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Club Directory

Independence Bowhunters (NFAA/MBH 4/29/23) Indoor Range location: 6423 Railroad St., Raytown, Mo; leagues and practice at 20 yards. Out door range loation: William landahl park, Argo Rd & 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, Mo. President Steve Bullard, Secretary: Tobi Forbes, 816-645-2198, 16909 E. 44th St. S, Independence, Mo 64055: B of R: Jim Forbes, 816-863-7128.
www.independencebowhunters.org

Nadaho Bow Hunters Club (NFAA/MBH 06-01-23) Outdoor range location: 1/4 mi. East of Graham on Hwy A, 11/4 mi North on gravel road 16 Lane. Indoor rang location: South end of Maple Ave., maitland, Mo. President: Cody Sisk, Secretary: Jeanette Brookshier, 660-939-4177; B of R: Bill Brookshier. Www.nadahobowhunters.com

NOMO Bowhunters Archery Assn. (MBH 01-31-23) Moberly, Mo.; Outdoor range location: 1.8 mi East of Junction 24 and 63 on Hwy. 24 on South side of Highway. Contact & B of R: Charlie Langreder, 1508 Secretariat Dr., Columbia, Mo 65202, 573-864-7590; president: Dakota Schelemacher, 660-833-5649; Secretary: Spencer Barron, 660-998-0264

Northwest Missouri Archery Club (NFAA/MBH 1-23-23) 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 Comnservation Area. Watch for Signs to archery range. President: Charles Fosdick, 2065 S 23rd St., Bethany, Mo 64424; 660-868-0475; Secretary: Teri Fosdick, 660-425-6155; B of R: Marsha Criger

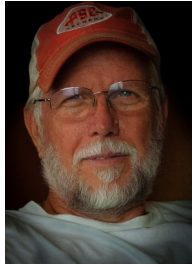
Ozarks Target Archers (NFAA/MBH 11-06-22) 5780 S Farm Rd 141, Springfield, Mo 65810; 417-874-2910; president/B of R: Amy Franka; afrancka@springfieldmo.gov; Indoor and outdoor range

Southeast MO School of Archery (NFAA/MBH 03-08-23) 1162 CR 559, Poplar Bluff, Mo 63901; 573-413-7704. Indoor Range location: Business 60 East 2 miles to Intersestion of NN & Bus. 60; turn right onto CR 559. 3D range location: Bus. 60 2 miles to inter-section of Bus. 60 & NN Hwy; turn noth on NN to CR 543; turn right on CR 543 & drive 1.5 miles. President: Jim Akers (twistedarrowllc@gmail.com; B of R: Tim (TJ) Akers, 573-785-6914

Summit Archery Center (MBH 01-31-23) 1164 Decker Rd., Labadie Mo 63055; 636-742-2531. President Chris Schmidt. Secretary: Monica Friedmann, B of R: Jeff Friedmann jf4657@gmail.com

Commercial Archery Lanes and Shops

Indian Trails Archery pro shop (MBH 5-21-23) Owner: Faron Teague, 1521 N Hwy 19; Salem, Mo 65560; 573-729-9593. Indoor and outdoor Fita range.



From the President

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Another bow season is well under way. Personally, I would prefer a little cooler morning and evenings. Can't stand ticks and chiggers, lol. I wish all of our members "good luck" this season and be careful out in the woods.

As a reminder, the Youth Tournament (requires MBH membership only) is scheduled for November 19th/20th. This will be shot at various locations as we have done in the past. You need only shoot one of the days. Registration will be on line and you need to contact the location of your chose for line times. Do not contact a location for registration, only for line times. The NFAA 450 (requires MBH/NFAA membership) is scheduled for December 3rd/4th. Once again you need to shoot only one of these days.

MBH is still looking for nominations for President and Vice-President. Also MBH is looking for some one take over the publication of the Release.

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?

Submit them to Bill Myers at mbhpresident@gmail.com

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Missouri Bow Hunters Life Memberships

For outstanding contributions to the sport of Archery

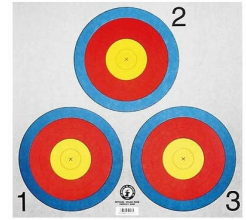
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1954 Hugh Collins*	1993 Mille Foster* (HoF)
1954 Pauline A. Reeg*	1993 Earl Foster* (HoF)
1967 Jim Schulz*	1994 Jerry Reynolds
1980 Earl Hoyt, Jr.* (HoF)	2000 Gene Towne* (HoF)
1981 Dick Wood (HoF)	2006 Jack Davis
1984 Paul Poteet	2006 Dave Williams
1985 Jim Lewis*	
2005 Dr. Charles (Bert) Gray son (Honorary Life Member)*	

*Deceased

HoF—Hall of Fame

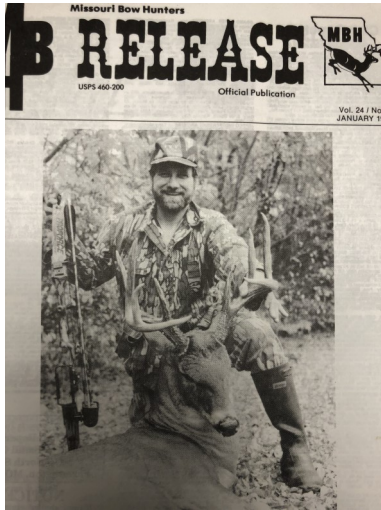


Etiquette of Indoor Archery



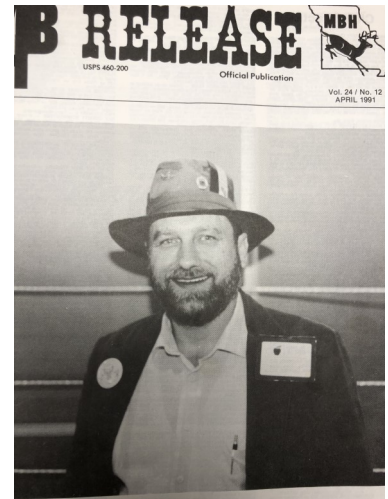
With the Indoor season just around the corner this would be a good time to refresh ourselves with some indoor archery etiquette/rules.

- Archers must conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner that will bring respect and honor to himself/herself, and the archery club or organization they represent..
- Archers shall make every effort to comply with all rules and regulations both published and intended.
- Obscene or vulgar slogans or pictures on clothing are not acceptable.
- Do not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Archers should be able to pull their bow back without pointing higher than the height of their target butt.
- Verbal communication between shooter and any spectators while on the shooting line is not permitted.
- Listen for the whistle or voice command to approach the line, start and/or stop shooting.
- Keep your arrows in your quiver until range is clear.
- Archers must straddle the shooting line.
- Always check archers on either side of you before entering and leaving the line. Do not leave or enter the line when an archer is at full draw. Leave the line only if finished shooting or you experience a malfunction.
- If you experience a equipment malfunction, notify a line judge by rising your hand.
- When finished shooting all your arrows, step back from the line and place your bow on the bow rack and wait behind the bow rack.
- Walk (don't run) when going to score and returning with pulled arrows.
- Parents of cubs who have knowledge of how the targets are scored are invited to help with the scoring but may not help score on the target butt that their child is shooting on. If you would like to help, please notify either the President, Secretary or the person in charge of guardian angels. Not every parent will be allowed to go down range. This only adds to the confusion and delays the scoring process.
- Parent (s) of youth and young adults are not allowed to help with the scoring.
- If arrows become difficult to score (due to target being shot up) the line judge will require you to replace that target.



Don Roper

Lovingly Submitted By Dick Wood



PASSING OF THE LEGENDARY BOWHUNTER/ARCHER/MOUNTAIN MAN/EDUCATOR/FRIEND

A sincere tribute to the man who accomplished so much

You didn't know our Don Roper was a Godly, humble, helping, generous loving sensitive, charismatic man. No matter how thick the beard, it could not conceal that infectious smile.

Don and I met nearly 60 years ago wearing hip-waders and dodging cottonmouths at Duck Creek and then Mingo Swamps. I never asked, but truly felt that Don had each one of those venomous residents named. Don lived in Wayne County and knew that country like the back of his hand.

Don A.K.A. Mountain man, loved the mountains of Montana and bowhunting with family and friends and tested out his new knee there for three (3) weeks this summer.

Don was educated and was a fabulous educator. He held a Business Degree from Maryville College and a Masters from National University. At the time of his retirement from Missouri State Employment, he was Superintendent of the Potosi Correction Center. A demanding task requiring one with special gifts.

Without a doubt, Don was the father of bowhunter Education in Missouri. He also served as Vice-President of Missouri Bowhunters. While Ken Perry was President, Don would set up regional Bowhunter “clinics” and the three of us would sometimes have 30-40 folks in attendance. Early on, Don embraced the national Bowhunter Education Program that gained traction in those years, and made it flourish in Missouri. Thousands of folks got to meet Don in his volunteer education mode. Don was one of the founding members and Past President of the Archery Big Bucks of Missouri. Don was a certified Pope & Young and Boone & Crockett measurer. Steve Lenz, retired Conservation Agent in Jefferson County, commented after hearing Don’s passing, “That man measured a zillion racks!!”. Steve was right on! Don’s time/miles on car/gas in tank were “Generous” not descriptive enough.

Not to be forgotten, are the tremendous efforts and energy, with Claudette (wife) as a partner, that made all of those highly successful Mo. Deer Classic’s held in Columbia, a “Mark Your Calendar” event for years. They alone, had the talent. Don served MBH as Big & Small Game Chairman for over 12 years, as well as being a Board member.

Don is one of only four MBH members to hit the “Tricecta” of Honor, by being awarded the “Pauline Reeg Award”, “The Lifetime MBH Member” and the MBH hall of Fame”.

No doubt that Don would feel highly honored and please for all who are moved with his contributions and support of these various organizations—those that relate to Go’s great outdoors, consider following Don’s lead by joining/supporting, volunteering for one or more of these groups. More importantly, Don would stress that if you love the outdoors and God’s creation, that you love and worship the creator. I personally look forward to that “Hot Spot” where Don already has a treestand in Place for me.

Donald Pratt Roper
1946-2022

Donald Pratt Roper, 75, of Newark, Missouri, passed away August 14, 2022 at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia.

Donald was born on September 5, 1946 in Bloomfield, Missouri a son of Hershel Wendell and Bessie Linville Roper. He served his nation in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War entering in June 1966 and was honorably discharged in May 1969. While serving he was a paratrooper with the 101st and 82nd airborne and received the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher, the Gideons, was an official B & C Scorer and P & Y Scorer, a member of the Archery Hall of Fame and was a Past President of Archery Big Bucks of Missouri.

Donald loved his family and was the best husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather to them that he could be. Those cherishing his memory include his wife, Claudette Ziegler Roper of Newark, Missouri; four sons, James "Scott" Roper and wife, Melanie of Catawissa, Missouri, Casey Allen Roper of Bozeman, Montana, Derek Raymond Roper and wife, Valeree of Hideout, Utah and Dennis Wendell Roper and wife, Jessica of Milford, Kansas; one daughter, Cindy Hawkins and husband, Brian of Catawissa, Missouri; surrogate son Grant Brooks and wife, Jessica of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a brother, Rodney Vaughn Roper and wife Vanessa of Wappapello, Missouri; three sisters, Sylvetta Groom of Villa Ridge, Missouri, Annetta Barton and husband, Joe of Harvester, Missouri and Rhonda Meloy and husband, Herman of Naylor, Missouri. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Kim (Justin) Sobeck, Amanda (Andy) Zufall, Matthew Perkins, Lauren (Graeme) Bray, Jimmy (Kayla) Kirkwood, Hanna (Caleb) Branson, Christopher Kirkwood, Gavin and Jax Brooks, and Hayley Rolfe; seven great-grandchildren, Cooper, Canton and Cameron Zufall, Jax Sobeck, Daisy and Beau Donald Kirkwood and Piper Branson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Bessie Roper; a brother, Hershel "Dwayne" Roper; a brother-in-law, Virgil Groom, a great-granddaughter, Sammy Jo Kirkwood and surrogate daughter Courtney Brooks Strain.



LARGE & SMALL GAME COMMITTEE

It's the third evening of my Wyoming Whitetail hunt and I've just spotted the best buck I've seen so far. He's a respectable 10pt and if he gives me a shot I'm gonna take it.

This hunt has been a journey in motivation and physical therapy. Let me explain a little. I have been battling a sore hip for awhile now and last January I finally decided to take the advice of my doctors and schedule a left hip replacement. The surgery was scheduled for March, so I figured I'd set a goal of being back in a treestand by the fall and what better motivation than to book an Archery Whitetail Hunt with Seven J Outfitters in Sundance, Wyoming! What I didn't know was that my surgery would be postponed until August 30th. My Wyoming Whitetail Hunt started on September 22nd only three weeks after the surgery. I've always wanted to try whitetail hunting out west and since I'd been elk hunting with Seven J previously, I knew the operation and knew they would do everything they could to make it a good hunt. Like most things in life, I've found that it's better to pay a little more for a quality product or experience than to try and save a buck or two on something cheaper.

The operation went well, and I started what I hoped would be a quick recovery, however things didn't go as quickly as I wanted. Turns out that I did too much therapy exercising on my own which caused some extra swelling and pain which I wasn't too happy about. When I finally conceded that maybe I should slow down and let it heal some before working the hell out of it things began to turn around. By September 20th with the help of my always supportive wife Kim we were packed and heading to Wyoming. You're probably wondering how I got the doctor to approve letting me walk uneven terrain and climb into a treestand? That was easy because I didn't ask for approval I just went! I'll ask forgiveness later.

Back to the hunt, that 10pt was the 33rd deer that had been by my stand in the last three hours. That's one of the cool things about hunting Wyoming. If you're in the right place you can expect to see A LOT of deer heading to the green fields from the Black Hills National Forest bedding areas to the irrigated green fields below. Sitting in a big old pine tree swaying with the wind while listening to elk bugle and watching whitetails parade by your stand is something I will always remember. My guide Lane had dropped me off about 200 yards from my treestand that evening and using a hiking stick for a little extra support I walked uphill and climbed into my stand about 4pm. I had passed shots at a couple of decent 8 pointers and seen lots of does close but now it was 6:45pm with about thirty minutes of daylight left and the buck was heading my way. He was following a smaller buck which ended up walking directly under my stand. The smaller buck walked by, and the target buck followed. When the 10 point was in a position, I thought was good for a shot I grunted to stop him but instead of stopping he jumped and ran a few steps. He was now broadside at 25 yards but there was now a tree limb blocking part of the buck's chest. I had to bend my knees some to a squatting position to get a clear shot. My left leg is still weak and believe me when I say that squat was very challenging. I released the arrow and heard a satisfying thwap! I was able to watch the buck bed down at about 100 yards however his head was still up, and my shot appeared to be a little low. I climbed down and when in doubt back out! I spent a sleepless night re-playing everything I observed before, during and after the shot. I was confident that we would find the buck the next morning dead where I had last seen him lay down.

Sunday morning September 25th My guide Lane, my wife Kim and myself went back searching at daylight. I was worried when the buck wasn't where I had last seen him. We did find several beds with dark blood in them but no deer. My arrow showed darker liver blood, so we knew the buck

had to be dead somewhere we just had to find it. We noticed very fresh elk sign in the area, so Lane thought maybe an elk herd had bumped my buck from his bed during the night causing him to travel a little further. It took a little while, but we spread out and Lane found my buck about 100 yards further down the trail. What a relief, my shot was low and a little back only cutting the liver.

The decision to back out and leave the deer overnight was a good call and remember just because you don't find the deer quickly never give up looking especially if you know the shot was lethal. I must thank 7J Outfitters and my wife Kim for all their help and support during my "physical therapy".



Happy Bow Hunt'in
Jeff Blystone
jandkbly@gmail.com

Fees Due upon Registration

MBH State Youth Tournament November 19 or 20, 2022



MBH Membership Required

Locations:

Indian Trail

(573-729-9593)

Summit Archery

(636 742-2531)

Springfield Archery

(417 874-2910)

IBH

(816-645-2198)

Nodaho

(660-562-3477)

Twisted Arrow

(573-413-7704)

This is one day 300 round tournament. You can choose either day. Contact location for day and line times.



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Single or 5 spot (NFAA)

**Registration on line
www.mobowhunters.org**

**Mail
MBH Secretary, 16909 E. 44th St,
Independence, Mo 64055**

Fees: \$25.00

Individual Young Adult (15-17)

Youth (12-14)

Cub (11 and under)

Late registration Starts : 11/14/2022

LATE FEE : \$10.00

5 shooters will be randomly drawn to receive a \$100 gift certificate to use at an archery shop of their choice



Missouri Bow Hunters
State Youth Championships
Nov 19 or 20, 2022
Various Locations

Register/Pay Online at
WWW.mobowhunters.org
or

Mail Registration Form to:
Missouri Bow Hunters
16909 E 44th St S
Independence, Mo 64055

Please make all checks payable to MBH

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Shooting Fees

\$25.00

Late fees - \$10.00 individual

***fees do not include MBH Membership**

Late Registration starts 11/14/2022

MBH Membership Required for Participation

MBH DUES TO

WWW.mobowhunters.org or

Missouri Bow Hunters 16909 E 44th St S, Independence, Mo 64055

Select One

Indian Trails ☐ IBH ☐

Summit Archery ☐ Nodaho ☐

Springfield Archery ☐ Twisted Arrow ☐

Please Select one (1) Age Division / One (1) Shooting Division

Junior Age Divisions
Cub (ages 11 and under)
Youth (ages 12-14)
Young Adult (ages 15-17)

Junior Shooting Divisions
Barebow
Bowhunter Freestyle
Freestyle
Freestyle Limited Recurve

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Fees Due upon Registration

Wanted

Any club who is interested in becoming a MBH charter club and hosting any of the following tournaments, please send bid information to mbhsecretary@gmail.com . MBH needs bids for the following tournaments in 2023:

State 600

State Field Outdoor

State 3D.

Any questions about the tournaments please email the secretary or President.

- **RELEASE PRODUCER:** Anyone interested in taking over the production of the monthly Release newsletter please send your proposal to the secretary for board approval.

- **President & Vice President Nominations:**

MBH is taking nominations thru October 31, and if needed, will be voting in December. Please see duties and term length on another page.

Calendar of Events

2022

Nov 19-20 – MBH Youth Championship – Multiple Locations

Dec. 3-4 – MBH State 450 Championship – Multiple Locations

Dec 9-11 – NFAA Mt. Rushmore Rumble – NFAA – South Dakota

Dec 9-11— Midwest Open—Peoria, IL

2023

Jan 6-8 – ISSA Iowa Pro Am – Des Moines, IA

Jan 15 – MBH B of R Meeting - Virtual

Jan 21-22 – Kansas City Shoot-out Pro-Am – IBH - Raytown

Jan 26-29 – Lancaster Archery Classic – Lancaster, PA

Feb 2-5 – The Vegas Shoot – Las Vegas, NV

TBA – NFAA Midwest Sectionals – IBH - Raytown

Mar 11-12 - MBH State Indoor – Multiple locations

Mar 24-26 – NFAA Indoor Nationals – Louisville, KY

MBH Tournament Bid Form

Instructions: Use this form to bid on hosting the following MBH state tournaments: Target, Field, Youth or 3D. Use a separate form for each tournament that is being bid on. All MBH tournaments are to be hosted by an affiliated club unless the MBH Board of Representatives makes an exception.

Please return this form by the deadline of no later than December 20, 2022. Please make sure to have bids in prior to the deadline in order to ensure your range's consideration as a host location.

**Return completed forms to the MBH Secretary at: 16909 E 44th St S, Independence, MO
64055**

Date the bid is being placed (today's date):

Tournament being bid on (check one): ☐ Target (600) ☐ Field ☐ Youth ☐ 3D

Date of tournament being bid on:

Tournament bid – number of days (one or two days):

Club name placing the bid:

Club contact person: Telephone:

Club MBH Membership: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Flat Host Fee or Splitper Shooter:

Projected Shooters Fees: If a split, projected MBH take:

If Flat Fee, Projected MBH take: _

Tournament site name and address:

Tournament site amenities (lodging, parking, local events, local attractions, etc.):

Once a club wins their bid it is expected that they will prepare by assisting with advertising, logistics and setup and take down of equipment. The winning club must have enough staff to assist with registration, line judging, guardian angels (for assisting with cubs), score tabulations, concessions and facilities management.

Missouri Bow Hunters Association

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Independence, MO 64055

816-645-2198

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Membership Application

☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Youth \$12.50 (under 18)

Name: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

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) _____

Name 5: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

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

Mail Completed Form

to: **Missouri Bow**

Hunters 16909 E. 44th

St. S

Independence, MO 64055

For questions call: 816-645-2198

◆ Join online at www.mobowhunters.org