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President's Report - Tim Nuss

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer so far. It was a cold wet spring in my area.

We have had some great UBI events over the last few months. In April we had the Region 1 Annual Stump Shoot. The Hayford's always host this event and they always do a fantastic job with it. Lots of good friends gathering at Denny Hayford's place for lots of shooting, fellowship and really good food. A big thanks goes out to the Hayford's for doing all that they do for us.

In April we had the Annual East Central Illinois Archers – All Traditional Shoot at their range in Urbana Illinois. The U.B.I. help in any way we can to promote this shoot. They have a great range and lots of very fine members that do everything they can to make us feel at home. The U.B.I. had quite a few of its members in attendance. Ace Archery Tackle was set up at the event. They always lead the way. I hope that we will have more U.B.I. members and Traditional Archery related vendors able to take part in this event next year.

In June I was very pleased to see so many U.B.I. members at the Compton Rendezvous. We had about 35 members in attendance. We had quite a few big beautiful U.B.I. banners proudly displayed in the campground and lots of our members wore their U.B.I. t-shirts. U.B.I. had a table at the rendezvous. Members helped at the table Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I would really recommend the Compton Rendezvous to anyone that has not had the opportunity to attend it. I would also recommend Compton as a national organization. They are working hard every day to promote and protect Traditional Archery like we are. They are truly a great group of people working together to do all that they do to make Compton as good as it is.

In August we have the last weekend of the Illinois State Fair to look forward to (August 17th and 18th). We help in the Archer Tent at Conservation World. We help with getting lots of people a chance to try their hand at archery by volunteering in the booth. For some people it is their first exposure to archery, and some have had lots of experience with archery. Our club has been fortunate to have the Secker family to make it happen each year for more years than I can count. They are such a fixture at the fair in the archery tent that people come back each year just to see them and shoot with the volunteers. The Secker's are great ambassadors in the world of archery. Untold numbers of people have started on the journey of archery because of what the Secker's do each year.

On August 24th and 25th we will be having the U.B.I. Annual Region 2 Event at the Joliet Archery Club. This year it will be a 2-day event. Dan Forystek will be hosting it this year for the U.B.I. They have a nice facility. We hope to attract more traditional shooter, U.B.I. members, and Traditional Archery Vendors to the event this year. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Dan or me, and we will do whatever we can to help get you the answers you need.

In May we had a U.B.I. Board membership election. We had 4 seats open for this term. We opened it up for volunteers prior to the election. We had 3 of the existing members willing to serve another term. Mr. Jered Shofner volunteered to fill a board position for a very hard-working member that I personally have always enjoyed working with. Mr. Jim Schulze. I personally would like to thank Jim for all that he has done, and I know that he will continue to do for all of us in the U.B.I. Thanks Jim! I talked to the board members and the regional representatives, explained the situation to them, and decided that we would not have ballots printed, mailed out and time spent on a forgone conclusion that Mr. Jered Shofner would fill the only open seat and that the other three of us would continue on. I am very pleased that Bob Mayo, Nancy Norris, and now Jered Shofner have all agreed to take on another term with me on the board of directors for the U.B.I. Our board members are me, Bob Mayo, Jason Farr, Paul Ladner, Nancy Norris, Jered Shofner, and Jim Ellis (Past President). I am looking forward to working with each and everyone of them in the future. We have a lot to do and we have a great group of people assembled to do it.

I would also like to take this time to encourage everyone to check into their membership. It has been brought to my attention that we have quite a few people that I hope will renew their membership. We need each and everyone of you. So please if you have any questions about your membership please contact our Membership Secretary (Cheryl Best), me, Any Board Member or Any Regional Representative. Cheryl has made sure that we have updated membership lists. I would like to give Cheryl a shout out and a big Thank You for all her hard work she has done with the membership duties.

Don't forget checking us out on Facebook and on Instagram.

We are still looking for someone that would be willing to take over the newsletter and web-site duties. If anyone would be willing and able to do either one of those jobs, please [contact](#) Mr. Michael Wiltse or me.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for all their participation and support in all the U.B.I. Events that we are involved in. I am doing everything I can to promote all traditional archery events throughout the state and introduce as many people as I can to the U.B.I. Seeing the U.B.I. grow is very important to me.

As always if anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me at tim_nuss@hotmail.com or my cell phone (217) 379-7555 or leave me a message on my home phone (217) 395-2411.

Tim Nuss

Director's Report - Nancy Norris

Do you hunt? Shoot your bow for recreation? Enjoy the camaraderie? Like the competition? It doesn't matter as long as you are having fun. Danny is the hunter, and we both enjoy ALL the aspects of traditional archery. However, I can guarantee you, if you attend 3D shoots; you will meet phenomenal people, and have a great time.

The Kentucky Tradfest in April was both cold and muddy. Danny and our friends helped me traverse the course; however Danny was sure I would end up in the mud (I didn't). The course was set up beautifully, and the Saturday night potluck was delicious.



required. Mother Nature wasn't very kind, and Sunday we shot in mud that was at least 6-8 inches deep in some places, and some stakes were in water. Walking from target to target was challenging, let alone scoring and retrieving arrows, but was still great fun.

The Cloverdale Nationals is now in the books. We had beautiful weather! The course was great and the Deer Creek Archers did an excellent job. There was a money shoot off Saturday night with a \$10 entry fee. Of course, I can't forget the long distance shoot, and the aerial shoot with flu flues. Sunday morning was the shoot off to determine the top 3 shooters in each class. Everyone shot all 13 targets, and club members scored each round.



Weather is always questionable at spring shoots, however that doesn't stop traditional archers from going. The Tennessee Classic in May was no exception to rainy weather. The crowd was big, the vendors were there in force, and once again the potluck was outstanding. With the UBI banner in the Ace Archery & Tackle tent and our campsite, Jan Mayo received a new UBI application, and I got a renewal. The Twin Oaks Club members out did themselves in setting up realistic targets. Have you ever wanted to build a self bow? This is place to go, and you'll get all the help you need. If you've been there before, they always had a shower tent with hot and cold running water, but this year they built a permanent shower house!

The Traditional Archery Society World Championship was held in May at the Farmland Conservation Club in Winchester, Indiana. After shooting the championship course, you can shoot again in another class. After turning in your score card, there is unlimited shooting on the course Friday and Saturday. On Sunday there is a shoot off for the top 12 scorers in each class. There was also a practice course set up with 10 big game targets. There are several other competitions for you to enjoy: the broadhead shoot, the stump shoot, the Ultimate Championship round (which is the top scorers for both men and women), and the fantasy shoot. Each of these events has a shoot off to determine the winners. Of course there is also catch and release fishing in the lake, with no license



I'm very proud to say that Danny and I are friends with quite a few traditional archers trying out for Team USA. These American athletes will represent the USA at the World Archery 3D Championship in Canada in September. Congratulations to all the competitors, but especially to our friends who made the team: Fawn Girard, Carolyn Bolen, Sherry Harrell-Pugh, Kim Timberlake, Joella Bates, Calvin Smock and David Wallace.

Here are some upcoming events that are on our schedule. If you know of any others, please let me know.

IBO Traditional World – Pipe Stem West Virginia, July 19-21

TAS Regional – Farmland Conservation Club, Winchester, IN, August 2-4

Region 2 UBI shoot – Joliet Archery Club, August 23, 24

Muddy Creek Archery Club - Farmland Conservation Club, Winchester, IN, September 6-8

Region 3 UBI Rendezvous – Lake Shelbyville, October 18-20

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Director's Report - Bob Mayo

I would first like to welcome our newest member of the Board of Directors, Jered Shofner. Jered has been a UBI member for 17 years, and is a past president. He is an accomplished bowhunter and bowyer. I would like to thank Jim Schulze, who has stepped down from the board after serving for several years, and dedicating a lot of time and effort to the UBI.

The UBI had a good turnout at the East Central Illinois Archers second annual traditional only shoot in Urbana, this past May. I got to enjoy shooting with some fellow UBI members on a great archery range. We had a good time, and the weather was much better than predicted. Come to think of it, bad weather was predicted for every traditional shoot we have gone to so far this year, and the weather turned out much better than predicted. There are still a couple of traditional shoots in Illinois you can enjoy in August.

The Blackhawk Field Archers will have their annual traditional only shoot on August 17 and 18. Their range is located at 10086 Forest Preserve Road, Rockton, IL. They have really good courses and facilities. The food's good too.

The Joliet Archery Club will hold their annual traditional only shoot on August 24 and 25. Their range is located at 3700 W. Francis Rd., New Lenox, IL.

If you don't mind a little longer drive, try the Great Lakes Longbow Invitational near Hastings MI at Charlton Park, on August 9-11. Anyone with a longbow can enjoy noncompetitive ranges, or participate in some of the competition events.

I hope some of you UBI members had better luck than I did this past spring turkey season. Well there's always next year. Don't forget that squirrel season opens on August 1. There is nothing more fun than losing all of your arrows shooting at those quick little critters. Don't forget, you can apply online for a bobcat tag starting September 1.

Remember, if you're at a traditional shoot and 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.

Bob Mayo

“The Farr Side of Fulton County” - Jason Farr

Dear Traditional Bowhunters,

With the carp spawn behind us, summer is now in full swing. Hope everyone had a great turkey season and is having a safe summer. A UBI event on my August calendar is helping at the State Fair’s Archery Booth. For those you who are not familiar please stop by see us in the DNR’s area. Also, if there is anything else you’d like out of the UBI please ask. This is your organization. I’d like to ask each of you to keep the thought of our banquet in your mind and if you see something throughout the year that might be a good auction item, grab it.

I don’t have to tell you guys that April and May brought rains of near biblical proportions. Trying to get anything planted was impossible so it goes without saying that I have plenty of arrows built, treestands hung and I’ve had the opportunity to shoot almost every day. Another thing, my four year old daughter and I have been doing is taking plenty of side by side rides. One afternoon while on a ride we visited a place that brings back some great memories. Let me share one of my favorites with you.

The Longest Quick Hunt

Several years ago, on Christmas Eve the guys I hunt with and I decided to do a quick push of the strip mine banks east of Table Grove. As I’ve described earlier the steep hillsides that surround a strip mine lake make for ideal locations to orchestrate a “slow” push to the waiting bowhunter. These hillsides are plagued with deep ditches that run up and down them created by years of erosion. This in turn makes deer and other animals take the easiest exit path by crossing these ditches at the top. There we wait behind anything available. Most often a conglomeration of locust blow downs.

Now before this hunt started my friends all made it clear that time was of the essence due to the holiday obligations that lay before them later in the day. Two friends actually had a babysitter watching their young children while we made this quick hunt happen and even the babysitters stressed their desire to go home to their families as soon as possible.

And it began. On the first drive we pushed a volley of deer to a friend who made a fifteen-yard shot with his Black Widow. The perfectly hit doe ran/slid down the hill and died 20 paces out on the ice that lay below us. On the next drive another hunter shot a young deer a bit back and it took off for parts unknown. My friend did crest the hill to get a good mark on where his deer entered the next locust hillside. Lastly, I made a 12-yard shot on a button buck that ran by my hiding spot at warp speed on our third and last drive. The shot looked good. High but good.

This is where the hunt got exciting, humorous and all thoughts of returning on time went down the drain. The evening before this hunt a Chinook blew through erasing the majority of snow from the land scape. A Chinook is a Native American Indian term for a wind that eats ice. The temperature changed so drastically we were afraid of the quality of the ice in front of us as we stared at deer

number one. We asked the lightest of us hunters to lay face down on the ice to retrieve the first deer. He agreed to do it and he learned part way to the deer there was a half inch of water on top of the ice. Guess you had to be laying on your belly in the water to actually see it. Anyway, once the deer was back to the bank we realized none of us had a knife, so we used an arrow tipped with a Simmons Shark broadhead to field dress the deer. Now the hard part. These spoil banks are steep. Very steep and very tall and I’ve never seen them as muddy as they were that day. The 15 minute drag out took closer to an hour.

Next, we went after my deer. Although the blood trail was consistent, thoughts of doubt started to creep in my mind. I thought we had gone way too far in the last hour for this to end well when I



looked up and there he was dead as a wedge. The deer had gone 400 yards away from the third and last deer we needed to retrieve. Upon inspection my arrow had hit high. Kind of where the spine and shoulder blade meet, and the arrow didn't penetrate the opposite side. Either way another happy ending. I wasn't about carry or drag my deer as far as we had to go so using the same Simmons Shark I cut the back straps out, extracted the four quarters and we started the trek out in ankle deep mud.

The third deer was a unique liver/paunch shot situation. Our saving grace and time saver is that we were in cattle country and once the deer got on a well used cattle trail it didn't veer off of it until its demise. The ground was so saturated the deer was sinking four inches deep with every step so the need to stay on a blood trail was unwarranted. I knew we were close when we found two beds 10 paces apart and low and behold there she was lying in a pool of water all washed and ready for us.

When the third deer was found and prepped for the voyage back to the truck, we all felt that the pressure was off. I heard one friend comment about being late, one comment about being dead and one comment about how we're never doing this again on Christmas Eve. Nobody died and looking back, it's one of our fondest memories of that season. Man, I can't wait till deer season.

"A Bowhunter"

Jason Farr

Director's Report - Paul Ladner

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 have not met as a board and so there is no secretary report to refer to for updates in the organization. I am not sure what became of our election of officers, but expect it was done by appointment.

State Fair archery August 17 and 18 volunteers needed RSVP to me at PaulLadner@gmail.com

We are still looking for a newsletter editor and webmaster as far as I know.

That is it for official business.

Membership Secretary - Cheryl Best

Dear Members of the UBI.

I am the new membership secretary of the UBI. I have some big shoes to fill! Thank you to Pat Norris for doing such a great job.

Please make sure that your membership dues are up to date. I will be sending out notices in September for those who are behind. If you would just email I can let you know by my records when and if your dues are due.

Thank you advance for your help in making this an easy process for me.

Best Regards,

Cheryl Best gilbertcherylbestbowhunter@gmail.com

The Highlight Of A Great Season - Paul Ladner

Like many of you, my coyote hunting is an opportunity play while deer hunting. I typically hunt from a climbing tree stand as I find it gives me the most versatility in choice of stand locations. I often make my final decision of where to hunt at the last minute depending on the conditions and my whims. Sometimes I make the wrong play so the next time I move 2 trees over. Easy enough. I have a special confidence hunting out of a new tree for the first time, especially if I have to cut a limb or two to climb the tree. Crazy I know.

I always carry a predator call with me when hunting just in case. The mouth call I use is small, easy to keep in a pocket and at the ready for any opportunity. This season presented more coyote opportunities than I can recall in the past. It seemed about half my outings involved some predator action. I saw as many as 4 yotes in one day, but they tend to be very wily and seem to avoid shooting lanes more often than not. When they are on to you they are gone. They may pause and look back in rifle range, but never in bow range.

Sometimes it will be a coyote that I see out at a distance any time of day that I will entice into shooting range, but many times it is that dawn or dusk howling that I will call to. Be prepared because they sometimes come right in.

This time it was a morning hunt in close proximity to my nephew. We like "tag team" hunting with the wind at a right angle to the line between us so we don't impact the others hunt too much. We were set up about 150 yards apart. Tag teaming has been very successful for me. I have great luck and tend to be fairly confident of the outcome. I can't say the same has been true for my nephew.

He likes to get out there pretty early and if the weather is nice I don't mind either. It is nice to let the woods settle and enjoy the wake up and pre-dawn before you expect a shot.

Coyotes started howling before I was really settled. Quickly I dig for my predator call and let out a sequence. Short and sweet and not crazy loud as they weren't far away.

Within seconds I hear the approaching trot of a coyote from the opposite direction of the howling! There is about a half a moon this morning and wispy light clouds pass by. My eyes are fairly adjusted to the gentle moonlight, but depth perception and details are hard to make out. The coyote is closing fast and my ears keep track of his approach. The bow is up and I am ready for action. Finally the running coyote comes into view although he is just a shadow. I draw back the bow and pattern the movement using the acoustic and limited visual clues to aim. The arrow is released as the trotting coyote passes at about 10 yards.

It is obvious that the arrow altered his path and made him bolt from the area, but I can't be sure of the shot and have to wait until daylight for further clues. I am deer hunting after all and patiently await better shooting conditions and a chance for deer.

Shortly the light allows for a close examination of the area in the direction of the shot through binoculars and sure enough there is a



blood trail. Still unsure of the shot I am in no rush to follow. My nephew and I finally decide our morning hunt is over and we take up the trail. It is pretty easy to follow and although they can be tough it is difficult for them to go to far when hit hard. We find him about 100 yards later. It is obvious he succumbed less than a minute after the shot.

Talk about instinctive shooting. This stuff would be all but impossible with a site driven aiming system. Putting it all together with a stick and string and a wing and a prayer at close range makes my blood flow and passion for the hunt soar. It will be a memory replayed over and over in a compilation of other memories of the hunt.

My success was not limited to that hunt but the season was truncated by shoulder surgery just before Thanksgiving. Recovery is going well and plan to be hunting bear in Alaska in May.



United Bowhunters of Illinois

Fall Rendezvous

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North To Alaska - Randall Beasley

North to Alaska

I often refrain from providing advice, but I feel that this advice is worth noting. If you can, do not make your first and possibly your last Alaskan hunting trip when you have already reached the magic age of 65: Note: Go earlier and go more often than I did:



This is the tale of a challenging moose hunt and what could have or should have been. Steve, Gator, and I were in Alaska on a Beaver float plane. I snapped a picture of Gator as he looked over his shoulder at Steve. We were all feeling the same thing - skeptical. The pilot was moving us from our original camp, which had not produced a moose sighting within range. In effect, the first 11 days of our 16 day hunting trip were actually a camping trip. We did not know that our camping trip would soon turn into a moose hunt - not the bow hunt we had been planning for three years, but a moose hunt nonetheless. Shortly before landing at the new campsite, the pilot spotted three moose just one-half mile from camp. We all immediately liked our new campsite. It had elevation for glassing, a level tent site, obvious moose sign, and at least three moose close to camp. The lake was on one side of camp with a two hundred yard wide blueberry patch on the other side. We set up our tent and tepee, filtered water, and glassed for moose. Due to Alaskan game laws, we could not hunt the first day. Instead, we spent time calling late in the day to let any moose in the area know they could stop by tomorrow for some company. While Gator called, I was one hundred yards west, and Steve was about fifty yards east. Steve spied a moose about one-half mile away, which was now running toward camp. He was not waiting for tomorrow for his company, he was running toward camp. Steve had to run back to tell Gator to stop calling before the moose came too close. I had heard a bull grunting during the calling session. Two moose had responded to Gator's calls, so we just knew the next few days would be fun. The next morning, Steve saw a moose and a cow northeast of camp. I saw a cow walking north. Another bull grunted, but would not come out of the pine trees and into the blueberry patch. Later, we heard a bull grunting north of us, but it also

would not leave the safety of the trees. It came so close to the edge of the blueberry patch that Gator had placed a shell in the chamber of his rifle. We did not see this bull before it was time to return to camp. Our estimate was that six to ten bulls were close to our camp.

The next day was September 27, Gator's birthday. I told Gator, "This is your day." After a freeze dried breakfast, I walked about 200 yards west of camp, while Steve and Gator stayed in camp to call and glass. As soon as Gator began calling, I heard a bull grunting north of camp just across the blueberry patch. In addition, two bulls were fighting much farther west, and a cow was walking in the lake. Both Steve and Gator saw the bull closest to them. Although the bull was three-hundred yards from Gator and his rifle would shoot that far, he did not shoot. Steve saw the bull at two-hundred yards away, but the distance was too far for his Black Widow takedown recurve. Both estimated the rack was at least sixty inches wide. While the bull was grunting, I even considered crossing the blueberry patch to intercept him. However, I was concerned that in doing so, I might scare him as well as other moose in the area. I might have been able to get close. What if I had tried? I had been taught to never leave your post so I stayed where I was. Although we did not see any more moose that morning, we found rubs, droppings, and trails west of camp. I felt we could return to this location and call in a moose.



Later that day, the wind picked up so much that we questioned whether it was advantageous to even go hunting. Of course, we went. We only had three hunting days left and didn't want to miss any chance. It was so windy that I could not hear Gator calling even though he was only two-hundred yards away. A bull must have heard Gator's calls as he walked into the blueberry patch, and Gator shot. The bull ran straight at me from the opposite corner of the blueberry patch. He stopped, stood for just a bit, and then fell down. The first moose was on the ground. Getting a moose from field to camp is quite a chore even with three experienced hunters. Steve carried one front and one hind quarter to camp, and we

moved the rest of the meat and antlers two hundred yards from the kill site. Exhausted, we crashed at about 11 PM, which was when the rain started.

At first light, the rain quit and the work resumed. We moved and tagged the moose meat. By noon, the meat was sitting by the lake ready for pickup. Since a pilot could arrive to retrieve the meat, we had to stay close to camp. Finally, I decided to travel just west of camp for an afternoon hunt. Gator claimed he heard a cow moose calling earlier somewhere close to camp. As we discussed our plans with Steve, Gator looked up and said, "What about that moose?" A bull stood just over one-hundred yards from camp. It was headed east, possibly following the cow moose from earlier in the day. While Steve really wanted to shoot a moose with his bow, we only had two hunting days left. Remember, we had camped eleven days where there were no moose to hunt. Since the rifle was close, Steve picked it up and shot the bull. Now, we had two moose down. This bull was much smaller than the first one and much closer to camp, so the meat was in camp before dark.



I knew that this hunt was over. While there was one more hunting day, our bodies were hurting all over, and I did not think we could effectively handle one more moose in such a short period of time. The next day consisted of cleaning up the meat and antlers. The wind was too much for any planes to land on our lake. Earlier, we saw a smaller float plane attempt a landing, and the wings dipped too much for a safe landing. Late in the day, I heard a bull grunting and told Gator. He began calling, and we expected to bring this bull into the open. However, Gator had heard a cow moose calling from the trees north of camp. The bull stayed in these trees and never came out for viewing. Steve saw a bull that was running in our direction. Eventually, the bull walked by Steve and Gator at two-hundred yards. Gator was able to get a picture of what could have been my moose if I had decided to shoot one with a rifle, but I had planned a bow hunt not a rifle hunt for three years. Later, my wife would tell people, if I had not been stubborn, I could have had a moose. I have no regrets about not shooting the moose with a rifle, this was my moose bow hunt. What could have been if we had been at the second camp for even one extra week or even better, if we could have been dropped off at this spot on September 13 instead of September 25? That would have been great. What if?



In conclusion, we all felt let down by our outfitter / transporter out of Bethel, Alaska. For eleven days, we had camped about four miles upstream from the Yukon River and ten miles from the second campsite. We saw only three cow moose in the eleven days. The closest one was over one-half mile downstream. Using a SAT phone, we frequently called the transporter's "hunting coordinator" requesting a hunting area with moose. Our pleas were ignored until the eleventh day, when we told the hunting coordinator that we were done and going home a week early and he needed to send a plane. We were concerned if we stayed one more night, we might have to shoot the bear that destroyed our rubber raft one night and ripped the bottom out of an empty freeze dried can the next. We were certain that the bear would target the tent or the tepee on its next nightly visit. When the pilot flew in about noon to discuss our options, he said if we were willing to stay, he had a great moose hunting spot for us. This brings up the question why weren't we taken to this great place when he first dropped us off? Upon returning to Bethel, two other hunting groups relayed similar stories. Each group had also spent three years planning a hunt. The group from Utah were dropped off with no moose for nine days of their thirteen day hunt. Later, they were moved three miles, and moose were everywhere. The group had been able to rifle kill two moose in twenty-four hours. A group of three from Michigan were not moved but did eventually harvest one moose. They too were upset with this transporter. As I spoke to the other group members, a common theme emerged. We all thought we had planned a great moose hunt before arriving in Bethel. I am still looking for that great traditional bow moose hunt.

Randall Beasley

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Treasurer's Report - Jan Mayo

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Balance Forward 03/31/19 **9,233.44**

Receipts:

Dues	New Memberships & Renewals	215.00
Banquet Proceeds	Additional Proceeds paid through PayPal for auction and raffle sales	130.00
Total Receipts		345.00

Disbursements:

Michael Wiltse	UBI Spring Newsletter	634.18
Michael Wiltse	Web Hosting Fee	143.40
Illinois Secretary of State	Annual Report	10.00
Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day LLC	Preparation of Annual Report	75.00
Dennis Hayford	Porta-Potty Rental – Region 1 Stump Shoot	110.00
Total Disbursements		972.58

UBI Savings Account Balance **1,002.95**

Ending Balance as of 06/30/19 **9,608.81**

The above is a true and accurate accounting of Income and Expenses incurred by the United Bowhunters of Illinois for the Second Quarter, 2019, commencing April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me at my email address: jan@acearcherytackle.com

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Mayo, Treasurer

Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

I have found that my age has crept upon me. My hair has turned gray and my tree climbing days are long past. So, to all the receding and gray hair members like me, I am preaching to the choir, to the young and agile member listen up!

Deer Season 2019 is coming and before you turn into an old timer learn plan B, on ways to hunt deer. Hanging a tree stands is not the only way to hunt deer. Invest in a ghillie suit. I am not saying go cold turkey without a stand but give the "ghillie" a try. Doing it a couple of times each season will prepare you for when you get old. In reality it is a fun, up close and personal experience in the forest. For the last couple of years, I have done this, and it keeps getting easier. Has it been successful with harvesting a deer? NO! It's not the method that is lacking, but the operator. It is me I choke, 100%! The deer is so close, and we all want to hunt like our forefathers did, the Native Americans, with a stick in hand, wooden arrows and hand sharpen broadheads and sometimes I think it gets too real, I think I can't control my nerves and miss.

Just take a little advice from this old guy, take your long bow, ghillie suit and hunt on the ground. You will appreciate and feel the experience now as a young man, and as you age, you will understand why bow hunting is an art that needs to preserve for future generations.



To find a great Ghillie Suit talk to our very own member, Bernard Swank of Mystik Longbows 309 785-5109.

I hope you are enjoying this summer as you prepare for the 2019 hunting season.

Gilbert

Membership Report - Cheryl Best

NEW MEMBERS – 2019

The United Bowhunters of Illinois would like to welcome the following new members:

Victor Diver	Peoria, IL
Zane Ritz	Springfield, IL
Donald Osborne	Matoon, IL
Lawrence McGuire	Lexington, IL
Greg Hylton	McLeansboro, IL
Jim Kinsey	Gregory, MI
Kent Piotrowski	Mishawaka, IN
Joe Callahan	Saginaw, MI
Rashid Khan	Stoke on Trent, UK

Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoy your participation in our organization.

Region 1 Report - Denny Hayford

Region 1 Stump Shoot

We did NOT continue our winning streak with the weather for the region 1 Stump Shoot this year. Thank you to the brave souls that did attend. The Friday before was very pleasant and the Sunday after was very nice once the sun melted the frost off the windshields and a few small puddles of ice. Saturday unfortunately was not so good. BUT we had a great time anyway and even squeezed in a couple rounds on the course between downpours. We added a 90+ yard shot to the events this year. Those of us that gave it a try were a little surprised where those first attempts landed. Thank you again to all those that shared their 3-D targets. We couldn't do this without your help and contributions. We are looking at April 18 for next year's shoot! Save the date.

Spring/Summer Shoots

It was great to see so many UBI members at both Cloverdale and Compton. There were so many banners at Cloverdale that someone asked how many of us were there. They saw our banners everywhere they looked. That's what we want! If you travel to a lot of shoots every year you might be able to get a UBI banner to take along. I think Tim might still have some extras.

Repurposing

Being a DIY kinda guy I am always looking for the next project. This year while looking on marketplace I found an old TV cabinet. You know the kind you can't give away because TV's just don't fit in them anymore. You can pick them up for next to nothing but now that you have it, what are YOU going to do with it. We already have one up in Anne's sewing room and they work great for storing bolts of material and other sewing goods. I was looking for a replacement for my old metal wardrobe, as my hunting clothes seemed to have multiplied.

Most of these cabinets don't have backs on them so the first thing I had to do was find a panel to cover the back. So on the way home from picking up the cabinet we hit the lumberyard and found and 4x8x 1/4 sheet of aromatic Cedar flake paneling. Which by the way cost 1 1/2 times what I paid for the cabinet. After lugging it and the paneling down to the basement shop I began adjusting the hinges, putting the top and bottom pieces back together (handles easier if you take it apart), and going over the whole thing with a cherry refinisher that I had left over from another project. Now it was time



to cut the cedar paneling to seal up the back. I also used some of the left over paneling to line the bottom shelves. Then I installed a coat hanger rod in the top part of the cabinet and the transformation was complete from TV cabinet to hunting clothes wardrobe cabinet.

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

Best Regards,

Denny Hayford

Region 1 Representative

**Webmaster
Wanted!**

Contact Any UBI Board Member

**Newsletter Editor
Wanted!**

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Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

The most important news from Region 3 is that the Eagle Creek Rendezvous this year will be the Wolf Creek Rendezvous. There is a conflict with the Eagle Creek campground having their Halloween weekend on the same date as our Rendezvous. I have been there on their Halloween weekend and it is a madhouse. Every campsite is reserved, the road is packed with costumed trick or treaters and in fact the road to the campsites is closed part of the time. I did not want to subject our UBI attendees to the turmoil, so it was either change the date or change the location. I know many of you schedule other events [like weddings, vacations, major western hunts, etc] before or after our rendezvous date so I didn't feel that changing the date would go over very well, therefore we are left with changing the location. Wolf Creek is just across the lake from Eagle Creek. One mile away as the crow flies or about 8 miles if you drive the road. Our arrangements are about the same except you will not need reservations because a block of campsites has been set aside for us. This might work in our favor because you won't need to plan ahead. Just show up and we will have a place for you. We will set up practice targets in the park, also firewood will be provided. You can walk from camp to hunting spots or drive to one of a dozen hunter parking areas within the 500+ huntable acres in the park. Not enough room? There are 1000's more Federal acres within a few miles of camp. This year we plan to add some loosely structured seminars on string-making, wood arrow building, including self nocks, footings and repairs. Fletching, feather shaping [chopping, grinding, burning, and splicing] If you have things you want to sell or trade bring them along and we can do a swap meet or blanket trade. Remember this event is always the first weekend after Columbus day. October 18, 19, 20. Come early and stay late.

It was great to see so many UBI members at the Compton Traditional Rendezvous in Berrien Springs, Michigan. We had several UBI banners around the campground and Tim Nuss and Bob and Jan Mayo had on informational booth in the big vendor tent. Ron Jack, Randy Beasley, Denny and Ron Hayford, and Tim Nuss were

all displaying UBI banners at their campsite. Including family members {wives, kids, grandkids} I would guess at least 40 to 50 of us were having a good time at the Compton Rendezvous.

Finally a big thank you to all the good helpers we had at the Wolf Creek Boy Scout Jamboree. We had so much help that it made the day a lot of fun. Thank you to Randy Beasley, Greg Bouras, Larry Jones, Joe Atherton, Tim Nuss, Denny and Anne Hayford, Ron Jack, Don Osborne, Chuck Ormsby, and Karen.



Then on Sunday many of this same group went on to Champaign/Urbana to shoot the east Central Illinois Archers Traditional Only Shoot. This shoot was well attended by UBI members and others in the local traditional community.

We hope to see many of you at the Illinois State Fair Archery tent on August 18th.

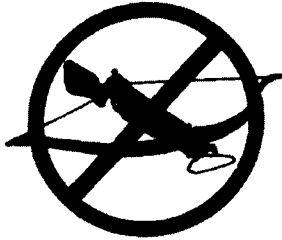
Region 2 Report - Dan Forystek

On August 24th and 25th Joliet Bow hunters will host a traditional shoot at their range. It is one heck of a place and they really take good care of it. Any and all in the area would enjoy a day of shooting and a chance to meet some very good and dedicated hunters. Joining this club is an opportunity to hone skills. Shoot a round with some of these members and you will see what I mean. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Area rain has been an issue in the area for farmers, however for me planting apple and chestnut trees meant not having to run out and water every few days. The Kankakee River has been high for so long it almost seems normal. I spoke to some fellow tradesmen who are cleaning up on game fish in back waters and I am looking forward to learning where the bow fishing is good. It would be fun to get a group of UBI members out to the area and have a shoot.

Good luck to all our squirrel hunters I know you are chomping at the bit to get after them. I look forward to tossing a few on the grill... even if they did die of lead poisoning.

Dan Forystek



UBI Crossbow Position Statement

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