



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this article it is only 5 days until the start of the 9-day gun deer season. I've been out hunting with my wife several times because she enjoys me being with her when she hunts. I personally haven't had a chance to hunt yet. There is still the late season for me. We own 280 acres of land where we live, which I manage for wildlife. I have food plots, cut timber, have many ponds and have many trees and shrubs that produce food sources for wildlife. Even with all that, our deer numbers are not very good. We have had coyotes move in this summer and a few wolves frequent our property. We only have one fawn still living, and I know of 11 different does on our property. I am not happy with those furry critters and will be trapping coyotes this winter.

» Since the 2023 convention, Wisconsin Bowhunters Association has been actively looking for ways to improve the association that we, the WBH Board of Directors, hope will move WBH forward.

Horicon Marsh Archers (formerly Horicon Marsh Bowmen) and WBH have partnered together to utilize the joint resources of both organizations to support the annual Horicon Marsh Archers WBH Benefit Banquet, held each year in February. WBH benefits enormously from this fundraising effort and greatly appreciates Horicon's generosity.

We also have a few new ideas that we are thinking about implementing for the annual membership convention, which we hope will make it more interesting, and possibly attract a few more members. We are now in the process of getting interesting seminar speakers for the convention that you as members might find informative and entertaining.

The Marketing committee is in the process of obtaining some new WBH clothing which will be available by the convention, if not sooner.

» The WBH State Broadhead Shoot had good weather on that weekend and had a fair number of shooters shooting the course. For the first time in many years, I was able to attend the shoot.

Normally, I am guiding bear hunters that weekend. While at the shoot, I witnessed a gentleman participating in the novelty shoot. A cardboard deer target was placed at an unknown distance and the object was to break a balloon set in the kill zone of the target. Since we will likely do this again next year, I will not tell you the distance, but it was way out there. His first shot was perfect, second shot perfect, his last shot was a little off. Nice shooting! I was impressed.

» WBH's bow loaner program continues to be a success with many young, and even some adult participants. Similarly, WBH strives to promote archery, not only in the NASP programs but also in school athletic programs. Who knows, one day a target shooter, the next day a hunter. It also lets some people see that archery equipment is not just a hunting tool, but also a piece of equipment that can be enjoyable to shoot year-round. Besides, some people make good money shooting archery equipment professionally. I think it is a good investment in the future for WBH.

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For a club to be eligible for the 100% WBH Roster every member of the club who hunts with the bow and arrow **must be members of WBH.**

Each year the current club secretary **MUST VERIFY IN WRITING** that every member of the club who hunts does belong to WBH, and must send this written verification to the WBH Administrative Secretary. If your club is not listed and is 100% WBH, and you want it listed, be sure to write and verify with WBH.

Clubs that purchase a WBH membership for their club become a 101% Club.

101% Bowhunters Clubs

Buckskin Bowmen	Grafton	Neosho Archers	Neosho
Elm City Bowhunters	Valders	Poynette Bowhunters	Poynette
Gamegetters Bowhunting Club	West Salem	Racine Instinctive Bowmen	Racine
Horicon Marsh Archers	Mayville	Waunakee Bowhunters	Waunakee
Kenosha Bowmen	Bristol	Whitetail Bowhunters	Sheboygan Falls
Ojibwa Bowhunters	Milwaukee	Winooski Bowmen Archery Club Inc.	Plymouth



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