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Tom Miranda
Keynote Speaker
IBA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is an honor to step into the leadership role of the Iowa Bowhunters Association. Most of our members may not know me, so a short introduction is in order. I am a farm kid who grew up on a dairy farm with a bow in my hand. As most of our members, I chased all kinds of real and imaginary critters through the timber. I stayed in the field of agriculture and after a lifetime, I'm now retired. Throughout life, many changes have occurred, but at the core I have remained a bowhunter. I discovered the IBA some five years ago and became involved in the IBA board. I was, and still am, impressed with the men and women of the IBA, its members, and its board of directors. What I found was a level of dedication and focus in supporting our mission as an association to protect, defend, and promote bowhunting in the state of Iowa.

The IBA’s Mission Statement reads: “The Iowa Bowhunters Association proudly accepts the sport of bowhunting for all legal game; To protect, improve and increase the opportunities for hunting with the hand held, hand drawn bow; To cooperate with and support federal and state agencies, sportsmen associations, and conservation organizations, which are insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural habitat; To encourage and conduct education programs designed to acquaint the public and the archer with safe and ethical us of the bow for hunting and bowhunting as an effective method of hunting legal game; To foster unity and perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among bowhunters.”

I include this Mission Statement in my first message as President as I view this as our guiding principles of our association. Until such time as a majority of our membership votes to change this mission, this mission will be my focus. Based upon my five years as a board member, I do not see any necessary changes to our mission of the IBA at this time.

What I do sense is a need to renew our efforts of growing our membership. The IBA does most of the heavy lifting from a legislative and political prospective and in coordination with the DNR. The strength of any Association is in its members, and the more members the stronger the association can leverage its political capital in order to carry out our mission. Over the next few months, we as the board of directors, will be reviewing our membership structure and considering options as to how we can grow. Once the board defines that strategy, we will be calling on all members to assist our efforts.

As most of you are aware, we enjoy being one of the best Whitetail states in the US. Although genetics and our natural environment in Iowa help, these aspects are only the fabric that our good people at the DNR have used to shape management practices, limits and licenses that create the real environment for our deer herd to attain the age structure that warrants this stature. This recognition is something each and every one of Iowa’s outdoors men and women should be proud of.

If we reread the Mission Statement, we can now see that our goal of the IBA is to protect, defend, and promote “bowhunting” while insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural resources. We can effectively accomplish this goal only through our membership’s growth and engagement. I look forward to providing guidance and direction to our association, but I cannot do this alone. We need all members engaged and involved.

In closing, our bow season is now upon us, share the outdoors with friends and family and above all be safe.

Bob Haney

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To All Area Reps (and all members)

Our membership needs to be more informed on what is happening in all areas of the state of Iowa, as well as surrounding states. As an area rep, it is expected of you to supply information about your particular area to the rest of the membership. This is accomplished through articles in the Bowhunter. Please submit an article for each Bowhunter issue (four total) to the Bowhunter editor. Deadlines are shown in the editors corner of each issue. We’ll look forward to your input.

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ANNUAL - July of each year is when the IBA Annual is due for distribution; and the deadline is June 15th to ensure your photos are included. A change has been made concerning how we assemble the Annual and where you send your photos. All current photos sent in will still be included, but all future photos should be sent to Randy Taylor with contact information shown below. Award winners from the Spring Banquet are always included; along with other individual or group photos.

The annual will now be designed in-house by the IBA, so your cooperation in getting photos to Randy would be greatly appreciated; the sooner the better. You can send by email, hard copy, or a CD through snail mail. If you send by email, please send as full size file (1MB or larger). For 100% clubs, please send your photos together as a group if you want your own page in the Annual. If not sent as group, they will be shown in the individual pages. Include a few short details about your animal (score, date of harvest, etc). We don’t need a story just a little information. Pictures are not returned.

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To All IBA Members

There are six bowhunter type pictures located somewhere throughout this issue. Have some fun and see how fast you can locate all six of them. They are: an arrow, a compound bow, hunter cartoon, a set of antlers, shoulder mount of a buck, and deer track. Answers in IBA related info section.

PS - If you have other ideas, stories, pictures or information, be sure to send it to us. Each issue of this publication will improve if we get input from our members.

Your Editor

Youth

The junior area rep section is especially meant for you, so send us an email about some ideas that we can put into motion. We would also love to have the Youth Bowhunter page of our IBA publication grow into something big.

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Hello everyone,

Saturdays TNKFK IA was once again a huge success! It could not happen without the dedication you all provide. From the sponsors to the instructors and mentors, the folks that make all of the behind the scenes work happen from registration to making lunch and filling the take home bags. The guy’s that kept the water and ice full at the stations as well as the volunteer firefighters from Neola, who were there just in case.

Thank You,
Roger, Kevin and Jay

The Spring Banquet for next year has been set with the venue going back to the FFA Center in Ankeny and a speaker of Tom Miranda. March 28 is the date and a new motel is being built just a 1/4 mile from the FFA Center for easy access. Plan ahead and hopefully our membership can give the board some insight of some new hunts to acquire.

Tom is a trapper, pilot, author, Territories Wild TV show host, and accomplished the North America big game super slam. Also, in the last seven years, Miranda has traveled to six continents to complete and receive his World Hunting Award ring.

He is the first bowhunter to document the archery Super Slam on video (29 species); also unique to Miranda is the fact that he has captured all his World Hunting Award species on video. SCI’s World Hunting Award is a prestigious milestone, and to date, only five archers have qualified.

Miranda’s adventures include, skydiving, bungee jumping, jet flying, scuba diving, bull riding, and rodeo clown training to name just a few.

“Success is when your soul is telling your brain that you gave it your all... that you are happy with yourself, happy with your life, and happy with who you are.” – Tom Miranda
The 9th TNKFK Iowa was a huge success!

The June 16th 2019 Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids was the best one yet. The weather couldn’t have been better for the kampers, instructors, and mentors - cool and overcast.

In the nine years of the Iowa Bowhunters Association as the event sponsor of the TNKFK Iowa, we have had close to 900 kids through the event. Every year we try to add different events and stations to the kamp.

This year there was a station on how to pick the perfect campsite, set up a tent, and do some camp cooking.

The kampers also had a chance to throw an Atlatl. With help from Brian and Cindy Hoefener, the kids were able to throw the spear at a Wooly mammoth target.

The archery station was once again manned by an IBA 100% club, the Pottawattamie Bowhunters from Council Bluffs. The archery station gives the kampers some basic shooting instruction, then a chance to shoot as many arrows as they can for 45 minutes.

The Air Gun station gives the kids hands on safety and shooting instruction with some Gamo air rifles. It becomes very apparent that the female kampers of all ages excel at this station. Some of these young ladies are excellent shots.

The fishing station always offers some great memories for the kids. You just never know what or when the bite will be on. This year a 19’ catfish won the Big Fish award.

The wrist rocket station gives the kids a chance to perfect their hand and eye coordination. This year we used stuffed animals for the targets. The Incredibles target was a big hit, maybe because it would squeak if hit hard enough with a glass marble.

We also have an orienteering station where the kids are taught the basics of compass reading and follow a course within the park with prizes at the different map points.

Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids Iowa could not happen without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, from our great sponsors to the instructors and mentors. The folks who make all the behind the scenes work happen from registration to making and serving lunch to filling the take home bags, Dave Fischer and the Arrowhead Park staff who had the grounds in great shape, the guys who kept the water and ice full at the stations, and the volunteer firefighters from Neola, who were there just in case, all made this TNKFK a huge success. What a day!
It was a dark and stormy night in the wilds of Canada. The rain played its endless tattoo on the cabin’s new steel roof. Lightning flashed and thunder boomed while the wind sang its forlorn song. It wasn’t the storm that woke me up, it was my urgent need to visit the outhouse. I had tried to ignore the problem hoping it would go away. But, as we all know, a problem ignored is an accident waiting to happen and I’m way too old, or maybe just old enough, for accidents to happen.

I couldn’t put it off any longer. I geared up for the trek to the outhouse, oh so many uphill yards away. A full set of rain gear; yes the pants were bibs which were going to compound my problems, a flashlight and a head lamp (if one is good two is better), mosquito netting for my head, a very large can of mosquito spray that was 2,000% DEET to protect my soon to be exposed flesh, my anti-bear utility belt that held bear spray, an air horn, stun gun and just in case the bear deterrents didn’t work I had sets of Rosary beads, Misbaha Beads and Mala Beads at the ready. For footwear, I slipped on my camp shoes instead of my fishing boots; the camp shoes were much quicker to get on. My camp shoes were a bit squeaky and clompy when I walked but surely my cabin mates would understand.

All of my very necessary, yet time consuming, preparations had turned my urgent problem into an emergency; it was time to “go.” Protected from the elements, the bugs and hopefully the bears, I set off for the outhouse in the rain, the lighting, the thunder and the wind. I squeaked, clomped and tromped my way across the floor and out the door, taking particular care not to let the screen door slam, lest it awaken my cabin mates.

The first section of path to the promised land was a wooden walkway that was slippery from the rain, which I successfully
navigated without incident. The next section was an uneven, boulder strewn and root infested dirt path that the rain had turned to slippery mud.

The flashes of lightning, my flashlight and head lamp were all combining to make the trek more difficult because of the dancing shadows they created. I shut off my lights in an effort to improve my chances of making it up the slippery hill without injury. It didn't work. I stubbed the toes of one foot on a rock and tripped over a root with the other. I was tripping, I was slipping and I was trying to keep what was inside of me inside of me as the brightest flash of lighting of the entire storm lit up the forest all around me.

Was that a bear over there?

My mind told me that of course it was. My mind even told me it was the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest. Was it “accident” time or would I find and tap into some heretofore unknown well of inner strength that would keep me from embarrassing myself in front of my cabin mates?

Some of you long time readers may remember about 15 years ago I wrote a very true and absolutely believable story about furniture shopping with my wife. We had gotten our tax return check and we had pondered what to do with it. Of course I wanted to buy more tools just like I had the year before. That idea was about as popular as my idea to clean all my grease rags in the washing machine. A lead balloon had a better chance of flying than me getting more tools. So, furniture it was.

What was the nexus for new furniture this time? I’m guessing here because no one really knows what motivates women to do what they do but it may have something to do with me going fishing in Canada twice this year, putting new tires on the truck before the old ones were worn out or buying new hunting gear when the old stuff killed deer and turkeys quite well. Huh. I think I just answered my own question.

Regardless of how it came to be, I found myself in a furniture store sitting in chairs, comparing fabrics, foams and the bane of every man’s existence; the dreaded book of color swatches. Even though it had been 15 years, time had not healed that particular wound.

The second store we went to (yes, two) I found my new chair in no time; I fit it and it fit me. Now we had to, ugh, look at swatches. We had come prepared with a pillow off the couch and an arm cover from the old chairs to compare with the new swatches. The sales guy proffered a book of swatches that weighed about 50 pounds. If looks could kill the salesman would be on a very cold slab right about now.

My beautiful, kind and understanding wife who reads these stories hadn’t decided on a chair yet, so I knew we’d be going through the evil also known as a swatch book twice. Here is a piece of advice to any newly or recently married (20 years or less is recently married) guys out there, if you know in advance that you are going to be looking at swatches put a tack in your shoe. Walk around the store with the tack sticking you in the foot. When it comes time to look at swatches, sit down and get the pressure off the tack. You will look happy and she’ll never know you are happy about not getting stuck by the tack and that you aren’t really happy to be looking at swatches.

I chose a swatch (Mmm, mocha, it looks as yummy as it sounds) with a smile on my face and a song in my heart only because I had decided we were going out for dinner when we were done. I just had to decide if dinner was going to be tacos or tenderloins which is basically a choice between tequila and beer.

At long last my wife, who I adore and who reads these stories, made a choice on chairs; she fit the chair and the chair fit her. But wait, her choice of chairs takes an entirely different book of Godless swatches. She eventually made her choice of fabric, foam and color and I made my choice. I definitely needed tequila.

Some very big decisions and choices had been made without either one of us calling our attorneys or the salesclerks calling the police. But it must be noted for the record that my gentle and compassionate wife who reads these stories chose the swatch labeled “Silt” for her chair. Silt? Seriously? Who chose a color whose name reminds one of loathsome mud? The color was nice, but the name? Nope.

It was time for dinner. Chips, salsa, happy hour margaritas and whatever unpronounceable dish I had were the best ever and went a long way towards making the experience of the day more, uh, palatable.

From somewhere deep inside I found and tapped a well of intestinal fortitude that kept the inside of my rain gear dry. I dropped the flashlight and grabbed the bear spray and prayer beads from my anti-bear utility belt. I was ready, the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest wasn’t going to be any match for my bear spray and bead rattling. An inane thought whizzed through my brain, if I get eaten by the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest would there be prayer beads in her poop?

The lightning flashed again and what was once the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest turned out
to be an old dead tree. A widow maker just the same, my anxiety level dropped but the internal pressure was still there, which in a way was very good.

Just a few more slippery yards to go and I’d be at the outhouse. What else could go wrong?

My lovely, compassionate wife who reads these stories and I need to decide what to do with our old chairs. She thinks putting them in the basement family room with all the old furniture we have inherited over the years is a good idea.

I think taking them up to Clayton County and asking my personal hunting guide to carry them up the steep hills, then hoist them up into tree stands and attach them so they were safe to hunt from would be great.

Even though the chairs are worn out who wouldn’t want to hunt out of an old comfy chair?

I slipped and slid my way up the rest of the hill. The outhouse was looking like a life raft to a drowning man. I extended a trembling hand to open the door. With the other hand I turned on my headlamp. I still shudder when I remember what was in the beam of my head lamp. It was a cloud of the most blood thirsty Canadian mosquitoes on the planet and they wanted fresh Bonker blood.

I still had all my prayer beads in my hand. I tried rattling them at the hungry hoard, but the beads were no deterrence. I still had my bear spray in the other hand. I contemplated giving them a hefty dose of capsaicin but just as I was about to pull the trigger it dawned on me that the outhouse would be full of bear spray and therefore unusable. Bad idea.

I took the economy size can of 2,000% DEET out of my back pocket and decided I’d spray them with about half the can of 2,000% DEET, coat the inside of the outhouse with a quarter of the can of 2,000% DEET and hope for the best. I’d keep the remaining quarter can of 2,000% DEET to spray my soon to be exposed flesh just before I sat down. I sprayed the swarm and I actually heard them laugh. Then I sprayed the inside walls and business area of the outhouse. If nothing else, it made me feel better.

One of the problems with putting a comfy chair in a tree is the chair has to be far enough away from the trunk so it can recline. I bet my personal guide can figure it out.

I left my head net on while I took off my raincoat to undo my rain bibs. It was at that moment I realized I only had my shorts on underneath. The mosquitoes saw my pale blubbery flesh and went into a feeding frenzy. I swatted at the exposed part of my chest and my palm was covered in bug guts and Bonker blood.

I had to make a split-second decision, spray myself down with the 2,000% DEET or just drop the bibs and go for it? They couldn’t suck me dry that quickly could they?

If I had known that 15 years down the line I’d be thinking about putting my used-up comfy chair up in a tree to hunt out of I would have chosen the cammo swatch. Yeah, like my generous and forever young wife who reads these stories would ever have let me do that. Actually, if the swatches had been in cammo I still would have had to make the hard decision between Mossy Oak or Real Tree or good old US Woodland. Remember, 15 years ago there wasn’t the plethora of camouflage patterns there are today.

I’m going for it. I’m eschewing the 2,000% DEET on my very soon to be exposed skin for expediency because I’m almost going. The rain bibs went down, the mosquitoes called for reinforcements because there was so much of me to attack one hoard wasn’t going to be enough. My shorts went down, then my butt found the splinter free hole. Finally, I can let it go.

I bet I’d sleep even more in a comfy chair tree stand than I do now in a regular stand. With my luck I’d sleep right through the 30-point buck pointing and laughing at me from my 20 yard marker.

I’m getting lightheaded from blood loss and internal pressure changes. Suddenly, mosquitoes start falling from the air. Was the 2,000% DEET working?

Nope, wasn’t the DEET, it was me. Or rather what had been inside me. The worst part? I could have stayed in the cabin. I didn’t need to slip and slide my way to the outhouse. It was a false alarm of sorts. My cabin mates would probably have kicked me out so I would have been out in the rain either way. I made my way back down to the cabin. I was careful not to let the door slam so I wouldn’t disturb the guys sleeping inside. My camp shoes squeaked, sloshed, clomped and tromped across the floor. I was taking off my rain gear when the guy sharing my room said “You ain’t comin’ up here again till you get rid of them shoes. Did you remember the last guy up to the outhouse said he used all the paper and the next guy up should take some paper up with him?”

My head exploded.

In 6-8 weeks we’ll have our new chairs. My caring and trusting wife who reads these stories believes it will be eight weeks or less. I believe it will be 10 weeks or more. We have a taco or tenderloin dinner bet on who is closest. I have written a lot of stories and consumed a lot of thinking juice in this old comfy chair. Let’s hope the new chair is just as comfy and the thinking juice just as smooth.

I called my personal guide about putting my old comfy chair up in a tree stand.

My personal guide’s head exploded.

Good luck to all this year and remember to strap yourself in. Comfy chair or not.
Iowa DNR NEWS

This DNR NEWS page is designed to give our members some insight on what our Iowa DNR is doing and planning by including an article in each issue or by answering questions from our membership. All questions can be sent to me (Larry Krohn, lwkrohn11@gmail.com), and I will forward them to the appropriate people. Both the question and answer will be published in the same issue. Names will not be included in the questions.

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IBA Article Fall 2019

Fall is upon us way too quickly for some and not soon enough for others. Just as the leaves change colors there are changes going on inside the DNR. I’ll give you a quick rundown of personnel changes over this last quarter. Starting at the top, as you have probably heard by now, Governor Kim Reynolds has appointed Kayla Lyon as the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Lyon assumed her new role on July 8th. Bruce Troutman (Deputy Director) was the acting Director after Chuck Gipp retired. Bruce will be retiring as well this fall.

The Iowa DNR has hired its first staff veterinarian. Rachel Ruden was recently hired and will be housed at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She will work closely with the staff at the ISU diagnostic lab on wildlife related issues. This partnership will enhance not only the Iowa DNR but the College as well. Rachel received her veterinarian degree from Penn State University and has recently completed additional studies at Iowa State University.

Several changes are also occurring inside the depredation program. Recently Helga Offenburger has moved over from our private lands staff to a depredation position in south central Iowa. She continues to work with private land operations, just on different topics. She will also be heavily involved with the CWD sample collection effort in southern Iowa this fall. Two other depredation staff will be added to other parts of the State as well. Inga Roen and Darrin Jones will be splitting their duties between management activities and depredation duties. This will allow a quicker response time to depredation concerns.

There have been some other changes as well inside the management units. We still have two management biologist positions open, Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit and the Rathbun Wildlife Unit. The other open unit was the Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit. Rob Patterson has recently been hired to fill that position. One last note on staff changes, Terry Haindfield CWD coordinator will be retiring this fall. Terry has run the gauntlet for the DNR. He is a dedicated employee that started out with a temporary job and worked his way up to a unit biologist position and finally as the CWD coordinator. Terry’s enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

EHD outbreak in Southern Iowa

Social media has been buzzing about the current outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease this summer. Starting in August the classic phone calls about finding dead deer next to water started. So far we have taken over 500 reports from 20 different counties. Other States are also reporting cases this year as well. The most reports coming from Warren, Madison and Lucas counties. If you find dead dear this fall while hunting that you suspect died of EHD please report it to your local conservation officer. Remember that this disease pops up cyclically and is a localized disease that occurs under certain conditions. This virus is not transmissible to humans.

Jim Coffey
Iowa DNR
The Depredation Team with the Iowa DNR works with farmers, landowners, park managers, the public, businesses and city administrators to address wildlife damages and population concerns. As you can imagine, a lot of what we do revolves around white-tailed deer and agriculture. It turns out there are a lot of different people with a lot of different opinions involved when it comes to deer. What is the hardest part of deer management? The people. But, I believe that through good communication and education we can manage our natural resources responsibly together for all Iowans.

The deer depredation program in Iowa offers additional antlerless licenses to farmers that are experiencing significant levels of crop damage. Hunting is the predominant source of mortality for deer in Iowa—in fact, 90% of the deer alive today will be alive a year from today if there is no hunting pressure (obviously this is a bit different this year in locations with the hemorrhagic disease outbreak). However, access to land is the number one complaint of hunters in Iowa. These two polar facts are part of the reason why white-tailed deer are a controversial subject in this state. This is also why the depredation program relies on access for Iowa resident hunters.

After receiving a complaint about deer damage, the depredation staff sets up a meeting with the farmer to do a field visit. This is a very important part of the process for several reasons: we can verify that the damage is being caused by deer, we can evaluate how much damage is occurring, and it gives us the one-on-one time with the producer to discuss deer management.

Whenever the initial conversation about damage includes a comment like, “They’ve just made a mess” or “The deer knocked all the corn down” it always prompts the red flag that maybe deer aren’t the issue. For those of you with some experience, you’re already saying raccoon damage and so are we. I’ve yet to visit a site that describes the corn this way and have it be anything but coons. A lot of different critters like corn and getting out there to check allows us to educate on different strategies to prevent damage that is occurring whether it is deer, raccoons, beavers, song birds, cows, erosion, moisture, or even the resident farm dog—in that case I recommended a leash.
Additional antlerless tags will only be issued for areas that have significant deer damage to the crops. Iowa is a state that offers a lot of flexibility to landowners on how to manage their ground including the deer herd. The DNR sets county wide quotas and there are landowner/tenant licenses that can be used to that end. The depredation program can come in when the county antlerless quotas are not adequate to address locally high deer densities. So, if there is a level of crop damage that can be managed with over-the-counter tags then additional licenses will not be issued—but then again there are wiser ways to utilize those tags that aren’t often being considered.

Having the opportunity to discuss deer ecology and management is vital to the depredation program. Important facts about deer that a lot of bowhunters take for granted can make a huge difference when making deer herd management decisions on a farm. Timing and harvesting the right does is key. Throughout the fall and winter deer movements change with the rut, crop harvest, hunter activity, and weather. It is common in Iowa for deer to move around a lot at this time—we’re talking miles. So, harvesting does earlier in the hunting season will more likely target a local doe raising fawns on the property than chasing deer in later seasons. The youth, archery, and early muzzleloader seasons are the best for targeting local does.

Sometimes it can be hard to know how many does to harvest off of a particular property. Without a lot of scouting and observations no one can give you a hard and fast number. However, studying deer survival rates and reproductive rates can give you a pretty good idea of what percentage of does to take. All things considered, harvesting 20% to 30% of the does in an area will simply keep the population stable from year-to-year. Harvesting closer to 50% will lower deer numbers. Not harvesting any does will see deer populations double between years three and four. In Iowa, hunter harvest is the population control for deer.

It’s also important to note that more is not better: not for herd health, not for trophy class bucks, not for hunting, not for neighbor relations, and not for long term natural resource management. It is important to consider many things when determining appropriate deer densities for a property. One thing often overlooked is what is going on across the fence. Are you being a good neighbor? Is the neighbor receiving significant crop damage? Does the neighbor have any opportunity to harvest deer or manage crop loss? Maybe these don’t mean much to you at the moment, but consider the future of this resource in a state where agriculture is as important as it is in Iowa: poor neighbor relations in one location could very well change the fate of deer hunting in Iowa.

Ultimately, the depredation program is designed to allow hunters maximum opportunity for harvesting does therefore relying on access to the land. Working together we can accomplish a lot of great things for the natural resources of Iowa. I hope to work closely with IBA to keep an educated group of hunters on the landscape. I may also lean on this group when looking for dedicated bowhunters to help harvest does on various properties across the state. If you are interested in being on a list for harvesting does sign up at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/deerdepredation/login/Main.aspx. I look forward to working with your organization and to your feedback.

Andy Kellner
Wildlife Depredation Biologist
Iowa DNR
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Hello,

At the end of the day on 12 September there have been 1,181 reported suspect HD mortalities in 36 counties (please see map below, also attached). There were 333 suspect HD mortalities reported during this update period, the greatest thus far. Sick and freshly dead deer were observed throughout the outbreak area.

Warren County reported the most suspect mortalities (121) followed by Monroe (48), Clarke (42), Madison (26), and Decatur & Lucas (16 each). All the remaining counties with HD activity reported <12 suspect mortalities. The top five counties accounted for about 76% of the reported suspect HD mortalities for the update period (the six listed above accounted for 81%).

The suspect HD mortalities reported for Warren County was the 2nd highest number reported in the county during the past five weeks. The north half of Warren County accounted for 26% of the reports during this update period and now represent 16% of the county total.

Monroe County’s activity continued to be in the NW portion of the county. About 75% of the reported activity in Clarke County was in central, east-central, and SE portions of the county. Madison County continued to exhibit HD activity in the easternmost portions of the county and the Pammel SP area. Activity in Decatur County was restricted to southern portions of the county, particularly the SE. Eighty percent (13) of the reported mortalities in Lucas County came from west-central properties immediately south of the Stephen’s SF and represented carcasses from a few weeks old to fresh. Marion County (12 reports) exhibited continued activity in the Red Rock area and in the SE portion of the county. HD activity in Des Moines County has all been in the IAAP area of the county (SW).

Please continue to provide information to me if you receive reports of, or observe, suspect HD mortalities. First-hand reports are preferred over 2nd-hand reports (use your best judgement on this). The information I would like is the date, age (fawn, adult), sex, location (county, township, range, and section), and if the mortalities are fresh or older carcasses.

Thanks to everyone for your time with this, I hope everyone has a safe & good weekend when it gets here.

Take Care,
Tom Litchfield
Some Clinical Signs to Help Identify Hemorrhagic Disease in the Field

Here are some clinical signs that you can utilize to help identify deer suspected of dying from **peracute or acute cases** (deer dies quickly) of hemorrhagic disease (HD, includes epizootic hemorrhagic disease and blue tongue). In a peracute case, the deer dies very quickly and the visual clues can be minimal. The majority of deer will not have all the signs referred to below so do not think they all need to be present during a field examination.

**General Situation & External Signs:**
- Deer in good body condition and “healthy looking”
- Deer often found near water (due to high fever/dehydration)
- Multiple unexplained deer deaths in late summer/early fall
- If the deer is still alive – weak, poor locomotion, raspy labored breathing, may be drooling
- Swelling of lower jaw/throat area
- Often there will be a foamy discharge, flecked with blood, from the mouth and/or nostrils on freshly dead deer
- Tongue swollen and sometimes bluish in color (may protrude from mouth while deer is still alive)
- Tongue may have ulcers or erosions on it if the deer is taking a longer time to die (dental pad and palate as well)

Edema-caused swelling of the lower jaw/throat area foamy exudate from mouth or nostrils

**Internal Signs:**
- Fluid in the pericardial sac around the heart
- Small points of hemorrhaging (red/purple spots) on the ventricles and/or atriums of the heart (petechial hemorrhaging) and the pulmonary artery. In some cases more extensive hemorrhaging may appear as purple streaking on the heart muscle
- Dark, congested, fluid-filled lungs; when cut into, the tissue will not have the pinkish “airy” look of healthy lung tissue
- Points of hemorrhaging on the rumen and intestine
- Internal hemorrhaging or congestion (will look reddish) of the rumen papillae; sometimes to a point where the rumen contents are stained with blood
- There may be an increased amount of fluid in the body cavity when opened up

Heart with ventricles displaying fairly extensive hemorrhaging - Dark, congested lung tissue

For deer with a **chronic case** of HD the signs are different still. These are animals that have enough resistance to the disease so it does not kill them, but the virus still impacts their body and organs. Some of these deer recover while others later die from the damage the virus caused and this damage is often compounded by secondary infections or ailments.

Blood-stained rumen contents
External Signs:
- Hair worn off the brisket and “knees” from the deer pushing itself around because its feet are/were too sore
to walk on – these areas are often abraded and scabby when fresh
- Growth interruptions or sloughing on the hooves of two or more feet
- There may still be ulcers present in the mouth
- These deer may be in poor body condition

Internal Signs:
- Ulceration/scarring and/or loss of rumen papillae (extent of loss varies) – instead of the interior of the rumen looking like a “terry cloth” the papillae will be very shortened or absent in patches of various sizes

Brisket of deer with recent case of chronic HD

“Knees” of same deer - “Knees” of deer trying to recover from Chronic HD (older damage)
An awesome weather weekend, but still didn’t have the number of shooters that we would like to see put a bit of a damper on things for this year’s Fall Festival. Overall, things went really well. The large size targets of moose, bear, elk, caribou, lion, and of course Sasquach, along with the many group shots, make the shoot one of a kind. Thanks to Pine Lake Archers for hosting the event and all the fine food they prepare in their clubhouse. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered with novelties, registration, course, and other jobs to help make the FF go smooth as it does. Volunteers are how the IBA operates and these things don’t just happen on their own. We appreciate people stepping up and volunteering to accomplish these things.

A special thanks to the Albia NASP youth group and their coach Tiffany Spaur that helped set up the course on Thursday, and also the many other volunteers that we had. The setup of the course and novelty area went very smooth and quick throughout the day.

A lot of awesome donations were made by various companies or people, along with a fine group of target sponsors. Without these generous people and organizations, this event would be just another shoot. So a tremendous THANK YOU to all of them. Refer to our Sponsor Page to see all who support us, so please support those who support your IBA.

The attendance at the NASP tournament was a little lower than usual also, but went over well and I believe all enjoyed the trail 3D shoot also. We want this to grow into something bigger than what it is so please tell us how to get more kids involved in this. Getting our youth involved is the best thing we can do for archery and hunting.

If anyone would like to see some changes or improvements, please provide your input to any board member (see the IBA website or Bowhunter for contact information). All suggestions will be considered and we’re always looking to make this a better event going forward. The bucket raffles were back this year in a similar way we had them in the past, but drew only one ticket and you did not have to be present to win. Winners that were not present were contacted and arrangements were made for them to obtain their prize.

Thanks again to all who shared in the Fall Festival experience and we wish you all the best in your upcoming hunting seasons.

IBA Board of Directors
Nicole Dalton and Ryan Beau
Nicole’s 1st 3D shoot, another lady hooked for life

Rick Kleinschmidt and Bernie Finch

Brady Knox member of Waverly Archers

The Rish Family doing one of their favorite hobbies
2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

More Fall Festival Images

Never too young or too old for archery

ONE TRACK MIND played Saturday evening

Three generations of Gliddens at the Fall Festival

NASP Day at FF

JT, Jack and John Keenan

Who knew 3D shooting could be so tiring
NASP 3D Line Shoot

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Womens Recurve: Karen Koenig (83)

Mens Recurve: Jim Sandvig (322)
Catch and Release Deer Hunt

This spring was a tough one to get any farm work done or for that matter to find a nice day for turkey hunting. It seemed like it rained or the wind blew all the time. I waited til May to start my farming work on my farms in Lucas County, but what seemed like a reasonable work program turned out to be a disaster. It rained 10 inches at my farm in May and I could not even drive my pickup on grass fields without leaving ruts. I ended up trying hard to get my farm work done in June. This brings us to June 10th when I was planting some food plots. I was using my drill to seed sorghum when I lost a pin on my three point hitch and it bent the flange on my seeder so I could not hook up the left side of the drill. I broke down a half mile from my truck, which was parked up by our machine shed. Not happy I started walking back toward the shed and my truck. About half way back I saw a doe and fawn run across my field road about 100 yards ahead of me. I kept walking and I walked another 30 yards when the fawn came back out of the woods and stopped on the trail. Not wanting to spook the fawn away from where the doe was I stopped and stood there waiting for the fawn to go back in the woods or the doe to come back and collect the fawn. I stood there for about five minutes when the fawn looked down the trail at me some 70 yards away. All of a sudden the fawn started toward me. Thinking it might get close enough for a picture before it realized I was human and run off I got my cell phone out and fiddled with the keys to get to my camera ready. When I looked up to see where the deer was I was surprise to see it coming toward me on the trot. Before I could get my camera up the fawn ran up to me and put its head between my legs and pressed its side against my leg. Dumbfounded I stood there then took two steps back, so I could take the picture of the fawn by my feet. I leaned down and scratched its head and told it to run back to its mother. It smelled my leg and did not like my talking to it so it moved about 10 steps away and I showed it out in my field about 10 yards away. It stood and looked at me so I started to walk on to the shed. I looked back and the fawn was following me so I walked up to where the doe ran into the woods then chased the fawn into the woods. It did not understand what was going on but I got out of there before it could follow me again. I have never had that kind of experience and it was totally different behavior than any fawn I have ever been close to. I have given this a lot of thought since and still find it most interesting. I could have picked up the fawn and taken him or her to the house, got a warm bottle of milk and me and the deer would have been buddies for life. But I released it back to its natural element like I should have. I will remember this deer encounter for ever. This my fellow bowhunters was as exciting as shooting a deer with my bow.

Richard Bishop

EHD First Hand

I reported an EHD deer to Tom Litchfield. It was still alive in the water at Little River Lake by the dam in Decatur County. An adult doe that looked pretty weak and unresponsive. Did some work on the lake and came back about an hour later to find her dead and floating.

Tom told me that the EHD mortality maps and info are updated and posted on the IADNR website in the wildlife section, then go to diseases.

Safe and happy hunting!

Jon Christensen
Gary Helgerson passed away on January 15th. Gary was an IBA Life Member and a great asset to our organization and the bowhunting world in general. I’ll try to list some of the things Gary did for the IBA and archery in general.

One of the founding members of the Clayton County Archers
Past IBA President and Treasurer
He made the trophy plaques for the Fall Festival multiple years
He was the Range Master at the Fall Festival for several years

Hunter Safety Instructor for 30 years in Elkader
A strong supporter of the Boy Scouts for over 20 years
State Farm Insurance agent in Elkader for 40 years
Gary could be stubborn at times, but he always had the best intentions and dedicated a lot of time and effort to the IBA for over 30 years. The IBA and bowhunting lost a very good friend. I’m very sorry that I didn’t know of his passing until recently.
The Iowa Bowhunters Association is proud to announce that they have partnered with the Iowa Sports Foundation to bring you the official Iowa Games 3D Shoot through their IBA 100% clubs. The IBA board of directors and Iowa games officials decided that it is best to have the shoot at the same club two consecutive years. An application to host the shoot will be available soon in the IBA Iowa Bowhunter.

The location for the 2019/2020 Iowa Games shoot has been selected from the existing applicants and will be held at Mid Iowa Archers club located near Indianola, Iowa.

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This year’s IOWA GAMES 3D SHOOT will be held at Mid-Iowa Archers in Indianola, Iowa on July 27th and 28th, 2019. The Mid-Iowa Archers range is located at 16383 118th Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125.

Contact Matt Sweeney for more information at 319-361-7868.


2021/2022 Iowa Games 3D Shoot Application

Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2020. The Board of Directors will choose one club from the applicants as host. This is an annual shoot, with applications taken every two years. The application process is done early to ensure your club has a chance to attend the existing shoot for instructions on how it’s done and maybe incorporate improvements. Send application to current IBA President.

1. Must be a 100% club.
2. Must be able to host shoot for two consecutive years.
3. Must be a two day shoot.
4. Able to handle 200-400 shooters (parking, restrooms, food, etc.).
5. Can be held on any of the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th weekends in July.
6. May be a stand-alone shoot or can be piggybacked with clubs’ regular shoot.
7. If the Iowa Games shoot is hosted in conjunction with a club shoot, a shooter may shoot either Iowa Games shoot only, Club shoot only, or register for both shoots but must pay both registration fees and shoot twice.
8. Advertising and awards for the Iowa Games shoot are handled by the Iowa Games organization.
9. Advertising for host clubs’ shoot needs to be done by host club.
10. Host club receives $10 for each Iowa Games shooter.
11. Each Iowa Games shooter receives an Iowa Games T-shirt.
12. Host club provides two people for Iowa Games registration table.
13. Host club provides all targets.
14. Must be willing to attend Iowa Games meetings prior to the shoot.
15. Must attend club where shoot is currently held to familiarize new club with organization and operation.
16. Must pass on these guidelines to club that will host shoot the following year.

Club Name ________________________________

Contact Person ____________________________

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I have never left the house expecting to have an accident — no one does. And yet I’ve had several bad ones, and quite a few minor ones. With all of those accidents I’ve been lucky; some have involved trips to the emergency room but outside of a few stitches, one broken bone, and a lot of sprains, strains, and bruises, I haven’t had any major injuries.

I’ve never fallen from a tree stand, and I don’t intend to, because every time I get off the ground, I do everything I can to protect myself. If I ever do have a tree stand accident, my injuries should be greatly minimized because of the easy-to-follow safety procedures I use.

Whitetails Unlimited has made tree stand safety a major initiative, because that is where the most injuries occur while deer hunting. And the simple fact is, most of these hunting accidents are preventable — and even when they can’t be prevented, properly used safety equipment will minimize injuries. Just like wearing a seat belt every time you’re in your car, hunters need to use safety harnesses and lifelines every time they’re off the ground.

Many other people, companies, and organizations also promote tree stand safety, in a number of different ways.

The Tree Stand Safety Awareness Foundation is at the forefront of this effort, and information compiled by Dr. Glen Mayhew, the TSSA president, paints the picture through some very interesting numbers.

Mayhew, an associate dean at a health sciences university, is applying solid data collection and statistical methodology to the problem of tree stand accidents, and his research is showing that many assumptions hunters have are somewhere between wrong and very wrong, including many of the assumptions I had.

Speed

One of the most striking numbers is not based on looking at the accidents themselves, but rather on high school physics. He has simply calculated the impact speed of a 180-pound hunter falling from various heights. Falling from a 12-foot height takes about 8/10th of a second and results in an impact speed of 18.4 mph. A 30-foot fall takes just under 1.4 seconds, and the hunter will hit at 30 mph. Most elevated stands are between these heights, and I have no desire to be smacked by anything at 20-30 mph. However, a properly fitted and attached harness/lifeline system can result in a fall of one foot or less, with no impact on the ground.

Hunting Method

I have assumed that most accidents involve archery hunters, because most of my archery friends use tree stands, while fewer gun hunters in my world go aloft. However, when Mayhew evaluated 339 accidents, the numbers proved to be just about even between firearms and archery. While 44% of accidents were from hunters using bows and 5% using crossbows (49% total for archery), 39% of injured hunters were using rifles or shotguns, and 12% had a muzzleloader with them (51% total for all firearms).

Hunter Age

My assumption was that younger and/or older hunters would make up the majority of accident victims — younger hunters because they have less experience, and older because of issues with health, balance, strength, or falling asleep in the stand. Wrong again! Based on a sample size of 652 incidents, hunters aged 8-17 were only 3% of the total, and hunters 71 and over were just 6% of those injured. Hunters aged 35-54 approached half (42%) of those injured. Hunters aged 55-70 were the next biggest group with 28%, followed by those 18-34 with 22% of the total. (Adding those totals comes up to 101% because of rounding.) This results in an average age of the victims at 47 years old.

Falls By Stand Type

I have a heck of a time with climbing stands — I’ve never been comfortable with them, so I assumed that these would be the most problematic for everyone. Not really. Mayhew’s evaluation of 600 accidents showed that climbing stands were involved in 25% (second most common), and hang-on stands were at the top with 31%. Ladder stands were involved in 20% of the accidents, and homemade stands also racked up 20% of the incidents.

When The Falls Happen

I thought I actually predicted this one correctly, but a closer look at the numbers showed that I was wrong again. I assumed if it’s an in-state, or out-of-state, or out-of-country, or what kind of animal it is. We are always looking to partner with an organization in finding new hunts. So when you’re on your next hunting excursion somewhere, inquire about a donation to the IBA. If interest is shown, contact any board member and we will take it from there.
most falls happen while sitting in the stand, and in fact Mayhew’s analysis of 593 falls showed that only 40% of the falls happened while on the stand. This was the single largest number of the four places that falls can occur, but it does not tell the entire story. The data categorized the falls as occurring at four different times: climbing up, climbing down, transitioning between the climb and the stand, and while being in the stand. While 40% of the falls were from the stand itself (where the hunter will spend most of the time), a full 60% of accidents occurred during the climb up (23%), climb down (22%) or transition (15%).

Realizing that the time spent on the ladder or climbing sticks is much, much shorter than the time sitting on the stand, the degree of danger while going up and down is much higher than while in the stand itself. I know a lot of hunters who are religious about being attached while in the stand, but can rationalize being disconnected while going up and down. The simple realization is that we are not howler monkeys, and we need to protect ourselves all the time, every time we are off the ground.

Proper Equipment

Well, I finally got one right! I assumed that most people injured did not use a full-body harness and lifeline. In fact, looking at 94 injuries and 6 fatalities, 86% were not using a harness, and the other 14% had a harness with them, but it was not connected, they took it off, or were using it improperly.

Injuries vs. Fatalities

I really had no clue on the ratio between injuries and fatalities, but out of 694 accidents, Mayhew found that for about every 11 injuries, there was one fatality. A closer look at the data revealed the following information:

**Injuries:**
- Average age: 46
- Average fall height: 16 feet
- 85.2% had no harness

**Fatalities:**
- Average age: 57
- Average fall height: 19 feet
- 90.2% had no harness

The difference between an injury and fatality may simply be how the hunter landed, the severity of the injuries at that point, and how long it took to get the injured hunter to a medical facility. Age and fall height are not dramatically different, but the fact that between 85% and 90% of these hunters were not using a harness should scare any hunter who refuses to use proper safety equipment.

**Why Falls Happen**

There are myriad reasons someone falls while using a tree stand, and off the cuff I assumed falling asleep, alcohol, and the tree stand failing would lead the list. Once again, I was off base, and there were many more reasons for falls than I had imagined. Alcohol was actually the least common reason, cited in only eight accidents out of the 578 examined by Mayhew. (It should go with out saying that consuming alcohol should never happen while hunting!) Falling asleep was also a minor reason, with only 15 cases. The most common reason, with 159 cases, was a combination of “Grip/Balance/Misstep/Slip.” An additional line was called “Human Error” with 66 accidents, coming in at third place. The second place reason was a strap breaking on the stand, with 91 cases. The top three reasons for an accident to happen accounted for 55% of the total.

**The total set of reasons:**
- Alcohol: 8
- Sleep: 15
- Miscellaneous: 17
- Medical: 17
- Chain/Cable Break: 25
- Limb Break: 26
- Bottom Fell: 27
- Stand Shift: 34
- Step/Ladder Failure: 45
- Stand Break: 48
- Human Error: 66
- Strap Break (Stand): 91
- Grip/Balance/Misstep/Slip: 159

While looking at the list, I’m struck by how many of these accidents seem to have been preventable. Granted, if you are in a tree stand and your body decides to have a heart attack or stroke at that exact time, there is little you can do about it (17 accidents were attributed to medical issues), but it looks like many poor decisions appear in that list.

It is possible for a weld to fail on a step in a new stand, or a new strap to fail, but it’s unlikely. Failing to thoroughly inspect your stand before the season, so you can find the rusty spot that may cause the step to fail, a worn strap, or broken fastener, is a much more likely cause. Being excited to get out hunting, only to find your climbing sticks slippery with dew, frost, or ice, and still climbing up without securing your safety line is also a situation that can lead to disaster. I’ve seen guys pull stands from the garage, where they have been stored since the end of last season, load them up, and head out without inspecting them. It’s easy to overlook some very basic things that can keep you safe, and you have to make a conscious decision to do things the right way.

**Conclusion**

Tree stand safety is a personal decision, and all the information in the world cannot make someone safe if they do not put that information into action. However, the actions are fairly simple: inspect and maintain your gear, select safe locations, follow safe practices, be careful, and properly use a full-body safety harness and safety line every time you leave the ground, for the entire time you are off the ground.

The TSSA also promotes the “ABC” Building Blocks of Tree Stand Safety:

A: Always remove and inspect all your equipment before using.
B: Buckle your harness securely.
C: Connect before your feet leave the ground.

The collected data show that 99% of those who were injured in a fall from a tree stand were not properly wearing a full-body harness. If you are going to hunt from an elevated stand, you owe it to yourself and those who love you to do it safely. If you know someone who uses a tree stand, insist that they properly use safety gear every time they leave the ground. Good gear is not expensive, and whatever it costs it will be much less than a single trip to the emergency room! Research like that conducted by Dr. Mayhew helps define the problems and may suggest possible solutions involved with tree stand safety. However, the best, and easiest, solution rests with all of us to make the decision to do whatever is necessary to keep ourselves safe.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONT.

Pictures for IBA Annual
Please send your harvest photos to Randy Taylor for future Annuals. All contact information is posted below. Deadline is June 15th. The annual will now be designed in house by the IBA, so your cooperation in getting photos to Randy would be greatly appreciated, the sooner the better.

You can send by email, hard copy, or a CD through snail mail. If you email, please send as a full size file (1MB or larger). For 100% clubs, please send in your photos together as a group if you want your own page in Annual. If not sent as a group, they will be shown in the individual pages.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF THE IOWA BOWHUNTER
In keeping with our cost cutting measures and trying to keep up with the electronic age, your board of directors has decided to change how the Iowa Bowhunter is distributed. Beginning with the summer issue, the Iowa Bowhunter will be printed on paper only for the Winter issue and the Summer issue. These two issues will contain all Spring Banquet and Fall Festival information. Along with that, information you need to know from the two non-printed issues such as stories, sponsor ads, DNR news, and other information will still be contained in these two issues. So you won’t miss a thing; but there will be a longer time frame between issues. The Spring and Fall issues will no longer be printed on paper.

At the same time there will be four quarterly separate electronic issues (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) in addition to the two printed issues. We are incorporating an electronic flip-book version of all four quarterly issues that will be located on our website and can be linked from our Facebook page as well. The electronic version will have hot links available to advertisers, sponsors, or other pertinent information. The electronic versions will contain all the information that is contained within the paper versions.

This change represents keeping up with changing times, but also tries to keep our other readers informed also. We have found out that electronic communication is the fastest, most convenient, and most efficient way to reach our members. It is also the most effective way to reach the rest of the people out there in our great state of Iowa that may be possible members in the future. Most people in our state do not even know the IBA exists. If all 40,000 plus bowhunters in Iowa were members, there would be no way to communicate with paper only. Hopefully someday, we can sign them all up.

IBA Board of Directors

LIFE MEMBERS
We have life member pins available upon request at no charge to you. We do not mail them out, but you can contact any board member and make arrangements to get one. It would be best to just come to a board meeting (dates listed in the Iowa Bowhunter) and pick it up, but another arrangement would be fine also, it is shaped in a arrowhead and has IBA LIFE MEMBER printed on it.

IMPORTANT: UPDATE YOUR EMAIL CONTACT WITH IBA

If you are receiving The Iowa Bowhunter and not receiving IBA email updates from your board, please contact Randy Taylor at tayphoto@netins.net.

Many of the emails sent out to members are getting rejected for various reasons. If you have a new email address please contact Randy Taylor.

These emails are very important as they contain legislative information and other related IBA information.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONT.

Looking for a Few Good Men or Women

Are you at that stage in life that you have some time that you would like to volunteer and give back. Your kids have left the nest and you don’t have grandkids yet. Are you a dedicated bowhunter that cares enough about our sport that you are willing to give up six days a year? The IBA is looking for a few good men or women to run for the board of directors. As in any organization, we need new people to introduce new ideas and stay current with the times to be successful, and also to continually improve the IBA organization. Your involvement helps to ensure that the hunting opportunities we enjoy now will continue for generations to come.

The board meets five times a year and never during an archery season; after all we are bowhunters. Three of the meetings are held separately in Des Moines, one is in Des Moines during the Spring Banquet, and one is in Eldora during the Fall Festival. If you would like more information please contact one of the people to the right.

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We have started electronic delivery of your Iowa Bowhunter newsletter and as new things usually go, we have encountered some issues. Electronic delivery is only possible if the IBA has your current (and correct) email address. Some emails have been rejected as non-deliverable; and for some members, we do not even have an email address. Although you can still access the newsletter from our website, it is still best that we have your current email to also get out important information such as legislative news. Please send your current email address to both Corey Thorson (corey.thorson@pella.k12.ia.us) and Randy Taylor (tayphoto@netins.net) so the IBA can update records.

GREAT IDEA WITH MOVIE CLIPS

While watching shooters give it their best shot at the Fall Festival novelties range, I got a novel idea about other shots many of us take while hunting, video shots that is. The idea is to compile our best video shots into a single video-album that could be played on a loop in a corner of the room at the Spring Banquet or Fall Festival (kind of like the memorial videos of our dearly departed ones played at funeral services, though ours would be of our dearly departed ones). Co-novelty watchers Larry and Randy thought it would be a good idea too, so I offered to head it up. It would be far from any kind of professional level editing job, but one I think I could accomplish at more than just a rough-cut level.

What it would involve is you sending me some of your best hunting shots for the year of animals (videos of kills, misses, passed shots for not quite big enough, first animals, or any unique experience, etc). This can also be of any other bowhunting scenes and experiences you have during the upcoming hunting seasons at home here in Iowa or hunts you do elsewhere, along with identifying information about who, what, and where the shots were made. At this point I have no idea about how much or how little video lengthwise to ask you to send, but I would think five minutes or so of your preselected, preedited best shots might be a maximum length. If even just 10 shots of five minutes each were offered, that would already be close to an hour. You can do the math for even longer length shots. Also, at this point I think the simplest way to submit video would be to send it to me on an SD card, along with a stamped self addressed envelope to get it back to you. I’ll also look into the Drop Box service, and welcome other suggestions from those more in the know about such things than me. I have a pretty good video converter program, so different video formats should be ok, e.g. from your phone, GoPro, trail cam, video camera, etc.

As noted, it would be far from any kind of professional level production, but while I subscribe to Randy’s philosophy that “Anything worth doing is worth overdoing!” I also think ‘something is better than nothing’ at least for starters! I welcome any ideas and suggestions, warnings, cautions, and precautions anyone might have to offer, and can be contacted by mail at 125 NE Maple Street, Elkhart, IA 50073; or email at dfkrettek@gmail.com; or phone and text at 515-423-2888.

Dan Krettek
FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONT.

Annual Message

As the information age keeps catching up with us and then passing us gray haired elders, the age of paper pictures seems to be going by the wayside also. The IBA Annual used to be printed every year with plenty of pictures to fill it; then the number of pictures dwindled to printing the Annual every other year; and this year, there aren’t enough pictures to make it worth while again, so look forward to next year to see a printed IBA Annual.

YOUTH BOWHUNTER

Youth Scholarship Essay Contest

The IBA will be offering a five hundred dollar scholarship to a youth, graduating senior of current year that is a member of the IBA. To earn this scholarship, you must write an essay not more than 500 words on at least two of the following topics, and include a photo of yourself.

1. What Bowhunting has taught me
2. What the IBA means to me
3. My most memorable experience with a bow

These essays must be in the hands of your IBA President no later than July 5. Members of the IBA Board of Directors will judge them. This scholarship cannot be given to the same person more than once; and will be announced at the Fall Festival.

This scholarship will be given when notice of college enrollment is provided to the IBA Treasurer; and the check will be written to the college.

This essay must be in your own readable handwriting and not an electronic document. See the Board Member section of Bowhunter or the Website for your IBA President’s contact and address information.

I would like to publish some of our youth’s stories, but haven’t received any for quite some time. Please send your stories to the editor (see page 2). They can be anything from hunting to NASP to helping put in a food plot to anything you want.

IBA Board of Directors

Albia NASP Youth Group - Thank You

A special thanks to the Albia NASP youth group and their coach Tiffany Spaur that helped set up the course on Thursday for the Fall Festival. This is usually an all day work in progress and can be a hot and muggy job. With these young peoples’ help, many hands made light work out of most of it.

There were also many other volunteers that provided a hand and don’t want to leave them out either. Thank you to all. The setup of the course and novelty area went very smooth and quick throughout the day; and everyone was ready to relax that night.
Iowa State Archery Association
“Promotes all Forms of Archery”
www.iowastatearchery.com

ISAA Pro Am National Shoot: (360 & 330 Round) (Membership Not Required) Held in January

ISAA Delta/McKenzie Trail Shoot (National Marked 3-D) (Membership Not Required) Held in August Money Division: Adults (flighted) Trophy Division: Young Adult-Youth-Cub

ISAA Indoor Tournament: (300 Round) (Membership Required) Held in March 2010 Hosted by Buckridge Bowhunters in Spencer.

ISAA State Target: 60-50-40 yards for adults, closer for Youth & Cub (Membership Required) Held in June

ISAA Field Shoot: Up to 80 yd. shots. Hosted at Waverly Archery Range (Membership Required) Held in July

Right: Dave Jagesje shot a perfect 600 round in 2011 at the ISAA State Target hosted by Waltonian Archers.

Among these lady archers are 2 Olympic Style Adult, 1 left-handed Freestyle Finger Senior, 1 Freestyle Release Senior, and 1 Freestyle Release Adult archer.

The ISAA is about promoting & supporting archery in many ways through NASP, ISAA & NASP Scholarships up to $1,000, a new Grant Program for ISAA Charter non-profit archery clubs & ranges, Big Buck-Turkey-Fish Contest, provides DNR reports through the ISAA Bowhunter Chairman, offers donations to ISAA archers who advance on to World Competitions (Miranda Leck, Matt Stutzman, Mark Wagner, Bridger Deaton), provide a variety of national competition for ISAA members and non-members such as the ISAA Pro AM and the ISAA Delta/McKenzie Trail Shoot. The ISAA is also affiliated with the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) which allows ISAA Members to shoot at Midwest & National shoots throughout the year & includes the World Archery Festival held in Las Vegas every year in February.

The ISAA Arrowhound is available for viewing at www.iowastatearchery.com.
ISAA Pro Am website at: www.isapsroam.com
MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE
IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

The Iowa Bowhunters Association proudly accepts the sport of bowhunting for all legal game; To protect, improve and increase the opportunities for hunting with the hand held, hand drawn bow; To cooperate with and support federal and state agencies, sportsmen associations, and conservation organizations, which are insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural habitat; To encourage and conduct education programs designed to acquaint the public and the archer with the safe and ethical use of the bow for hunting and bowhunting as an effective method of hunting legal game; To foster unity and perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among bowhunters.

WHAT IS THE I.B.A.?
The I.B.A. is a statewide association made up of bowhunters. Its purpose is to protect, defend, and promote bowhunting in the state of Iowa.

HOW OLD IS THE I.B.A.?
The Iowa Bowhunters Association was organized in 1967 by a group of thirteen dedicated bowhunters from the state. This group, the original board of directors, had over fifty years of bowhunting experience. In addition, this group had many years of hunting big game and small game with firearms.
3. What other organizations do you belong to? (NRA, DU, NWTF, etc.)
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4. At what capacity have you served with these groups?
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5. If you are elected to the board, how do you feel you could benefit the IBA?
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6. Have you ever been convicted of a hunting or fishing violation? _________
If yes, please explain.
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors for the IBA and helping preserve the bowhunting tradition in Iowa.

We would like some information about you to present to the Board of Directors and membership.

1. How long have you belonged to the IBA? __________

2. How long have you been bowhunting? __________

3. What other organizations do you belong to? (NRA, DU, NWTF, etc.)
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Responsibilities of an IBA Director include attending scheduled meetings, helping at the Spring Banquet and Fall Festival, and accepting responsibilities to aid the IBA in protecting, defending, and promoting bowhunting in the state of Iowa. Please fill out this form, include a recent photo, and a letter of endorsement or recommendation (from current IBA member, director, area representative, DNR official, state legislator, etc.) and forward to the current IBA President (refer to the Board Member section of the IBA Related Information section in the Iowa Bowhunter).

Note: Board applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee and approved by the IBA board of directors prior to applicant or nominee being placed on ballot for election.
IBA Spring Banquet Awards Application

All entries must be postmarked by
February 28th, 2020

Name________________________________ Age________________

Address________________________________________________

Phone_________________________________________________

1. You must be a member, in good standing, at the time you harvest your entry.
2. All game must be taken within the rules of fair chase.
3. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 20th.
4. All P&Y entries must be on P&Y or B&C score sheet and signed by an official scorer.
5. All entries must be accompanied with photo. Information must be written on back of photo.
6. All applicants must be at Spring Banquet to receive an award.

**BIG BUCK AWARDS**

a. Men’s Division
b. Women’s Division
c. Youth Division
d. Minimum of 125 P&Y points
e. Printable photograph
f. Awards-given-for-Typical & Non-Typical in each Division
g. Only top 3 places in each division receive plaques.

**BIG GAME AWARDS** (Certificate)
a. For the FIRST big game animals of a species

**16 YEARS AND UNDER AWARD** (Certificate)
a. Awards given for any Iowa Whitetails or Turkeys

**MASTER BOWHUNTER** (Certificate)
a. Five different species of big game animals (no turkeys)
b. Deer must be forked or better

**EXPERT BOWHUNTER** (Certificate)
a. Iowa Whitetail deer only
b. Must accumulate 8 points in a 3 year period
c. Points are earned as follows:
   4 points for a P&Y buck
   3 points for a forked buck or better
   1 point for doe
   May use 1 doe per award

**BIG FISH AWARDS** (Certificate)
a. First place men’s division
b. First place women’s division
c. First place youth division (17 years & under)
d. All entries must be weighed on scales legal for trade and signed by a witness.

**PHOTO CONTEST**
a. Wildlife division (Certificate)
b. Still life division (Certificate)
c. Hunting scene (Certificate)
d. Trail Camera Division
e. Best in show (Plaque)
f. All photos must be 8x10 inches

MAIL ENTRIES TO: IBA Awards, c/o Randy Taylor; 9965 Shrine St; Reasnor, IA. 50232

Photos for IBA Annual are to be mailed to Randy Taylor at same address as above.
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ADVERTISING RATES
(Must be an IBA member)
(Send ads to the editor)

4-Newsletters:
Full Page Ad ......................... 1 Issue ....................... $ 100.00
1 Year .................................. 375.00
Half Page Ad ........................... 1 Issue ....................... 60.00
1 Year .................................. 220.00
Quarter Page Ad ........................ 1 Issue ....................... 40.00
1 Year .................................. 140.00
Business Card Ad ..................... 1 Issue ....................... 25.00
1 Year .................................. 80.00

Think Safety!!!!

JUNIOR AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Dylan John McDonald, Braydon Sims, Elijah Collins, and Abram Collins.

Junior Area Rep Corner
The above named are the junior area reps. Becoming a junior area representative is not a free ride so to speak, but does include some expectations and responsibilities. New ideas are always welcome and hopefully these youngsters will be able to provide some to our organization. Providing feedback by means of the Iowa Bowhunter newsletter is one way of keeping in touch and relaying information to other young members of the IBA. Providing pictures, writing an article, and helping out at events are all ways to get involved. An example would be to write about an experience at an NASP tournament, or the Fall Festival, or one of your hunting excursions. As always, you don’t have to be a junior area rep to provide articles, pictures, or other information. That is welcome from all members. Congratulations to these young people and welcome to the junior area rep venture.
Please note: The individuals listed above are only primary points of contact for their respective committee. As with any non-profit organization, the success of our organization is based on dedication and more importantly, voluntarism. Our organization is currently over 1,500 members strong. Voluntarism should never be one of our weaknesses. Please continue to support these committees and our organization by volunteering your time. To see how you can help, please contact any of the individuals listed above to show your support to our organization.

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Answers for hidden objects:
Pg. 10 antlers; pg. 14 buck; pg. 25 little hunter;
pg. 30 bow; pg. 32 deer track and pg. 39 arrow
IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOC
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- Sweatshirts
- Hats
- Koozies
- Decals

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