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From the President



I hope this letter finds you and all your loved one in good health. These are certainly trying time for us all. We are continually bombarded with reminders to social distance, wash hands and stay home. All good advice, but if you venture outside for a walk down the street or some trail keep these reminders in the back of your mind. I have managed to take a couple of hikes thru conservation grounds and a couple of days at the archery range to help keep my sanity, but alas, St. Louis Country has closed down the parks so no archery for a while unless it is in the back yard.

As you may be aware several big tournaments have been cancelled along with local tournaments. We were able to get the Indoor tournament completed just in time and hopefully we will be able to hold the State Outdoor which is to be held in Blue Springs. MBH has not received any bids for the State 600 or the state 3D. I see no reason to entertain a bid for these tournaments until this crisis is over and we get back to some kind of normal.

Once again, be safe, stay healthy and keep in contact with loved ones, especially our senior citizens.

Please share a copy of the Release to someone who may not have access to a computer or a possible new member.

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The **RELEASE** is published monthly and is viewable on the Missouri Bow Hunters Website, and on Facebook. MBH members can have it e-mailed to them by providing an e-mail address on their membership application.

Annual MBH Membership Rates:

Single—\$25.00

Family—\$30.00

Youth—\$12.50 (under 18)

Memberships can be renewed online at WWW.mobowhunters.org, or by filling out the attached form and mailing to: MBH Secretary, 16909 E 44th St S
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Have any news, stories, or pictures to share in the RELEASE?

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Missouri Bow Hunters Life Memberships

For outstanding contributions to the sport of Archery

1953 Paul Jeffries*

1991 Don Roper

1954 Hugh Collins*

1993 Mille Foster*

1954 Pauline A. Reeg*

1993 Earl Foster*

1967 Jim Schulz*

1994 Jerry Reynolds

1980 Earl Hoyt, Jr.*

2000 Gene Towne*

1981 Dick Wood

2006 Jack Davis

1984 Paul Poteet

2006 Dave Williams

1985 Jim Lewis*

2005 Dr. Charles (Bert) Gray
son (Honorary Life Member)*

*Deceased



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REJOICE!



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Hope everyone had a good state shoot in Linn this year. I was busy in Jefferson City working with the Conservation Federation of Missouri at the annual convention that same weekend.

As Chairman of the Archery and Shooting Sports Committee it's my responsibility to run the committee meeting on Saturday morning. This year during that meeting we had some lively discussion after hearing a report from Missouri Department of Conservation's Cervid Supervisor Mr. Jason Isabelle. Jason reviewed last year's archery season with us. I hope to have his full report in next month's article. To summarize I can tell you that Missouri had a record kill during the 2019 archery season, over 61,000 deer were killed. That's an increase of over 7,000 from the previous record back in 2013 and more than an 8,000 deer increase from last year. Crossbow kills during archery season continue to increase. The first season they were allowed in 2016 crossbows killed 30% of the archery deer total. During this past season the percentage of deer killed during archery season with crossbows has increased to 49%. So in four short seasons half of the kill is now with crossbows during archery season.

At the committee meeting we had two resolutions that were proposed. The first was to Remove Antler Point Restrictions from Youth Archery Permit Holders. Currently MDC regulations require youth archery hunters ages 6-15 to adhere to all antler point restrictions for the county location they are hunting in but youth rifle hunters have zero antler point restrictions during the youth firearms season statewide no matter their hunting location. That resolution did pass out of committee and the general assembly on Sunday morning. It has been sent onto the Missouri Department of Conservation Regulations Committee for their review. I will be following up on what I hope will be a regulation change allowing youth bowhunters to harvest any deer that presents a shot without following antler point restrictions just like youth rifle hunters.

The second resolution was a proposal to reinstate the second buck tag for archery hunters. Regulations in 2015 allowed for a Missouri archery hunter to kill two bucks with a bow. You could kill one prior to firearms season and one after firearms season. You could still kill a buck with a firearm as well so total buck limit was 3 during any one season. That regulation changed with the 2016 season and the allowing of crossbows during all of archery season. The buck limit went to two total. So currently you can kill two bucks per season. You may kill two with your bow, again one before and one after firearms season or you can kill one with a bow and one with a firearm with a max of two bucks per season.

Discussion in the meeting centered on the stated fact by MDC that there is no biological or scientific reason to limit the kill to two bucks. The Missouri deer herd resource would not be harmed by allowing about 500 more bucks per season to be killed, which is the estimate based on past deer season totals that the buck kill would increase.

MDC however did say that the surveys they have conducted indicate that a two buck total limit is what most hunters wanted. MDC says that a three buck total limit is not socially acceptable from hunters they surveyed. Debate in the room came down to this; There is no scientific reason not to increase the buck limit however most hunters agree that a two buck limit per season along with the unlimited number of antlerless permits available to archery hunters is enough.

The vote on the resolution failed in the committee meeting by 70% voting to leave the regulations currently at a two buck total limit including both the archery and firearms season. These resolutions are simply ideas presented during the committee meetings and if passed out of committees are sent on to the appropriate agency to consider and report back to CFM on. You can see all of the 2020 CFM resolutions passed at convention on the CFM website by clicking on this link; <https://www.confedmo.org/2020-resolutions/>.

Legislative Update – The JCAR (HJR 100) bill that would have removed conservation authority from the Conservation Commission and shifted it to the Legislature was met with stiff opposition at the hearing held by the Special Committee on Government Oversight on February 25th. The room was packed with Conservation minded folks letting the committee know they were against letting politics rule conservation in Missouri. There was no one there in support of the bill. That along with a flood of contacts to Missouri Legislatures opposing this bill has pretty much killed this idea for now.

The virus pandemic has put a hold on almost everything including most legislation at the Missouri Capitol for now. So stay safe and stay informed. This too will pass eventually.

Happy Bow Hunt'in
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Since we are all stuck at home and all have different situations as far as the availability of shooting areas; here are some ideas of things you can work on for your archery hobby/skills/equipment etc.

1. Clean/organize your equipment. (Sorry, it's the mom in me).
2. Fletch/re-fletch those feathers/veins that are a little ragged.
3. Wash your cloth release aid wristband.
4. Get your turkey hunting equipment ready to go.
5. Lubricate sights, release aids.
6. Check out some of the links below or seek out other resources for these areas:

Exercises:

<https://www.livestrong.com/article/521937-muscle-exercises-for-archery/>

<https://bowhunting.net/2017/02/archery-muscles-by-bowfit/>

Making backyard targets:

<https://www.archery360.com/2018/03/21/4-tips-for-backyard-target-shooting/>

<https://www.archery360.com/2016/05/12/3-diy-options-for-archery-targets-in-tight-spaces/>

Skills:

<https://worldarchery.org/news/157503/10-practice-methods-shoot-better-arrows-1>

<https://shootingtime.com/archery/use-proper-archery-form/>

<https://risingarcher.com/11-essential-skills-for-3d-archery/>

7. Stay in touch with your archery friends/family! Call them, text them, Facebook them!



LARGE & SMALL GAME COMMITTEE

Last month we talked about adventure hunts and I said my time of climbing mountains and riding horseback for several hours is coming to an end probably within the next 5 years so this month let's talk about "Old-Timers" Bowhunts. There are still plenty of adventures to go on that aren't quite as physical as the high mountain climbing, horseback riding, hiking miles a day with a backpack kind. I'm talking about hunts that no matter your age or health condition you can still pick up the bow and have a great hunt you just have to spend a little time and money looking for the right opportunity. Here are some examples. These are hunts that you can drive to, planes are a pain and I avoid them if I can.

#1. TEXAS GAME. Head south during the winter for a Texas hog or Exotic animal hunt. Texas has beautiful ranches and lodging with great bowhunting, good food, and all the amenities for the whole family if you choose to take the rest of your gang for a little winter vacation.

#2. MERRIAM'S TURKEY. Next go to South Dakota and hunt Merriam's Turkey. Success rates are high if you pick a good outfitter. You will be hunting from a pop up blind over decoys, which works well in the wide open spaces of the Missouri River or Black Hills area.

#3. BLACK BEAR. If you have ever been Black Bear hunting in Canada then you already know it's a low impact highly successful hunt over bait that provides an excellent bow hunt. Shots are close, usually 25 yards or less and it's fun watching the Canadian wildlife that shows up to the bait.

#4. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE. Head west in the late summer and sit in a blind over a water hole to get your goat. Again do your homework and pick a good outfitter. You should have a successful hunt and another great experience without much of a physical strain.

#5. WHITETAIL DEER. Go to a different state like maybe Nebraska or Kansas or Texas and bowhunt deer from a blind. These are highly successful hunts as long as you aren't too picky about the size of your deer. A lot of outfitters give reduced rates for what they call management bucks. Learn to age deer and shoot mature deer while focusing on the hunt and not antler size. If you do that I promise you that you will be more successful and enjoy the hunt without the pressure of killing a monster buck.

All of these hunts are physically easy hunts and by hiring outfitters getting the harvested game cleaned and out of the field is included in the hunt price.

There are three things that you will need to do to participate in any of these hunts.

Research your outfitters. Make phone calls to actually talk with them about the hunt. A good place to start is the website called Bowsite.com and click on Outfitters. The website provides review and comments from hunters who have been on hunts with the outfitter.

Keep shooting your bow. Keep shooting all year. Lower your bow poundage if you need to. All of these hunts can be done with a 40 lb draw weight. To keep your shooting muscles and shoulder joints in shape consider those stretch bands like they use in physical rehab. Use those 3 or 4 times a week to simulate drawing your bow. Even the light weight pull of those bands will really help keeping your joints and muscles working. Do exercises on both your right and left sides to stay balanced.

Be willing to spend a little of that retirement money to enjoy life. The memories you'll make will be priceless. Each of these hunts can be done First Class for less than 5K per hunt.

Happy Bow Hunt'in

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MISSOURI ROCK'N SHOTS (NFAA/MBH 01-24-21) BofR: Kathy Potter, efa@cvalley.net. Range location: 1401 County Road 1255, Huntsville, MO 65259; JOAD program available, call range for more information: 660-651-3175

INDEPENDENCE BOWHUNTERS (NFAA/MBH 4-30-20) Indoor range location: 6423 Railroad St., Raytown, MO; leagues and practice at 20 yards. Outdoor range location: William Landahl Park, Argo Rd. & 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, MO. President: Jim Forbes, Secretary: Tobi Forbes, 816-645-2198, 16909 E. 44th St. S, Independence, MO 64055; BofR: Jim Forbes, 816-863-7128. www.independencebowhunters.org

INDIAN TRAIL ARCHERY (MBH 3-31-20) President/BofR: Faron Teague; 1521 N Hwy 19; Salem, MO 65560; 573-729-9593. Indoor range and outdoor Fita range located at 1521 N Hwy 19, Salem, MO 65560. Secretary: Sandy Radford.

NOMO BOWHUNTERS ARCHERY ASSN. (MBH 01-31-21) Moberly, MO. Outdoor range location: 1.8 miles east of Junction 24 and 63 on Hwy. 24 on south side of highway. Contact & BofR: Charlie Langreder, 1508 Secretariat Dr., Columbia, MO 65202, 573-864-7590; President: Larry Jackson, 660-998-1545; Secretary: Alan Eckhardt, 573-881-4199

NORTHSIDE ARCHERS (MBH 8-31-20) St. Louis, MO. Meets 1st Monday of every other month. Field range location: Creve Coeur Park, take Dorsett Rd., west from I-270 to Creve Coeur Park. Contact & BofR: Bob Brumback, 3260 Carlow Place, St. Ann, MO 63074, 314-427-2953; President Rich Noble; Secretary: Bob Brumback, rbrumback6167@sbcglobal.net

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ARCHERY CLUB (MBH/NFAA 4-30-20) 3D range location: from Bethany, Mo. Take Hwy. 136 west 9 miles to Rt. EE, New Hampton, north 12 miles to Rt. M, west 3 miles to Emmett & Leah Seat Conservation Area. Watch for signs to archery range. President: Charles Fosdick, 205 S 23rd St, Bethany, MO 64424, 660-868-0475; Secretary: Teri Fosdick, 660-425-6155; BofR: Ed Criger.

OZARKS TARGET ARCHERS (NFAA/MBH 11/05/20) 5780 S Farm Rd 141; Springfield, MO 65810; 417-874-2910; President/BofR: Amy Francka afrancka@springfieldmo.gov; Indoor and outdoor field range.

SUMMIT ARCHERY CENTER (MBH 8-31-20) 1164 Decker Rd., Labadie, MO 63055; 636-742-2531. President: Chris Schmidt, Secretary: Jim Ford; BofR: Jeff Friedmann jf4657@gmail.com.

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☐ Family \$30
☐ Youth \$12.50 (under 18)

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Affiliated Club _____

Referred by _____

Family Members:

Name 1: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 2: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 3: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 4: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

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Name 6: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

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