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## President's Report - Tim Nuss

2019 was quite a year! I hope everyone will think about sharing any adventures that they may have had with us in future newsletters. It would be great if you could get anyone you know to submit an article or pictures with a description of what is going on in the picture.

The end of another year. It has been a good year for the United Bowhunters of Illinois. We have a lot to be proud of. We are gaining new members, we are involved in more all Traditional Archery events throughout the state, our regional events are getting bigger and better each year, and our social media presence is getting bigger. (Facebook + Instagram)

I would like to take this time to thank all the great people that work so very hard to make our U.B.I. events as good as they are. The regional events in all the regions, the Illinois State Fair Archery Tent, the Annual Banquet, just to name a few.

We will have our 25th Anniversary celebration at this year's Annual Banquet 2020. So, mark your calendar and make your reservations as soon as possible. March 7th, 2020 (the First Saturday in March) in Springfield, Illinois at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center.

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Make sure that the hotel knows that you are with the U.B.I. Also, we will be sending out updates on the banquet when they become available. So, check your email, Facebook, Instagram, and regular mail for those updates. If you have any questions, please contact me or any board member and we will do whatever we can to answer your questions. If anyone would like extra copies of the banquet order form, please let me know and I will get them out to you. Please extend invitations to anyone interested in attending our banquet. I am asking for everyone's help in making our 25th Anniversary 2020 Banquet the biggest and best ever.

I would like everyone to reach out to as many people as they can for product donation on hunting related or anything that they think someone would be interested in purchasing at the banquet. The more quality items that we have for people to bid on, the more money we will have to support the organizations we contribute to. Our banquet is our biggest fund raiser of the year. So please consider donating or getting other people to donate items. Please let us know if you have any donations as soon as possible, and we will get the word out about the items, so those in attendance will know and have a chance to think about items they may want to purchase.

The money that we raise at our banquet goes to support our newsletter, scholarship grants, Illinois Conservation assistance, the Illinois State Fair Archery Tent, printing, postage, website hosting, club insurance coverage, and event hosting. This is just a few things that the money we raise from our annual banquet goes for. We couldn't do these things without your kindness and generosity.

So, to end my report I would like to welcome everyone to attend the banquet and I am looking forward to seeing you there and make this year's celebration one to remember!

Questions, suggestions, or comments please contact me.

Tim Nuss



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## Director's Report - Bob Mayo

especially for the Saturday night dinner. Lots of UBI members and their families showed up, and many of them camped for the weekend. All of the hunters were seeing deer, even in the campground. The weather cooperated, and made for a very enjoyable weekend. Ron and Karen Hayford did an outstanding job of planning and organizing the event. We thank them for all the hard work they put into it.

Jan and I got to spend a few days in November, hunting down in southern Illinois, at Pine Hills. We were joined there by friends from Wisconsin, and fellow UBI members Jim Pyles, owner of JP Traditional Archery, and Wayne Miller and his wife. We were all seeing lots of sign, but few deer till the last day I was there, when everyone else had left and the storm had passed, and then they all seemed to come out. No one saw any turkeys though. The few times I've been able to get down to Clinton Lake, the deer seem to have been plentiful but again, I didn't see any turkeys.

On Saturday March 7, we will have the UBI's 25th Anniversary Banquet. The way the planning and preparations are going, it looks like this may be one of our best banquets ever. We've got some good daytime seminars lined up, and of course will have the membership meeting in the afternoon. The UBI membership meeting is a great place to meet other members, to find out what's going on with the organization, and to voice any concerns or suggestions to the members and officers.

The evening guest speaker will be Jake Downs. If you haven't heard of him, check out his Alaska hunt article in the Feb.-Mar. 2020 issue Traditional Bowhunter magazine. I haven't met him yet, but if Jake speaks as well as he writes, it promises to be a very interesting evening. If you happen to be attending the Kalamazoo Expo in January, you can get a preview because Jake will be doing an afternoon seminar there.

Our annual banquet is the main fund raiser for our organization. All of the UBI board members have been working hard to acquire some really good items for the raffles, silent auction, and of course the live auction Saturday evening. If any of you members would like to donate anything for the raffles or auctions, just contact one of the board members or bring it to the banquet. It would be greatly appreciated.

Board member, Nancy Norris, was kind enough to compile a list of traditional shoots. It is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. One of the early shoots, Tennessee Classic near Clarksville, TN, is a really unique event. They have some of the very best 3D courses. If you want to try your hand at self bow building or flint knapping, they will have supplies, tools and help available. It is only a couple of hours drive from southern Illinois. We usually see a lot of UBI members there.

Bob Mayo

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## Membership Notes - Cheryl Best

As the 25th Banquet is fast approaching, I will be sending out this "dual purpose" document to all the members to renew your membership as well as purchase dinner tickets for the banquet. PLEASE send it back to me as soon as possible so that we can have a count on the number of attendees for the banquet but even if you can't make it March 7 in Springfield, PLEASE send in your membership renewal form.

Thank you in advance for your speedy response!

Best regards,

Cheryl

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## Director's Report - Paul Ladner

Happy new year! Deer season is over and maybe a southern hog hunt or a spring turkey hunt will be your next adventure. Hope it is safe and satisfying.

The education committee has happily been busier lately than for a few years. We have sent out 3 applications for scholarships. As I write this none have been returned completed. We also recently gave \$500 to the DeKalb school district to help start a NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program).

The banquet is coming up soon (details elsewhere I am sure). I hope you plan to attend and maybe donate something to be used in the auction. This is our annual fundraiser.

# Director's Report - Jason Farr

Dear Traditional Bowhunters,

I hope you all had a safe and successful hunting season and that you made some fond memories to reflect back on as we move into the off season. I had very little time to hunt this fall due to a medical situation with a family member. It's true that we are all just one phone call away from having our lives totally diverted in another direction. Thanks to a few cooperating whitetails my freezer is full and the time I did get to the timber was cherished beyond words. Let's never take for granted the value of just a couple hours in the woods. Even modern medicine cannot provide me with the same relief I receive from watching the sun go down from the tree-stand.

All three of my youth hunters that I wrote about in our last issue were able to harvest their deer. It was a challenge, but we got our last deer on the final hour of the last day. Something I didn't realize until after the fact is that there is a local Taxidermist who mounts the bucks for them at no cost and puts there deer ahead of others.



I was able to harvest a spike buck this fall using a Schafer Silvertip made by Paul Schafer himself. I purchased the bow over the summer and matched it with a Kuikkee Quiver from the 1980's and bought a dozen 2219 Easton XX75 arrows just like Paul hunted with until his untimely death. I tipped my arrows with Zwickey Eskimos and fletched them orange and white just as Paul did. Throughout the summer I had made up my mind that I was going to take the first animal that gave me that perfect shot with that bow and I did. With the bows first ever trip to the tree, I watched the young buck come my direction for fifteen minutes. In no hurry and without a time schedule he slowly took his time until he finally made his way into my shooting lane and paused broadside at 10 steps. Without hesitation I came to full draw, found my anchor and slowly allowed the string to slip from my fingers.

The small rack with the bent arrow that took the deer's life will soon hang on the wall in my house. The irony is that I own of Paul Schaffer's arrows that is bent in almost the exact way. I find it only fitting to keep them together.



## Banquet 2020

Your Regional Reps and board members have begun meetings to discuss all things related to our banquet. Assignments have been established and the ball is rolling but I'd still like to encourage everyone to participate. It's easy and anything you can provide including your time the day of the banquet is greatly appreciated. I know you have hunting equipment you no longer use. Why not bring it for the auction? If you or you know someone with some artistic ability why not ask them for something to donate for a good cause. I've personally talked to two traditional bowhunting stores and got a donation from each. The worst-case scenario is they can say no.

## Director's Report - Nancy Norris

The Illinois deer season will be closed by the time you read this, and I hope you were successful in your pursuit. Danny was able to shoot a doe in October at Giant City State Park, and another doe in November at Ferne Clyffe State Park. He was using his Timberhawk recurve with 2016 aluminum arrows and Ace broadheads. I've enjoyed seeing everyone's deer pictures on our FB page. Thank you to Ron and Karen Hayford for hosting the Region 3 Rendezvous at Lake Shelbyville. I believe we were all amazed to watch the deer walk through our campground! Denny Hayford was successful in his hunt, and many of those in camp helped him clean and butcher his deer. This event allows you to hunt, relax, and enjoy the each other's company. Even though I no longer deer hunt, it was fun to reminisce and share my past hunting experienc-

es. We were also able to brainstorm ideas about the upcoming annual banquet/meeting. Are you planning to attend our banquet this year? If you are going to spend the night don't forget to get your room reserved. Can't spend the night? Come for the day and enjoy the seminars, the annual meeting, and don't forget the auctions! Again this year we will have an informal ladies get-together. Usually this get-together is held Saturday morning in the hospitality room.

Nancy Norris

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## Treasurer's Report - Jan Mayo

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward - includes amounts allocated for:		7240.04
Pierce Memorial Scholarship Fund	965.00	
UBI Savings Account Balance	1,002.95	
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Dues	New Memberships & Renewals	110.00
Philadelphia Insurance Companies	Cancellation of Policy	74.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>884.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Michael Wiltse	UBI Fall Newsletter	552.36
Jefferson Elementary	NASP Grant	500.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>1,052.36</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/19</b>		<b>7,071.68</b>

The above is a true and accurate accounting of Income and Expenses incurred by the United

Bowhunters of Illinois for the Fourth Quarter, 2019, commencing October 1 through December 31, 2019. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me at my email address: [jan@acearcherytackle.com](mailto:jan@acearcherytackle.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Mayo, Treasurer

## United Bowhunters of Illinois Arrow Competition

For the first time, the UBI will have an Arrow Making Competition.

This competition will be held at our annual meeting/banquet.  
Arrows must be wood, with feathers and a field point.

Email a picture of your arrow to [GMAshooter@gmail.com](mailto:GMAshooter@gmail.com)

When you email a picture of your arrow, be sure to include your name, address, phone number and the details of your arrow.

A picture of all arrows will be posted anonymously on our Facebook page  
*United Bowhunters of Illinois Campfire*

If you wish to enter the arrow competition, bring your arrow to the annual meeting.  
If you cannot attend the annual meeting, mail your arrow by February 15<sup>th</sup>, to:

Nancy Norris  
275 Foxrun Road  
Goreville, IL 62939

**The arrow that you enter into the competition will not be returned to you.**

Each arrow will be considered a donation to the United Bowhunters of Illinois  
and will be auctioned off at our banquet.

Voting will take place on March 6 and the winner will be announced at the banquet.



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Last weekend in Jan	Traditional Bowhunters Expo		Kalamazoo, MI
Feb. 28/29	Archery Club Shoot	Buck Hollow	Dickson, TN
<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>UBI Meeting &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>UBI</b>	<b>Springfield, IL</b>
Apr. 3/5	Kentucky Trad Fest Archery Club Shoot	Kentucky Traditional Bowhunters	Harrodsburg, KY
Apr. 3/5	IBO Mid America	IBO	Cloverdale, IN
Apr. 4/5	TAS Central Championship	Traditional Archery Society Arkan- sas Bowhunters	
<b>Apr. 17</b>	<b>UBI Region 1 Stump Shoot</b>	<b>Denny &amp; Anne Hayford</b>	<b>McLean County</b>
May 1/3	Tennessee Classic Ar- chery Club Shoot	Twin Oaks Bowhunters	Clarksville, TN
May 19	ECIA Shoot		Urbana, IL
May 22/24	TAS World Championship	Traditional Archery Society Muddy Creek Archers Farmland Conservation Club	Winchester, IN
Memorial Day shoot	Iowa Trad Bowhunter Society Shoot		Eldora, IA
June 12/14	Cloverdale Traditional Nationals	Deer Creek Archers Cloverdale Conservation Club	Cloverdale, IN
June 19/21	Compton Traditional Bowhunters Ren- dezvous	Berrien County Sportsman's Club	Berrier Springs, MI
July 16/19	IBO World Championship	IBO Twin Oaks Bowhunters	Clarksville, TN
Aug. 1/2	TAS Great Lakes Championship	Traditional Archery Society Muddy Creek Archers Farmland Conservation Club	Winchester, IN
2nd weekend of Aug	Great Lakes Longbow Invitational		Hastings, MI
<b>Aug TBD</b>	<b>UBI Region 2 Shoot</b>	<b>Dan Forystek</b> Joliet Archery Club	
<b>Aug TBD</b>	<b>UBI Region 5 Shoot</b>	<b>Randy Beasley</b> South Central Archery Club	<b>Stephen Forbes State Park</b> <b>A</b>
3rd weekend of August	Blackhawk Field Archers Trad Shoot		Shirland, IL
Sep 11/13	Archery Club Shoot	Muddy Creek Archers Farmland Conservation Club	Winchester, IN
<b>Oct. 15-17</b>	<b>UBI Region 3 Rendezvous</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Karen Hayford</b>	<b>Lake Shelbyville</b>

## Jake Downs - Building A Life In The Outdoors



Jake has been an avid bow hunter since he was old enough to walk. He gravitated toward a recurve when he was in his late teens and has had some great success with it. Growing up and living in Nebraska, the generous archery seasons allowed him the opportunity to hunt a great deal.

After harvesting all that Nebraska had to offer, he started looking at other states and countries for new and exciting adventures. Once he realized the super 10 was within his reach, it became his goal. With his loving and supportive family behind him, it became a reality. Jake hunts as many different species as possible each year and in doing so has become a “Jack of all trades.”





My life has been a blessed one! I have had the opportunity to go on some great adventures and chase a lot of amazing critters around the North American continent. I will talk about my outdoor lifestyle and the decisions, some intentional and some happy accidents, that led me to it. I will share my insight about traveling on destination hunts and how to balance family, hunting, and work, with some humorous stories mixed in. Some lessons came easy while others were learned the hard way! The outdoor life I lead isn't for everyone but it definitely can be had by anyone who wants it!



**Seminar - Super 10:  
Planning and logistics of a destination hunt:**

In this seminar join Jake as he shares his inspiring journey of taking the Super 10 with a traditional bow. Learn the logistics of traveling to various states, applying for tags, and planning hunts, as Jake shares his exciting and sometimes funny stories.



## Region 3 Report - Ron Hayford

On November 30, 2019 region 3 and the UBI lost a dedicated long time member. When his health was good, John Krohn often volunteered to help with the state fair archery tent and the Boy Scout archery event at Wolf Creek. He was also a regular at the UBI banquet and the Eagle Creek Region 3 rendezvous. For many years he was a member of our Common Grounds coffee club. He was a talented artist, but most of all he enjoyed shooting his traditional bows and arrows. We will all miss him. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a story John wrote just this year recounting a bear hunt he did with Larry Bamford back in 1979. The story was read at his funeral by his long time friend and kidney donor Mike Pippin.

The Region 3 Fall Rendezvous was moved to Wolf Creek State Park this year due to a crowded Halloween event at Eagle Creek on the same weekend. We were concerned the change would hurt attendance but it did not. This may have been the largest yet in terms of campers and camping units. Several attendees indicated they may have liked the Wolf Creek location better. That's good because we may have the same conflict again next year and have to do the 2020 Rendezvous at Wolf Creek again. Then after that we can let the attendees decide which they like better. The park staff and superintendent are the same and as usual their cooperation was fantastic. They provide us with firewood, picnic tables and this year put up a backstop for our arrows. This year Wolf Creek seemed less crowded than Eagle Creek and the deer hunting was good. Everyone saw deer while hunting and most of us saw deer while sitting in camp. Congratulations to Denny Hayford who was the only archer to take a deer during the rendezvous weekend. Then a week or so later Chuck Brawner came back down to Wolf Creek and spent a few more days camping and hunting. He has been trying hard for about 5 years now to get a deer with his traditional bow while hunting from the ground. He finally succeeded. He sat in his ghillie suit in a natural ground blind and shot a buck at about 15 yards. Congratulations Chuck, you put in a lot of hours trying before finally getting the job done.

The banquet is our next gathering. It's too good to miss. Hope to see everyone there.

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*Chuck Brawner with his first traditional bow kill.*

## Region 4 Report - Gilbert Best

I recently received an email from a very nice man.

*Hello Mr. Best.*

*Are you still a member of UBI? I've been looking for a local"ish" traditional archery club. I'm having trouble finding anything. I'm new to traditional equipment. I wasn't sure if UBI meets on a regular basis.*

*I apologize if I've contacted the wrong person. :-)  
Respectfully,  
Mike Hough*

I was on my annual weeklong hunt in Brown County, so I was unable to get back with him at the time of the email. I called him as soon as I return home to speak to him about our organization.

*Hi Mr. Best,*

*Thanks for calling me. I appreciate it. I've printed off the membership application and it will go in the mail tomorrow.*

*I guess my next step is to get some arrows down range on this new bow. I'll focus on attempting to get a group of arrows close on the target. :-).*

*Thanks again for your help.  
Mike Hough*

I am proud to say he is now our newest member!

I am looking forward to meeting him in March 7 at our annual banquet. I do hope all of you can attend and share your wisdom or at least, a good hunting story with him and the many other like-minded traditional bowers out there that attend.

I write this article to encourage each and every one, expert or novice, to share your experiences, your triumphs, and failures in our traditional sport. It is what our 25 Years of the UBI is all about. If we share and express our love and passion for the sport to all, I know, we'll see another 25 years. Although this 61-year-old may not see the 50th, I am going to try to make sure future generations do. Please help share the passion!

Gilbert Best

# UBI 25 YEARS OF TRADITION

Please send in a memory of your time with our organization that we can share.  
Have them - email them to [best5@madisontelco.com](mailto:best5@madisontelco.com)

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Title: 25 Years of Memories.

Please send in your paragraph or thought by February 14.

# Region 5 Report - Randall Beasley

## Permits-you got to have them!!

So how do you get them? Some are unlimited and can be purchased over the counter like an Illinois archery deer permit. But Illinois has a lottery system for the deer firearms permits, wild turkey permits, and the bob cat permit. In a true lottery system, all parties have an equal chance to get a permit even though some may never get a permit and some may get multiple permits over the years. The important aspect is that all had the same chance at getting the required permit. It is also possible that if the number of applicants far exceeds the number of permits, only a very few will ever get a permit. Such is the case for a Kentucky elk permit. I was once told by a Kentucky wildlife official they receive 50,000 applications for the 1,000 available permits annually. In addition, only 10 percent of these permits were allocated to nonresidents—thus only 100 permits. That is when, I quit applying to Kentucky for elk permits. I suspect a similar situation exists in Arkansas with their elk permits. Steve from Arkansas stated he sees elk all the time where he lives, but cannot get a permit to hunt them. Therefore, states such as Colorado have devised a different system to help allocate permits. Colorado uses a preference point system. The system is simple enough, but becomes complex when you begin to realize that all preference points will be stripped from your account once you apply for and get a coveted permit. Let me explain further. To obtain a preference point, you must ask Colorado Parks and Wildlife for either a preference point or apply for a big game license and be rejected for your first choice. You can only receive one preference point per year per species. Therefore, it is possible to get one preference point each year for a deer, a bear, an antelope, an elk, a moose, a big horn sheep, and a mountain goat in Colorado. In 2019 before, you could request a preference point, you first had to purchase an annual hunting license and if under the age of 65 a habitat stamp. This would cost a nonresident just under \$100. Then you have a processing fee of \$9. However, for the mountain goat, the big horn sheep, and the moose, you have the additional cost of \$100 each if you are a nonresident to obtain a preference point. They are charging residents \$50 each for these preference points. Now that you have a few preference points for say an elk what do you do with them? Well certain areas are listed as limited draw areas where they limit the number of hunters in that unit in the archery, muzzle loader, or rifle season. What is the difference between a limited draw unit and an unlimited unit? In 2017, I hunted in an “over the counter” unit with unlimited tags and I ran into several hunters each day and in a month of hunting, I only saw two elk and heard none. This year in 2019, I hunted a limited draw unit and saw few other hunters, but I saw and was close to several elk. I had four elk in bow range and saw several more that would have been outside bow range but well within calling range. However, as I stated, I had five preference points and only needed four to get a permit. I used all the preference points and need to start building up points to be able to hunt this unit again. Which will take me five years under their current preference point system. It is possible for me to hunt a less popular limited draw area and only need one or two preference points. I have spoken to many individuals who have ten or more preference points for elk in Colorado and do not know what to do. The unit

they want to hunt takes even more preference points, but if they go to a less popular unit, they would lose the excess preference points they have accumulated all those years. It is quite a dilemma: do you use the preference points this year or get more for a better hunt later? In 2008, I hunted elk in Idaho and had a very enjoyable hunt. Their system is first to apply, first to get a permit. Well many hunters in the past and even recently, did not understand that the permits were limited. I spoke to John from Pinckneyville recently and this last year he had intended to drive to Idaho and hunt elk as he had done in years past. Always buying his permit once he was in Idaho. Well lucky for him, one of his hunting party had applied online for an elk permit and was denied. Therefore, John called out to Idaho to ask about the elk permits and was told they had all sold out. Again, they have limited tags and due to the wolves in the northern part of the state killing so many elk, many of the elk hunters began to hunt more in the southern part of the state and thus the permits are selling out much quicker than they had in years past. Tom from Iowa told me that in 2018, the permits sold out in just six hours. This was the same area or unit that I had hunted in 2008 and had bought my permit in June or July of that year. I doubt if in 2008 they had sold all of the permits that were available for this area.

Now New Mexico has yet another system. First off, both Idaho and Colorado allow for the elk archery season to run almost a month. Both states allocate the month of September for archery elk and deer hunting. New Mexico however, has a two-tier system. The normal elk permit costs a nonresident \$548 but a quality or high demand unit permit costs a nonresident \$773. New Mexico sets a quota for each species such as elk and 84% of all permits are awarded to residents of New Mexico. Therefore, only 16% of all permits are awarded to nonresidents. New Mexico does not use a preference point system, therefore, if unsuccessful this year, you would not get any preference for a permit next year. In New Mexico, you can hunt the first half of September (Sep 1 to Sep 14 or Sep 15 to Sep 24 in 2019) or the Second half of September. This allows more hunters, but fewer hunters in the woods at any one time. Similar to Illinois spring wild turkey season where we have five separate seasons instead of one season lasting 31 days. Some years, it is better to be the first person (hunter) in the woods, but other years, it is better to be hunting later during the rut.

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Even an Iowa deer permit can prove both expensive and time consuming. I spoke to Terry from Iuka. He told me he had obtained an Iowa deer permit this year. Wow I said. How long and how much. Well in the area he was hunting it took three preference points (in other words four years) and that each preference point cost \$50. Then the deer permit cost \$600. Therefore, Terry from Iuka has \$750 in one Iowa Whitetail buck permit. But the bigger picture is the four-year invested. Terry is now 62 and if he wants to hunt this area in Iowa again, he will need to apply for and get the required preference points before being allowed to buy another Iowa Whitetail buck permit. It might take even more points next time.

Now that I have pointed out that most of us UBI members are too old to get a coveted permit unless you have been applying for some time now what are our options? Well we have a few options that can help us if we study and apply ourselves. First, Colorado has a leftover permit drawing on a first come first to get sometime in August each year. In 2019, this date was August 6. Late July or early August they list the leftover permits available will go on sale and when they will go on sale. This year I mentioned that on August 6 at 9:00 AM mountain time you could get on line and apply for any leftover permit or better yet, you could be at a Colorado Parks and Wildlife office and apply in person. I have been told that being in person at the Parks and Wildlife office provides a much better chance of getting the coveted leftover permit(s) I was even told one Salem hunter drove to Colorado this year on a family vacation and made certain he was there for the leftover permit drawing date.

Another way to obtain a permit is auctions and or raffles. One example is that each year, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will auction off or raffle off permits for different states. Last year it was an elk permit for New Mexico. This permit allowed the hunter to hunt any and all public land in New Mexico with any type of weapon and they could hunt the elk from September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The winner could even sell this permit to someone else if they choose.

Last option is to find private land. In Colorado additional permits are available in some areas that are valid only on private land.

Now, it is time to get started researching! First pick a state, a species to be hunted and determine how to obtain that coveted permit.

Remember: Pick A spot to make your shot

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## Region 2 Report - Dan Forystek

As things slowed down later in the deer season, I realized I made an absent minded mistake. In past years I would take off work the week before gun season because that was when I saw the most Buck activity. When the actual rut happened, I did not realize it. I thought it was really going to get good before the gun season and it already peaked. From now on I will center my time in the woods around the 7th of November. Not killing a good buck is nothing new but it was gratifying helping two other hunters find their really nice bucks with my soon to be 11 year old blood tracking dog Ishi. When a blood trail runs out of blood most of us know that helpless feeling in the pit of your stomach. To see the dog follow a track with no visible blood over a long distance will make a handler doubtful until you almost trip over the dead deer. I never thought she would be so much better at this age than when she was younger. I wish I could say the same for myself.

After shooting the same bow for seven years I think I was getting a little stale with my shooting. Brad Jensen made it and although it is somewhat worn it shoots great. While visiting an archery shop close to my new home I came across a longbow for a good price and grabbed it. The owner said almost no Trad guys come in and he wanted to unload it. Having the new bow has rekindled my enjoyment of shooting. After two days of shooting test arrows and paper tuning I began to think the new bow was more accurate than the old one. It was shooting very well especially for a new bow. Then I picked up the old bow and found myself shooting better

than before. Or back to shooting average anyway.

So if you find yourself in a shooting slump a new bow could snap you out of it. I do not however recommend buying two bows as I did, no matter how good of a deal it is. There will be some very serious explaining of the logic involved in this fantastic deal.

I hope you all had a great season and hope to see you all at the Banquet. I understand there will be an arrow building contest. I bet we will see some exciting arrow ideas.

Dan Forystek

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## The Bear Hunt - John Krohn 1943-2019

This is May of 2019, and I am going back to April of 1979. That's been a while, but my memory is still clear about most of it. My story is about bear hunting with a recurve bow.

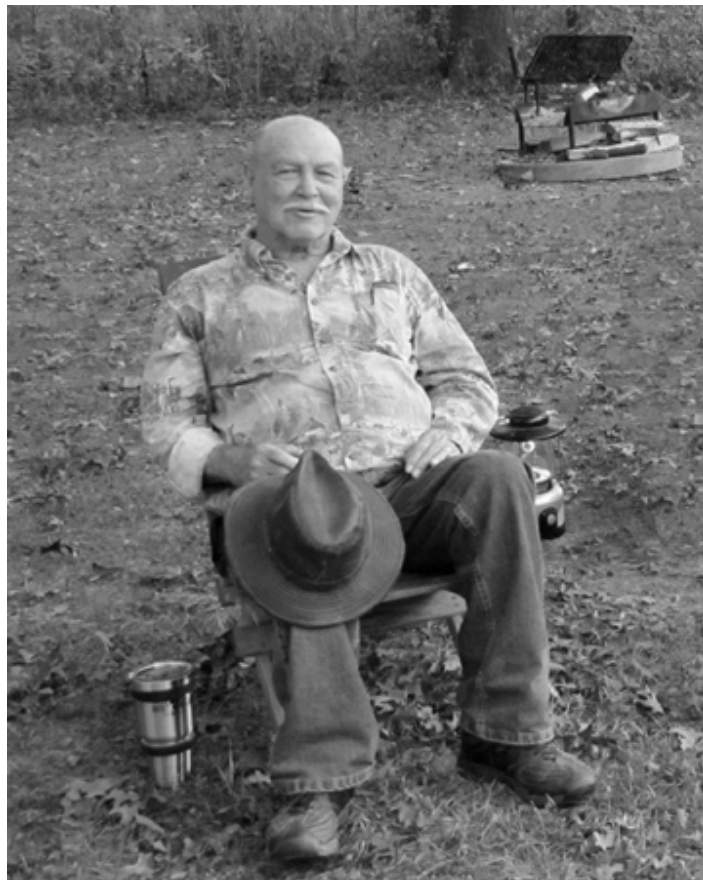
I just left Bethany, Illinois the day after we had an ice storm in the early part of April. I had to drive around some downed telephone poles as I drove west on the Moweaqua Black Top. My destination was Buena Vista, Colorado. I had a Bear Hunt booked with a fine gentleman named Larry Bamford. Larry was a famous bowman and hunter. I don't know if he is still living today, or not. He also wrote articles for Bowhunter Magazine. At that time I think there was only one magazine devoted to bow hunting.

I arrived in Buena Vista on Friday morning and went to Larry's house, as he had given me instructions on how to find his place. After arriving, we went and picked up the Bear permit and had lunch at his place. He then told me how to find the campground and told me to be at this place early Monday morning. I set up camp at a lake higher up on the mountain. I fired up my camp stove and cooked me some supper.

The next day, after bacon and eggs, I went walking around. If I remember right, the camp was around 11,000 feet up. It didn't take but a couple of hours to get acclimated, as I was used to running three miles every other day, and was in really good shape. The lake that was there was beautiful, of course. What's not beautiful in Colorado?

I did some fishing that afternoon but never caught anything. I spent some time walking around and talking to some people, and just settled in, so to speak. Finally, I decided to get my bow out and scout around. I climbed up quite a ways from the campground. I was walking along the edge of some pine trees, taking shots at flowers, sticks, and whatever made a good target, when I heard a stump being torn out of the ground.

From where I was, I could not see anything, so I moved up further and closer to where I heard the noise. I could not see the animal, but I knew it had to be a bear. After holding my position for a while, I again moved closer. I still could not see the animal, but he was tearing that stump apart, looking for grubs. I am sure, after a spell, I moved closer yet.



I was inside the edge of the timber, but the scrub brush was so thick and high, I still could not see anything. All of a sudden, I heard this bear popping his teeth. He knew I was out there, and he was getting agitated. So I quietly backed away from where I was. He didn't come after me, so I slipped on down the mountain a bit. I took several more practice shots, and then headed back to camp.

Monday morning I showed up at Larry's. He had already picked up the other two hunters from the airport sometime over the weekend. They had just finished breakfast when I came in.

We only hunted in the afternoons, never in the mornings. So on this morning, we took some stuff and went to the stands. We made sure they were stocked with stuff bears liked to eat.

That afternoon, Larry took us to our stands to hunt. He said to just stay in the stand when it got dark, and he would come in and get us. Well, it was getting dark and I had not seen anything yet. I started hearing twigs and sticks popping from some animal stepping on them as it slowly worked its way around me. I figured it must be a bear. Being as it was too dark to see anything, I stayed put until I saw a flashlight coming up the trail. Then I started climbing out of the stand. The next night, Larry asked if I would mind driving to my stand, as one stand was over twenty miles away, and it would save a lot of time. I got this huge lump in my throat that felt the size of a baseball as I swallowed. I said, "Of course I'll drive there."

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That afternoon I went to the 20-mile stand. James Dougherty had killed a world record bear from this stand the year before. About dark, I climbed down and began singing as I started downhill towards my truck. When it gets dark in the pine trees, it's Dark Dark, or pitch-black! It's very spooky walking through bear country in the dark.

The next afternoon, I sat in a stand that was on a path leading out of the woods, and it was not as far to my truck as the 20-mile stand was. Nobody had seen any bears yet. As I sat in this stand, looking around, I caught movement out of the corner of my eye. I looked to the left of me, and a rust-colored bear was looking right at me, at least 60 yards away. There was a hole through the limbs where he could see from there to the stand. I couldn't believe it. We stared at each other for a long time, and then he gave me 'the bird' and climbed down. Well, in his mind, I'm sure he gave me 'the bird.' I never saw that bear again, and neither did anyone else on that hunt, that I know of.

The next day I went to the third stand. After sitting quietly for an hour or longer, maybe two hours, I heard this noise up the hill. I couldn't see anything, but I knew it was coming down the hill. I sat patiently waiting. Finally, it was where I could see most of it. It had sat down on its butt just looking around. It was black, and a nice-sized bear. It sat there for a long time, just looking and listening. Finally, it got up and moved over to the bait pile. It sat down again on its butt, and was picking through the finest leftover food that the restaurants of Buena Vista had to offer. It would take a bite of something and flip it to the side, and then dig into the pile for something else. It was fun to watch. Finally, it gave me an opportunity for an almost perfect shot. In the back of my mind somewhere, came the thought, "Do I really want to shoot this beautiful bear?"

I guess the answer was 'yes', because I slipped my bow off the limb and began to slowly draw the arrow back. I used a Hoyt Pro arrow rest, which was as good as any rest you could get, and they were cheap. Back in those days, nobody shot 'off of the shelf.' Everybody used a rest of some sort.

I got the arrow about half way back to my then 30-inch draw, and it made a tiny little squeak- barely audible, or so I thought. Well, that bear lit out of there like its hind end had been scrubbed with a gasoline-soaked corn cob! He was gone in a flash!

I had put that rest on my bow probably a year prior, and never heard it squeak once. After about a half hour, that same bear came into the bait from the downhill side, and picked around in the bait pile for a while, but never gave me another shot opportunity. Finally, it left. When I got back to the house that night, Mrs. Bamford had us a big pot of bear chili fixed up. Neither one of the oth-

er two hunters had seen anything yet. The next day, I got a piece of moleskin and put it on the arrow rest. That fixed the squeak.

The Rod & Gun Club called and told Larry they had several hundred dead trout, and he could have them if he wanted them. Larry rounded up a couple of guys who lived in the neighborhood, and we all went to the R & G Club. I talked to these guys about elk hunting, and they seemed to know their stuff. But they were 'gun' hunters. Big difference.

We put a full-sized aluminum garbage can full of dead trout in the back of my truck. It must have weighed at least 150 pounds, probably more. Larry wanted me to hunt the 20-mile stand, and take that can to the bait pile on my way in. The stand must have been 200 yards up the hill from the fire road and my truck. I said I would get it up there somehow. He said, "I know you can do it, just go in early and take your time. But remember those bears can smell that trout, so maybe you better hurry along the best you can." Then he laughed. He said, "You will do all right." "Yeah, right!" I said.

Well, I parked my truck and realized I had to take my bow and stuff in first, then come back and get the trout. I was thinking, "This stinks more ways than one." I was getting a little nervous. I got my gear into the stand, had my bow strung with an arrow on the string, and hung it within easy reach of the ground. I didn't see any bears, so I got the can of trout from the truck and started back up hill. I could only carry it about 25 yards at a time, and then had to rest. It was making my fingers stiff and hard to bend.

Finally, I got it up there, and dumped it on the bait pile. I got in my stand and waited. I never saw a thing. I left slightly early, as I stunk like trout. I got back to Larry's house and took a shower, then changed clothes and sat down to a supper of bear roast with potatoes, carrots, and onions. Man, was that ever good! I went to bed early and slept like a baby.

I woke up to the smell of fresh coffee and bacon frying. Breakfast was awesome! We took some practice shots, and discussed the day's events. The other two guys still had not seen any bears. I couldn't understand what the problem was.

That afternoon I went to the stand I had been in on the very first night. I sat in the stand for a couple of hours, when a cinnamon-colored bear moved into the bait area. I watched it scrounge through the garbage for quite a while. Finally, it presented me with a good broadside shot. I eased my 75-pound Super Diablo bow into position, drew to my full draw, and loosed the arrow (a Black Diamond Delta Two-Blade head, sharpened razor-sharp). It did its job! The arrow went through that bear like going through hot butter.

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The bear was only about 12 yards out. It took off, up the mountain, in a flash! I heard it crashing around up there, and it sounded as if it rolled back downhill a bit before going silent. All of a sudden, I saw lightning and heard thunder just over the ridge.

There was more and more thunder and lightning. I thought, "I sure hope that storm does not come across that ridge." Then I saw my arrow. It was sticking in the ground. It had went through the bear and stuck in the ground on the other side. I thought if I could get back down to Larry's house before he left for the 20-mile stand, maybe we could find this bear before the rain came over the mountain.

With all the noise being made by the thunder, I slipped up to the bait pile, grabbed my arrow, and headed the opposite direction the bear went, to my truck. I got to the house and found Larry had already left. There were no cell phones in those days, so I couldn't catch up with him.

I could see the storm from the house, and it was big and ugly. I was getting scared. Mrs. Bamford asked if I wanted her to call one of the guys who helped us with the trout. I said, "Maybe you should." Twenty minutes later, this car pulls up out front with 5 guys in it. I wasn't sure about this, thinking it might be a bad thing instead of a good thing. They followed me up to the stand, where I pointed out where I hit the bear, where the arrow had been, and the direction the bear went. By the way, it was still storming on the other side of the ridge.

They decided they would go 90 degrees right from the bear's direction of travel, circle around, then come back and find the bear up the hill from the bait pile. I said, "No, no, no, don't do that." But, against my protest, they did it anyway. They didn't get all the way around, to where they would have screwed up the blood trail, when Larry and the other two hunters arrived.

Larry was mad. He ran the five clowns off. He made them turn around, come back down the hill the same way they had gone up, and go to their houses right then! Larry said, "You never trail a bear right away. We always wait eight hours." I said, "What about the storm?" He said, "The storm will most likely stay on that side of the mountain," which it did. It never came across the ridge. Then I asked if the meat would still be good. "Yes, it will still be good." He said, "You may have cost yourself a bear." So we went back to the house. I showed Larry the arrow. It was covered with hundreds of tiny little air bubbles- a good sign it had been a lung shot.

The next morning, after a good breakfast of bear steak and eggs, we headed to the stand. We found the blood trail, and followed it up the hill. It finally just stopped. The hillside was covered with small gravel-sized rock. We call it pea gravel back here in Illinois. There were all sorts of tracks, but we couldn't tell what they were in the gravel. We could tell some were people, some were probably bear, and some we had no idea what they were. We never found the bear.

Did those guys come back and haul it off? Was it five feet further than where we looked? We will never know. Larry said if they ever found it, he would send me the claws. I never heard from him.

It was strange that the other two hunters never saw any bear.

I know I hit that bear right behind the front leg, and three inches higher than where I was aiming for. It could not have gone far.





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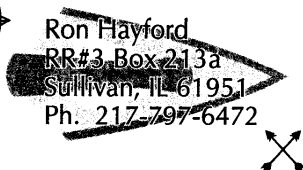



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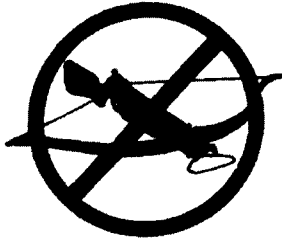
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**We are not opposed to the use of such devices by the truly handicapped, but we do question the legitimacy of some of these cases. Therefore we support all efforts by the IDNR to maintain the integrity in issuing handicap permits so as to minimize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

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