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The Release

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Club Directory

Independence Bowhunters (NFAA/MBH 5/29/2024) Indoor Range location: 6423 Railroad St., Raytown, Mo; leagues and practice at 20 yards. Out door range location: William Lindahl park, Argo Rd & 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, Mo. President Frank Burch, 816-929-1672, Secretary: Ki9m Whitworth, 816-820-8918, 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: Jeff Madden, Secretary: Jackie Cochenour, 319-371-7405; B of R: Bill Brookshier. [Www.nadahobowhunters.com](http://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

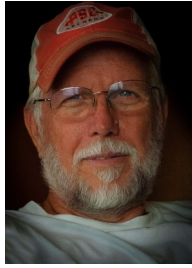
Northwest Missouri Archery Club (NFAA/MBH 1-23-23) 3D range location: From Bethany, Mo take Hwy 136 West 9 miles to Rt. EE, New Hampton, North 12 miles to Rt. M, West 3 miles to Emmett & Leah Seat Conservation Area. Watch for Signs to archery range. President: Charles Fosdick, 2065 S 23rd St., Bethany, Mo 64424; 660-868-0475; Secretary: Teri Fosdick, 660-425-6155; B of R: Marsha Criger

Ozarks Target Archers (NFAA/MBH 11-6-2023) 5780 S Farm Rd 141, Springfield, Mo 65810; 417-874-2910; President/B of R: Amy Francka; afancka@springfieldmo.gov; Indoor and outdoor range

Southeast MO School of Archery (NFAA/MBH 03-08-2024) 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 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

2022 Officers

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Welcome to the year of 2024. I hope you all had a safe and happy new years celebration.

There is one big change this year as far as national membership. As of the 1st NFAA no longer will accept US Archery membership at its tournaments. One must now be a NFAA member to shoot a NFAA tournament. I am not sure what the US Archery requirements are now but I would assume the same .

The Midwest Indoor Sectionals will be held February 24-25, 2024 at several locations (Iowa, Nebraska, Yankton, Kansas and Minn.). Hope to see a few of you in Wichita. The MBH indoor will once again be held at the IBH indoor range in Raytown, MO. It will be a two day tournament with Saturday being a 360 using the NFAA indoor target and Sunday will be a Vegas 330 using the Yellow Vegas target.

I spent the 6th and 7th of January taking part in the Rushmore Rumble in Yankton, SD. They had over 400 shooters with 19 pros shooting a 900 score with Stephan Hansen and Brodie Turner shooting a perfect 900/90X's (first time this has happened). The shoot off was something to watch (its on YouTube) with Brodie taking the win. On the women's side, Paige Pearce was the only one scoring a 900. You can all th results on the NFAA webpage (<https://nfaausa.com/files/2024-rushmore-rumble-080124145116.pdf>)

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 600

State Field Outdoor

State 3D

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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Independence, MO 64055
816-645-2198

E-Mail:

mbhsecretary@gmail.com

Website:

www.mobowhunters.org

Facebook:

Missouri Bow Hunters Assoc.

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

Dennis Roy Ballard (1941-2024)



Dennis Roy Ballard, 82, of Sturgeon, Missouri, passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2024. His wife of 63 years, Rita Kay Ballard, was at his side. Born November 1, 1941, to Mervin “Buck” Ballard and Dorothy Ballard of Red Oak, Iowa, Dennis graduated from Red Oak High School in 1959, and continued his education at the University of Iowa, graduating in 1965.

Dennis is survived by his wife Rita

and their three children: Mark Ballard of Columbia, Missouri; Scott and Rhonda Ballard of Gainesville, Georgia; and Carey Ballard of Bisbee, Arizona. Also surviving are six grandchildren and one great grandson: Emma Scheiderer of Springfield, Missouri, Lindsay Ballard of Atlanta, Georgia; Eric Ballard of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Kelli Ann Ballard of Kennesaw, Georgia; Brandon and Danielle Ballard of Gainesville, Georgia; and son of Emma Scheiderer, Benny Scheiderer of Springfield, Missouri.

In addition to being a dedicated, loving, and compassionate life partner to Rita, a fully committed role model to his children, and a warm, kind and generous grandfather, Dennis’ love for the outdoors, the art and science of archery, and the sport of bow hunting knew no bounds. As a life-long hunter and fisherman, Dennis published his first

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article in *Archery Magazine* in 1970 and, over the next 60 years, published more than 100 articles and columns, all sharing his passion for archery, bowhunting and the Great Outdoors. Most notably, Dennis authored the very first widely published review of the compound bow and helped to propel a revolution in the archery industry while bringing a new generation of archers and bow hunters into the heritage and joy of archery.

Following a highly successful career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he supported clinical research critical to the health and wellness of Veterans, Dennis served as Executive Director of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, whose mission is *'to ensure the conservation of Missouri's wildlife and natural resources and the preservation of (Missouri's) rich outdoor heritage...'* In this role, Dennis represented thousands of 'citizen conservationists' throughout the state, working with them to enhance Missouri's natural resources through state and national-level initiatives and giving them a voice before the Missouri General Assembly and the Missouri Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Dennis' list of accolades, achievements, and recognitions is extensive, including but not limited to:

- 1993 Conservationist of the Year (Conservation Federation of Missouri)
- 1994 G. Andy Runge Award (Missouri Chapter – The Wildlife Society)
- 1996 Master Conservationist (Missouri Conservation Commission)
- 2007 Conservation Award (Pope and Young Club)
- 2011 *"Safari"* - a one-man stage performance showcasing Dr. Saxton Pope at the Pope & Young club's 50th anniversary convention.

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- 2013 “*Art Young*” – a one man stage performance showcasing Art Young at the 2013 Pope & Young bi-annual convention.

Among his many contributions, none will be as lasting and impactful as Missouri's ‘Share the Harvest Program,’ for which Dennis is credited. Share the Harvest is a hunter-led program designed to share surplus venison with Missourians in need. Signed into law by Governor Mel Carnahan in 1993, the program provides nearly 250,000 pounds of venison each year, totaling over five million pounds since the program's inception. A lifelong ambassador for wildlife conservation, archery, and the sport of bow hunting, Dennis' contributions will remain impactful for many generations to come, he will indeed be missed.

“It seems like only yesterday that I braced my Kodiak bow for the first time, strapped on a quiver of cedar shafts, and headed into the river bottoms in search of prey. My what a journey it has been.”


- Denny Ballard

To honor the memory of Dennis, a “Celebration of Life” will take place on Saturday, March 9th at 12PM at Red Top Christian Church located at: 14355 North U, Hallsville, Missouri. There will be a short service followed by a catered lunch and storytelling by those assembled.



LARGE & SMALL GAME COMMITTEE

As a tribute to a great Missouri Conservationist and Bowhunter who just recently passed away at the age of 82, I thought I would publish the last Large Game Report that was I could find in the records from Denny Ballard. Denny killed a 9-point buck on 11-1-2003 at the age of 62. Happy Heavenly Bow Hunt'in Denny!

 **Missouri Bow Hunters Association**
LARGE GAME FORM
For Missouri kills only — Pictures not to be returned

1. Animal killed **DEER:** Doe ☐ Button buck ☐ Buck ☒ Points **9** Typ ☒ Non-Typ ☐
TURKEY: Hen ☐ Joke ☐ Tom ☐ Beard Length ☐

2. Field dressed weight **180**

3. Was animal: Standing ☒ Walking ☐ Running ☐ or ☐

4. Distance of shot **15y** How far did the arrow penetrate **complete**

5. How far did the animal travel **80y**

6. In what part of the body was the animal hit **chest**

7. Date of kill **11-1-03** Time of day **4pm** a.m. ☐ p.m. ☒

8. Were you: Still hunting ☐ Driving ☐ Stalking ☐ Tree stand ☒ Blind ☐

9. What county did you shoot your game **Boone** Private ☒ Public Ground ☐

10. Do you shoot: Long bow ☐ Recurve ☐ Compound ☒ Single cam ☒ Dual cam ☐ % let off **65**

11. Make of bow **Mattew's** Draw weight **55**

12. Kind of broadhead **NAP Thunderhead** # of blades **3** Fixed ☐ Mechanical ☐

13. Kind of shaft **alum** Wood ☐ Glass ☐ Aluminum ☒ Carbon ☐

14. How many deer/turkey taken in Missouri while an MBH member **7** All time total **?**

15. How many seasons have you hunted with the bow **47**

16. Is this your first MBH report ☒ If not, have you received your Large Game Pin ☐

17. Have you taken the Bowhunter Education Course Yes ☒ No ☐

18. Have you taken a Hunter Safety Course Yes ☒ No ☐

19. I want a Buck ☒ Doe ☐ Turkey ☐ bar, my check for \$ ☐ payable to MBH is enclosed

Return to Large Game Committee
Jack Davis, Chairman
Fenton, Mo 65020

Hunter's name **Dennis Ballard** age **62**
Address **_____**
City **Sturgeon** Zip **MO**
Telephone **_____**

Happy Bow Hunt'in,
Jeff Blystone



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Make plans to attend this years Conservation Federation of Missouri's Annual Convention. This will be the 88th year of the celebrating CFM with awards, auctions, banquet dinner, educational seminars, and social hours with your like-minded conservationists.

This year's in-person convention will happen March 1st – 3rd at The Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO. **The highlight at Saturday night's banquet and auction will be keynote speakers Mark and Terry Drury from Drury Outdoors!**

There will also be virtual Resource Action Committee meetings leading up to the in-person weekend convention. These meetings will start on Tuesday February 20th with a couple of meetings each evening through Thursday February 27th. The ten RAC committees cover the following topics: Archery & Shooting Sports, Big Game, Turkey & Furbearers, Education & Ecology, Environment & Ecology, Grasslands & Prairies, Forest Resources & Management, Public/Private Lands, Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries, Upland Wildlife, Wetlands and Waterfowl.

You can find out all the info and register at www.confedmo.org/convention

Happy Bow Hunt'in
Jeff Blystone

Time to get signed up



NFAA INDOOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOST:

DIAMOND ARCHERY

TOURNAMENT DATE:

FEB 24-25

VENUE ADDRESS:

10502 E 26TH CIR N, WICHITA, KS 67226

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Line times are 9am & 12pm
Registration only through NFAA**

**For questions contact
Ray Manfull (316) 259-4219**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

PRO DIVISIONS: \$105
ADULT/SENIOR DIVISIONS: \$55
JUNIOR DIVISIONS: \$45

ARCHERS MUST BE NFAA MEMBERS & REGISTER ON NFAAUSA.COM

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 3 DAYS PRIOR TO START OF EVENT.
\$15 LATE FEE TO BE ASSESSED AFTER DEADLINE.

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.

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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**

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Independence, MO 64055

For questions call: 816-645-2198

◆ *Join online at www.mobowhunters.org*

Calendar of Events

2024

Jan 5-6: NFAA Rushmore Rumble – Yankton, SD

Jan 12-14: ISAA Pro/AM – Clive, IA

Jan. 14: NODAHO - Indoor

Jan. 20-21: KC ShootOut – IBH, Raytown, MO

Jan 25-28: Lancaster Archery Classic

Feb. 1-4: The Vegas Shoot

Feb. 11: NODAHO - Indoor

Feb 24-25: NFAA Midwest Indoor Sectionals

Mar. 2-3: MBH Indoor

Mar. 15-17: NFAA Indoor Nationals – Louisville, KY

April 12-14: Break the Barriers – Fresno, CA

April 19-21: First Dakota Classic – Yankton, SD

May 3-5: Western Classic Trail Shoot & NFAA Marked 3D – Redding, CA

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