



WBH Member of the Year for 2022

Nominated by Lou and Carol Kindred;
Stan and Carolyn Godfrey



The day that Dan Evenson received a call from his wife Laura to let him know that he had drawn a Wisconsin Elk tag was a lucky day for both Dan and for Wisconsin Bowhunters Association. As a life member of WBH, and a dedicated bowhunter, Dan was committed to hunting Elk in Wisconsin with bow and arrow. Dan did just that, and on October 15, 2022 Dan made bowhunting history by harvesting the first bull Elk with archery equipment in modern times in Wisconsin.

Dan is a perfect example of what a bowhunter should be. He is dedicated and passionate about the sport, an ethical bowhunter and is a great representative of WBH. Dan balances



raising a family, along with Laura, his wife of 12 year; runs a successful construction business, and still makes time to pursue his dream of bowhunting, often with his favorite hunting partner, his 10-year-old son Beau. Beau, with several trophies of his own, is off to a great start following in his father's footsteps. As a hunter, Dan is well on his way to harvesting all 29 North American big game species with bow and arrow, no small accomplishment.

At 38 years of age, Dan represents a new generation of bowhunters, and hopefully will inspire many of them to help WBH protect bowhunting well into the future.

Dan credits much of his bowhunting success to the positive influence he received from his aunt and uncle, Carolyn and Stan Godfrey. Jim Horneck and several others also helped to guide his development as a serious bowhunter.

However, Dan is not just a serious bowhunter. He also gives back to the sport he loves. Dan is a big supporter of WBH, and is also a WBH benefactor. Dan, along with Josh Speigl of the WDNR conducted a seminar on the history of Elk in Wisconsin at this year's WBH convention. Dan is also a member of the Oakland/Cambridge Conservation Club and is active in teaching archery and trap shooting to area youth, along with his father and other family members. Dan also worked at the national level to help start the Pope and Young Junior Outdoors Program, reaching hundreds of youth bowhunters.

These are just a few of the many bowhunting related causes Dan assists with or supports. Dan, as a WBH life member, lifelong Wisconsin resident and dedicated bowhunter, promotes the sport of bowhunting and represents the social relationship and good sportsmanship among all WBH members. This, along with making bowhunting history by taking the first elk in modern times in Wisconsin makes Dan more than worthy of the honor of being named the WBH Member of the Year.

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