeler, District 64, whose staff told me that Mr. Vandermyde and the NRA was backing S-1467 because it would open up another season to hunters. Using this logic, why is not the NRA supporting the use of firearms during the archery season in Illinois as well?

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My archery organization, United Bowhunters of Illinois, and I, oppose such legislation because cross-bow shooting is not archery in any sense of the word and does not belong in the season set aside for the sport of bowhunting.

Please let me know what the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action official position is on the use of cross-bows during archery seasons in Illinois as well as Nationwide. The NRA does a good job in the promotion of firearm safety and the preservation of Second Amendment rights. Why is it getting involved in non-firearm hunting issues better left to the States and their own Departments of Natural Resources?

If my dues and financial contributions to NRA and NRA-ILA are being used to support special interests outside the firearms arena, I will re-evaluate my continued membership and possible redirect said resources to other organizations, such as the Gun Owners of America.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Tarcha

Shannon Alford told me over the phone on 6-16-17 that the NRA supports the introduction of crossbows into the archery seasons in Illinois, and Nationwide, because it provides more opportunities for hunters, and increases hunter recruitment. I explained to her that true bowhunting is a difficult sport where individuals train for years to become proficient. That is why there is a separate archery deer season. Allowing cross-bows in an archery season is akin to allowing motorbikes into a bicycle race, to increase participation! This argument is not persuasive to the NRA.

I asked if the NRA receives donations from crossbow manufacturers. She said that she does not know, nor does she want to know such information.

Shannon could not refer me to any written policy statement by the NRA-ILA on crossbows, but sent me two links. She said that most of their policy statements are in the forms of correspondence to NRA members.

If you look at the links, it is clear that cross-bow manufacturers are advertising and promoting their products in NRA's sister publication, American Hunter.

Shannon Alford

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UBI Teleconference Meeting - 6/26/17

Attendance: Jason Farr, Peter Tarcha, Paul Ladner, Jim Ellis, Tim Nuss, Michael Wiltse and Bob Mayo.

Minutes from last meeting: Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Jim gave quick update referring to his report recently emailed.

Membership Status: Pat Norris is to be the membership secretary. We have had a few new members lately via the Compton Shoot and selfbow class.

2018 Banquet: Some early planning discussion was held. Jason Westbrook, Kevin Bishop and Gene Hopkins were mentioned as potential programs and Rick Duggin is to be the banquet program and do a midday presentation as well. Selfbow contest was mentioned with desire to have an area to shoot the selfbows.

Summer shoot: Jason Farr is to look into Black Diamond archery range near Canton, Illinois for the shoot.

Conservation Committee: Peter Tarcha to chair again.

Legislative Committee: Tim Nuss is going to chair

Regional Reps: Tim Nuss is planning to contact the regional reps and report back to the board.

Education Committee: Paul Ladner to chair.

Social Media Advisor: Tim wanting to add a new "committee" to supervise our digital presence on social media. He proposes Jared Schofner with Karen Hayford helping.

Vice President: Seems we have not had a designated VP recently. Tim will contact Jim Shultze re: interest.

Web site: Michael Wiltse has gotten previous newsletters on the UBI web site. Events are current and listed as is new member application.

Selfbow Clinic: Peter Tarcha is organizing with the help of Paul Ladner and Bernard Swank. The event will be held near Maquon Illinois 7/22-24.

IFOR Liason: Rick Stillman will continue in this role.

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Then & Now - Pat Cebuhar

Third Time is the - Not So Charming?

I read an article in the Dec/Jan 2017 edition of *Traditional Bowhunter* magazine written by Ryan W. Theiler, titled *The Aesthetics of Hunting*. In the article he used Webster's definition of aesthetics where art & beauty define the word. It was kind of a difficult read for somebody from Fulton County but I think I eventually got the author's idea? Not sure I actually agree with all he had to say or maybe how he said it, as he was begging to differ with Aldo Leopold, and Leopold's writings in the *Sand County Alminac*, where Leopold draws a parallel of hunting to the opera. In my opinion there are similarities, in that like the opera, hunting, specifically bowhunting isn't for everyone. Some people can't sing, some singers can't and shouldn't sing opera and some like myself just don't appreciate the value of the opera. However those with a passion, desire & hard work, can learn to sing opera. While others who can't sing can be made to sound pretty good through the use of a high tech recording studio? Much the same can be applied to bowhunting. Anyway it got me to thinking about the value of aesthetics and the traditional beauty inherent to bowhunting. This may be where the real rub comes in as "Main Stream Archery Hunters" have lost the romance of archery past, along with the valuable aesthetics associated with true traditional bowhunting. As I see it, Main Streamers tend to approach things in a more business-like manner, an approach where the end result is far more important than the "Journey". Things for you to ponder. As a traditional bowhunter, Is the aesthetics of the hunt important to you? Does the aesthetics of the hunt Matter to you? Can the aesthetics of the hunt make a difference in the perception of those watching you, and does that matter? What Say You?

This leads us to another good thought provoking article I read in the April/May 2017 edition of *Traditional Bowhunter* magazine written by Marvin Cochran titled *Protect Against Identity Theft*. It is a good read and Marvin talks about how things have changed and how bowhunting's identity and the perception by others is changing over generations of time. Later on in the article Marvin suggests it's time for discussions of special traditional only seasons. That discussion is not some new idea. I remember talking with the late Jay Massey on the issue many years ago at PBS Banquets. Jay predicted the time would come and that the last best course of action would be to let things run the gambit and then go back & lobby for traditional low impact seasons all over again. Kind of the way it all started.

With that said we as traditional bowhunters need to think about our own actions and the aesthetics of our hunting experiences and the perception we present outward.

I saw this term "trad tech" and it struck me as odd. Is that one of them there oxymoron's? Do those two words belong in the same sentence? Or is that the bridge across the mainstream? A bridge

from the techy world, allowing those seeking easy access from today's world, to one of days past, the traditional world? I've found it rather amusing over the years to just stand around listen to the conversations at traditional bowhunting events. In years past, back **Then**, the conversations were basically hunting related how to do it, where to go, and hunting stories in general.

While more recently, **Now**, there is still some of those stories going on, but there seems to be far more talk of arrow speed, weight, some new bow, arrow or string material etc. In other words if I closed my eyes & just listened I might get the impression the group doing all the talking was more of a high tech nature type. That sounds kinda funny too, high tech & nature in the same sentence?

18 years ago we lost our friend Jerry Pierce. Jerry's quotes still ring true and resonate in hearts and souls of true traditionalists. Quotes like these from Jerry – "*Perhaps equipment does not a bowhunter make, but it sure as hell shortens the list of perspective candidates.*" and "*I feel sorry for the poor souls who don't know the smell of a fresh cut cedar arrow.*"

Today we see Carbon arrows made to look traditional but they don't smell the part? Here's an idea. Ya know how when you're being a good husband and shopping with your wife & going around smellin them Yankee Candle scents? Well we could get one of them cedar ones they sell at Christmas time, pull the inserts out of them carbon arrows & fill the shaft with cedar smelling candle wax and then they could appreciate the smell? It could be a cover sent too. Marketing genius!

Thinking about scents. Another old memory. Do you remember as a young hunter, the smell of gun powder from freshly fired shot shell, especially a paper cased one? Sometimes that was the only reward from a missed shot at a fleeing bunny or covey of quail. How many kids today could recognize that that fresh smell of gun powder? Well, at least outside of Chicago, but that's a different story.

Don't let them pull the wool over your eyes with stuff merely labeled as traditional for market purposes. Wool in my eyes is traditional hunting wear and has always been one of the best choices. Companies like Woolrich & LL Bean have supplied the sport hunter for more than a century. It's truly of aesthetic value to see old photo's of Pope & Young, Teddy Roosevelt & others who dressed in wool suits, complete with ties, as the traditional hunting attire of the day. Since those days gone by we have had the military surplus era camo which came along after WWII and coincided along with those wearing just a plain old drab colored chamois shirts & jeans. This era was just before hunting became a big industry. Today's high tech garb seems designed & marketed, much like fishing lures to catch the suckers (pun intended). Everything is 99% proof, smell proof, water proof, & invisible proof? With a pocket designed to carry your 99% proof.

As we talk about attire hats come to mind. Anybody remember Stormy Cromer & Jones style hats? Don't know where you could buy one these days. Oh – “duh” on e-bay. You can read between those lines. Anyway back **Then**, those wearing a brand new hat just as well hang a sign on themselves saying “Greenhorn” kick me in the butt I know nothing. The guys you wanted to listen to wore hats showing experience. Sweat rings around the brim, thread bar on brims, blood stains, briar tears, and occasionally a hand sewn repair. Adorned with fur, feathers, duck bands, teeth, claws or other small trophies. All as individual as a *Charlie 1 Horse*. The aesthetic value of those well-worn topnot covers represented years of Experience Earned. Well like everything else, Now, you can buy that instant pre-worn experienced looking ragged hat. Must be too much of an effort to earn it these days. Another example, much like the hats there are fake worn, dirty & torn jeans. I saw them advertised the other day for \$425.00 a pair. I think they callem faux dirty jeans? At any rate neophyte's can look like they actually worked but don't have to really do anything or get dirty. Well now here's an idea, I'm thinking some faux bloodstained camo so they can look the part without the experience. I remember there was some old saying about judging a book by its cover. Is the book's cover the real deal, worn leather, or is it a faux bowhunter, steeling your identity as Marvin suggests in his article.



This Country is rapidly losing Hands-on Skills of all kinds. Specifically to our sport, woodsmanship, craftsmanship, and all associated skills like, knife/broadhead sharpening, arrowsmithing, leather work, bowmaking etc. Those skills, aesthetic skills, that we as traditional Bowhunters sometimes take for granted.

One last all-encompassing quote from Jerry Pierce. *“I FEEL SORRY FOR ALL THE POOR SOULS WHO GO DOWN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY PATH OF BOWHUNTING, AT THE END CLAIMING SUCCESS, THAT HAVE NOT EVEN THE BASIC SKILL TO SHARPEN A BROADHEAD, OR COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE AROMA OF A CEDAR WOOD SHAFT.” JERRY PIERCE*

Then the aesthetic value of the hunt was of equal or greater importance as was the outcome of the hunt. Maybe not Now. **Then** too success came at a cost, a cost of hundreds of hours in equipment preparation, vibram soles worn nearly smooth from scouting, & hunting. Earning the sweat stained weather worn hat, dressed in carefully mended wool, carrying a scratched bow, and cedar shafts fletched with tattered barred turkey feathers weary from weather. Those were traits of the man with a simple bow. A man who appreciates the aesthetic beauty in the curves of the limbs, grain in the wood and the craftsmanship that created it. A man who chose a lifestyle rich with aesthetic reward. The Way of the Hunt, Earned & Appreciated by him and others like him, Admired by some but not automatically given, or bought by all.



**Archery Hall of Fame, Glenn St. Charles exhibit with a Jerry Pierce Bow - located in Bass Pro Shop Springfield Mo.
Photos by Pat Cebuhar**

Bowhunting is a sport with a rich traditional history. This history alone clearly identifies bowhunting;s own aesthetic identity. Local traditional legends like Jerry Pierce merge with National Bowhunting Legend Glenn St. Charles.

Then the two men discussed bowhunting's future & Now their legacy lives on in the Archery Hall of Fame.

Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

The Fall 2017 Hunting Champaign is on the horizon. Something that we always need to be aware of is safety. Please check your old stands that have been hanging for a year and while hanging new stands, beware of safety. Don't just preach safety but practice it!

My Spring Turkey Season was more hearing and not seeing the birds. I heard birds gobbling from the roost and then as soon as they would hit the ground, dead silence. My theory is there must have been a lot of hens that needed to be tended to. Oh well, hopefully it means more turkeys in the future.

One thing that was not lacking this spring were ticks. Ticks and tick bites for me were an all time high. My brother-in-law suggested an old remedy that he swore by; "GOLD" Dial soap. It has to be the Gold old fashion kind. His secret of this particular brand has proven to me to be effective. Cutting wood, fixing pasture fence, weed eating and walking in the woods with my lab Mazy, has kept me tick free. Does anyone else have an old remedy to keep ticks at bay that you would like to share? I am always ready to try a new "old" technique or remedy and put it in these reports to share with our members.

Region 1 Report - Denny Hayford

Well you didn't have to miss me for long. I accepted the Region 1 Representative's position so please feel free to contact me concerning anything UBI. If you have any ideas for events or archery related questions your regional reps are here to help. Our contact information is on the first page of your newsletter.

Region 1 Spring Stump Shoot

This was the best year ever for the Region 1 Spring Stump Shoot. We counted 25 attendees this year. A big thanks to all who brought their own 3D targets for the range. The weather cooperated for the 4th year in a row. It was touch and go the first half the week but the weekend was great. We even got to throw some bow birds this year. As before we had an afternoon potluck and no one went away hungry. We even sold some T-shirts and added one new member. Welcome to Lyndall Cuba! Lyndall has attended many of our functions in the past and has been a personal friend for about 40 years.

UBI Dress Shirts and T-shirts

We still have some new club T-shirts left. I have turned the t-shirts over to Jim Ellis so please contact him if you would like to purchase one. I believe all sizes in both short and long sleeve are still available. S-XL \$14.00, 2XL \$16.00, long sleeve S-XL \$16.00, long sleeve 2XL \$18.00. I can help you get in contact with the vendor for the dress shirts if you are interested in them. Denny Hayford (309-840-2327) or you may contact EmbroidMe (Bill Garrigan) 815-485-4155 or email newlenox@embroidme.com website www.embroidme-newlenox.com. I spoke with Bill and he will take individual orders.

I was also thinking maybe we all could collect some great websites or blogs that we would find applicable to our craft as well as entertaining for all the members. If you have any websites or blogs you think would be worthy to share with our membership, please send them to me and I will collect them and put them in the next newsletter. My email is best5@madisonelco.com.

Here is hoping your up coming season will be everything you have dreamt of! Good luck!

Gilbert

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It has been a busy spring beginning with the UBI Stump Shoot, followed closely by the Tennessee Classic, Cloverdale, and Compton with a Manitoba bear hunt squeezed in between. Unfortunately I didn't fill the tag but had a great trip with Ron Ruebhausen and Mike Davenport. I'd go again just to eat more of Mike's cooking.

Remember the State Fair tent is August 19 & 20 this year so if you are free that weekend or can convince the wife to take the kids while you work the tent we hope to see you there. This is a great opportunity for us to get our organization in front of a lot of people. In the past we've run 600 to 700 kids through there a day.

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

Best Regards,

Denny Hayford



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Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

In May region 3 did the archery event for the central Illinois Boy Scout Council and IDNR. It was held in Wolf Creek State Park at Lake Shelbyville. The attendance was good, around 500 scouts and other young people. When it finally quit raining, we sloshed in mud and water for the rest of the day. The wet weather was not enough to dampen the spirits of our unflappable volunteers. I want to thank Ron Jack, Don Osborne, Chuck Ormsby, Tim Nuss, Mike Barbee, Amanda Barbee, and Karen Hayford for being there to help all day long.

The Tennessee Classic also started off with rain which limited the available camping space. It was well attended by many UBI members. It is always good to see so many familiar faces. Randy Beasley is now retired, and he has been everywhere this spring. We saw him at Tennessee ,Cloverdale, Compton, and he was always displaying the UBI banner. Way to go Randy!

At Cloverdale our UBI member Nancy Norris made us all proud at the Saturday night shoot out. She displayed incredible archery form and poise while shooting in front of a crowd of spectators. The overall high score was 100 and Nancy shot an amazing 97. She can shoot folks. Congratulations Nancy!

At the Compton Traditional Rendezvous in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Karen and I decided to volunteer this year. Many of our members including Joe Furlong, Joe Atherton, Larry and Mala Jones, Chuck Jones, Linda and Herb Henderson have been volunteering for years, so we got involved too. We ended up serving cake on Friday night, helping with the kids dutch oven cooking on Saturday morning, helping with youth archery on Saturday afternoon and Karen helped with the ladies tea on Saturday afternoon. We also manned the UBI booth on Friday morning which was nice because we got to see and visit with everyone while we were at the booth. Later Jim Ellis and Jerry Gille arrived to take over the booth for the rest of Friday and Saturday. The booth is a good idea because it gets our name out there, and we did sign up some new members. Also multiple camps displayed our UBI banner. Thank you to everyone who is helping to promote the UBI.



Not only do many UBI members help out at the Compton Rendezvous, but several members are in leadership roles in Compton. Dennis Harper is the current president, Dave Jarvis is the past president, Kenny Davenport is the treasurer, and Richard Dewey is a director. I am glad to see the strong UBI influence in a national organization.

Jered Shofner has redone our facebook page to make it easier to access. Please look for our new page, and follow the activities and events posted there.

Mark your calendars for the Eagle Creek Rendezvous in October. It is the first weekend after Columbus Day which is October 12, 13, 14, and 15 this year. If you want to reserve a camping site, go to www.reserveamerica.com. We will be camping in the Hickory Lane area which is sites 135-148.



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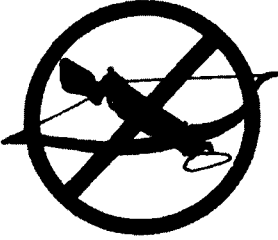


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We are not opposed to the use of such devices by the truly handicapped, but we do question the legitimacy of some of these cases. Therefore we support all efforts by the IDNR to maintain the integrity in issuing handicap permits so as to minimize abuse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

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