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Club Directory

Independence Bowhunters (NFAA/MBH 5/29/2025) Indoor Range location: 6423 Railroad St., Raytown, Mo; leagues and practice at 20 yards. Outdoor range location: William Lindahl Park, Argo Rd & 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, Mo. President: Frank Burch, 816-929-1672, B of R: Jim Forbes, 816-863-7128. www.independencebowhunters.org

Nadaho Bow Hunters Club (NFAA/MBH 01-24-2025) Outdoor range location: 1/4 mi. East of Graham on Hwy A, 11/4 mi North on gravel road 16 Lane. Indoor range location: South end of Maple Ave., Maitland, Mo. President: Jeff Madden, 990-582-5806, Secretary: Jackie Cochenour, 314-371-7405; B of R: Bill Brookshier. Wwww.nadahobowhunters.com

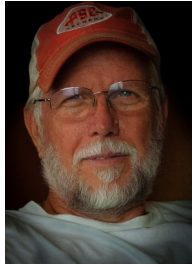
Northwest Missouri Archery Club (MBH 03-02-2025) 3D range location: From Bethany, Mo take Hwy 136 West 9 miles to Rt. EE, New Hampton, North 12 miles to Rt. M, West 3 miles to Emmett & Leah Seat Conservation Area. Watch for Signs to archery range. President: Charles Fosdick, 2065 S 23rd St., Bethany, Mo 64424; 660-868-0475; Secretary: Teri Fosdick, 660-425-6155; B of R: Marsha Criger

Ozarks Target Archers (NFAA/MBH 11-6-2024) 5780 S Farm Rd 141, Springfield, Mo 65810; 417-874-2910; President/B of R: Amy Francka; afrancka@springfieldmo.gov; Indoor and outdoor range

Southeast MO School of Archery (NFAA/MBH 04-09-2025) 1162 CR 559, Poplar Bluff, Mo 63901; 573-413-7704. Indoor Range location: Business 60 East 2 miles to Intersection of NN & Bus. 60; turn right onto CR 559. 3D range location: Bus. 60 2 miles to intersection of Bus. 60 & NN Hwy; turn north 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

Commercial Archery Shops

Indian Trails Archery pro shop (NFAA/MBH 05-21-2025) Owner: Faron Teague, 1521 N Hwy 19; Salem, Mo 65560; 573-729-9593. Indoor and outdoor Fita range.



From the President

2024 Officers

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The MBH State Outdoor Field Tournament (results on page 11) was held on July 20-21, 2024 hosted by IBH at the Lindahl Park Archery Range. We had the possibility of rain both days but managed to stay dry.

I would like to say “Thanks” to IBH for hosting the tournament (did a great job, range was in great shape, thanks again Tom Hood and Scott Larkins). As usual ,Tobi, MBH Secretary, was on top of things. I would also like to give a “Big Thanks” to the other seven shooters who made the effort to support MBH and shoot the event. This could very well be the last MBH State Outdoor Field Tournament. It takes a lot of work to put on this tournament. If this kind of support, I don’t see any reason for having another outdoor field tournament.

On another note, the elections of officers and appointment of Secretary will take place this December. So far, no one has stepped up to guide this organization forward. The MBH Secretary has informed me, as of this election she will no longer hold the office. She has decided to step away from archery. I have held this office for much too long. MBH needs some new blood to take us into the future. I would be willing to stay on as the NFAA State Director and publisher of the “Release”. If no one steps up and takes over the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary a decision will have to be made at the January Meeting to disband or go in a hiatus state to reorganize . Either way, there may be no further State tournaments. If we disband, our NFAA members will have to join NFAA thru another state organization to remain NFAA members. If you are a NFAA chartered club, you will need to charter through another state. If you are interested in moving MBH forward into the future send me or Tobi an email:

mbhpresident@gmail.com

mbhsecretary@gmail.com

Bill Myers

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 2024:

State 3D

Indoor 450

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

We are looking for articles from our members to be published in the "Release". They can be about your favorite hunting trip, archery tournament or archery experience. They don't have to be long (one page will do). Something you might like to share with your fellow members.

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
Independence, MO 64055

Have any news, stories, or pictures to share in the RELEASE?

Submit them to Bill Myers at mbhpresident@gmail.com

Contact MBH at:

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Missouri Bow Hunters Life Memberships

For outstanding contributions to the sport of Archery

1953 Paul Jeffries* (HoF)	1991 Don Roper * (HoF)
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) Grayson (Honorary Life Member)*	

*Deceased

HoF—Hall of Fame

2024 is an Election Year

MBH will be seeking nominations or volunteers for the following offices:

Duties of MBH Officers

President – It shall be his/her duty to preside at all meetings of MBH and the BofR. He/she shall appoint standing and special committee chairs from the BofR and perform all other duties pertaining to the office. The President will appoint a Parliamentarian who is an MBH member in good standing. The President will nominate a Executive Secretary for approval by the BofR. The President will nominate a NFAA State Director for approval by the BofR.

Vice-President – It shall be his/her duty to preside and to act in the absence of the President. He/she will attend all meetings of MBH and the BofR.

Nomination from the BofR or MBH members will be accepted at the August meeting of the BofR. Ballots will be mailed out to MBH members in December (returned before the January meeting) and counted at the January meeting at which time the new President and Vice-President will be installed by the outgoing President.

If you would like to run or know someone who might be interested
Please contact the Secretary or President by email.
MBHsecretary@gmail.com
MBHpresident@gmail.com



LARGE & SMALL GAME COMMITTEE

Remember to apply for MDC Managed Deer Hunts. Applications can only be submitted through July 31, so hurry up and get it done before you miss out. Click this link to fill out your application.

[Managed Hunts: Deer | Missouri Department of Conservation \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mdc.mo.gov/managed-hunts/deer)

Here's just a little incentive to get those applications done. I killed this buck on November 7th last year while participating in an MDC Managed deer hunt in the Kansas City area.



Happy Bow Hunt'in,
Jeff Blystone



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

This year, MDC is revising its 10-year Deer Management Plan. As part of the plan revision process, we are holding a meeting this June with select MDC partners to offer an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan's goals and objectives. The meeting will be held at the Central Regional Office and Conservation Research Center in Columbia

I was invited to participate in a meeting representing MBH and The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) along with CFM Executive Director Tyler Schwartz and CFM Big Game Committee Chairman Steve Jones. We were invited by Jason Isabelle (MDC Cevid Program Supervisor) along with representatives from The National Deer Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, BackCountry Hunters & Anglers, US Forest Service, University of Missouri Animal Science, and several MDC specialists in animal diseases, communication personnel, protection personnel, and a wildlife division chief.

Our purpose was to review the deer management, provide comments, and to get feedback from the CFM RAC committee members and return our comments to MDC by July 5, 2024. This meeting and comment period was a preview to the comment period which has already opened to the general public. That comment period will be open through August 4, 2024. You can read the management plan and comment on it at [White-Tailed Deer Management Plan Revision | Missouri Department of Conservation \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov/white-tailed-deer-management-plan-revision).

Here is the feedback that CFM submitted.

Name and Affiliation of Partner: The Conservation Federation of Missouri.

These positions were taken from a combined meeting of the CFM Big Game, Wild Turkey and Furbearers Committee, the Archery and Shooting Sports Committee (chaired by Steve Jones and Jeff Blystone respectively) and interested members from the current officers and the Board of Directors.

Goal 1: Deer Population Management

1.5.1 - Regarding DMAP, we have heard and are very encouraged that the minimum property size has dropped from 500 to 250 acres. We further believe that any program designed to connect deer hunters with landowners willing to let them hunt should receive extra focus for DMAP users.

1.5.4 - We support this strategy

Goal 2: Hunting and Recreation

2.1.5 – We support creating field to fork type educational programs, either as events, live training, or publications/videos.

2.2.5 - We encourage MDC to increase the focus on carcass movement restrictions, and to perhaps elevate reporting them to the highest level of potential OGT rewards.

2.4.3 We support this and would add that under-used public hunting opportunities on public lands should be highlighted, especially in areas where deer management goals are not being met.

2.5.3 – We encourage changing the deer tag purchase system to add the option to include a voluntary donation to Share the Harvest, for instance in multiples of \$1.

2.5.4 - This strategy caught our attention, but we would need more detail before supporting or opposing.

2.6.2 - We support this, provided it is implementation does not conflict with 2.5.5.

Goal 3: Deer Health and Disease

3.1 & 3.2 - General strong support. While many things about CWD remain consistently complex, and the battle is not yet going our way, MDC remains at the cutting edge of best practices for responding to CWD. We commend and support the Department and the Commission for the unflagging focus on the problem.

We do hope that the department expands the freezer-drop off CWD testing program at least to include all CWD counties.

3.3.1 - We concur but would point out It's over 6 years since the Missouri Supreme Court clarified that the MDC has primary regulatory authority over all cervids and other game species in Missouri, both free-ranging and confined. We understand that the regulatory landscape is complicated, involving the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the USDA. We encourage the Conservation Commission to remain mindful that their constitutional mandate to manage the fish, forests and wildlife for the benefit of all Missourians should remain their highest priority as they interact with other agencies.

3.3.2 - We suggest that detailed data related to confined cervid escapes should be organized and made publicly available on the MDC website.

Regarding all of section 3.x, we presume that the MDC and the conservation commission remain in active communication with wildlife agencies in other CWD states, possibly in conjunction with the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study and The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. We encourage such communication to ensure that all consider emerging ideas for CWD management as early as possible.

Goal 4: Education, Communication, and Public Engagement

Objective 4.1:

It seems likely that in 2034, the next time this plan is reviewed, CWD related challenges are likely to seem dramatically different than they are in 2024. It certainly seems that way now looking back on 2014. We suggest a pro-active effort to research the "Human Dimensions" aspects of how hunter attitudes and behaviors change in response to the continuing spread of CWD. This could be an advantage in adapting your communications to best achieve the goals related to CWD.

4.1.6 – More effective education and publicity about carcass moving within the state or from out of state. Tell hunters how and where to leave carcasses or provide disposal locations for carcasses.

Objective 4.2 - Overall opinion for this objective: Strive to improve the effectiveness of public education regarding CWD. Most important is to target the counter-arguments (e.g. CWD has always been here, it's ok to discard carcass parts outside, etc). MDC has a powerful and effective "Communication" branch, but this thorny problem may call for some thinking outside the box. One idea might be to treat this as a cross-branch effort, involving input from other branches such as Protection, Science, Community and Private Land Conservation.

Goal 5: Research

Objectives 5.1 & 5.2: We support all strategies in both Objectives

NOTES

We have one specific recommendation that is possibly out of scope for the 10 year plan. We believe it urgent that the MDC or the Commission should contact the wildlife agencies of the other 5 states bordering Oklahoma (TX, NM, AR, KS, & CO) and form a collective opposition to Oklahoma's announced plan to release deer selectively bred for "Disease-Resistant PRNP Variants" into the wild. Getting the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies involved might be even better.

As you know, this terrible plan is based on the false premise that these deer are immune to CWD. In fact though they may be slightly more resistant to infection, and may live a bit longer when infected, they also spread the infectious prions over their habitat for a longer period than other deer. If Oklahoma insists on going forward, we believe the risk to the resources managed by Missouri and the other 5 states could be significant. All means of discouraging this plan should be pursued, including by lawsuit if feasible.

Please go to this link to see and comment on the plan by August 4th.

[White-Tailed Deer Management Plan Revision | Missouri Department of Conservation \(mo.gov\)](#)

Happy Bow Hunt'in
Jeff Blystone

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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2024 MBH State Outdoor Championships

	First Name	Last Name	Division	Field	Field X	Hunter	Hunter X	Animal	Total	Total X
1	Scott	Larkins	SMFS	518	42	255	10	284	1057	52
2	Mike	Andrews	SSMFS	524	38	262	14	287	1073	52
3	Tom	Hood	SSMFS	519	33	265	16	288	1072	49
4	Jeff	Blystone	SSMBHFS	495	21	248	11	272	1015	32
5	Chris	Partezana	SSMBHFS	474	14	245	9	265	984	23
6	Wesley	French	SMBHFS	509	31	250	11	274	1033	42
7	Bill	Myers	MSMFS	510	0	265	0	281	1056	0
8	Tim	Routon	MSMFS	487	0	258	0	283	1028	0



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**

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For questions call: 816-645-2198

◆ *Join online at www.mobowhunters.org*

Calendar of Events

2024

July 20-21: MBH State Outdoor Field

Aug 11: NODAHO – Appreciation Shoot

Sept 8: NODAHO – Appreciation Shoot

Aug. 22-25: NFAA Outdoor Nationals Field & Target Championships – Yankton, SD

MBH 450: Dec 7-8; locations TBD

Dec 20-22: ISAA Pro-Am – Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines, IA

2025

Jan 3-5: Rushmore Rumble - Yankton, SD

Jan 3-5: Midwest Open Indoor – Springfield, IL

Jan 23-26: Lancaster Archery Classic – PA

Feb 8-9: Midwest Indoor Sectionals – IBH, Raytown, Mo

Feb 14-16: NFAA Indoor Nationals - Chicago, IL

Mar 5-9: Vegas Shoot, Las Vegas, NV

MBH Indoor - TBD