

2014 UBM Election Ballot

Jim Pyles



My name is James Pyles. Most of you already know me. I am the owner of J.P Enterprises Traditional Archery and Antler Ridge knives. I have been a business member of the UBM for several years and have just become a regular member because I feel I need to get more involved.

I have been married to my wife, Mara (who most of you know from the banquets), for twenty-one years. Between us, we have five children, soon-to-be fourteen grandchildren, three dogs, two cats and three horses. We run J.P. Enterprises from our property in St. Genevieve County. Spring and fall, two nights a week, we teach youth archery at the community center. I know this is a phrase that has been beaten to death but the youth are the future of our sport. Without the guidance we can give them they may lose interest and wander away. They need us and we need them. Many children need positive role models to guide them through the tough times ahead in their lives and I believe that an organization like the UBM can, and does, supply such role models. We need them to help guide us. We need to continue to see the issues through fresh eyes and attitudes; not the worn-out thinking that every day struggle brings us to. We need to get them involved so they stay involved.

Michael Mogart



My name is Michael Morgart and I live in Dixon, MO (about 10 miles north of Fort Leonard Wood) with my wife and 14 year old daughter. I've been shooting a bow since I was about 10 years old. Mostly recurves, but some longbows, selfbows and compounds. I've been hunting with a bow for 20+ years, mostly whitetail and squirrel with a few elk and mule deer hunts thrown in. I retired from the us Army in 2006 after 24 years on active duty.

I think the UBM is a worthwhile organization and would like to see it grow. I think almost anything that encourages people (and especially kids) to get outside is a good thing. I've introduced dozens of people to archery over the years and it always seems to have a positive impact on them. I've helped out at the Royal Rangers Camporama archery course and have built and helped give away the PVC bows at the Columbia Deer Classic event and I enjoy doing that kind of thing.

BUT, I'm not the type to just sit and accept things based on "That's the way we've always done it" Especially if I'm on the board of an organization. And if I'm elected I'm going to open discussions on things like "why do all of us take a pledge not to use an overdraw and not to use an arrow under 400 grains"?

(Pope and Young which we also take an oath to abide by says 300 grains). And I'm not saying I disagree with any of the above, there may be perfectly good reasons for it, I'm just saying let's talk about it. But I will say if you sign a pledge to abide by Pope and Young and then do something that violates those principles like a high fence hunt, the club needs to address it or change the rules.

I think a man's word should count for something. If you're the type that just signs the paper to join without any thought to what you are promising to do and have never bothered to read the Pope and Young Club's "Rules of Fair Chase" that you pledged to abide by while hunting. Then I may not be your best choice for a board member.

I think ethics are a wonderful thing, and all of yours don't need to agree with all of mine for us to get along or for us to share a hunting camp. I've shared a camp with a lot of people over the years with a lot of widely differing opinions and the only ones I don't really care for are the ones who are too closed minded to discuss things.

Ernie Kon



Hunting is a way of life that starts with RESPECT for wildlife, RESPECT for nature, and RESPECT for the wild game a hunter pursues. These are the fundamental building blocks of hunting that my father instilled in me at a very young age. Any jackass can go out in the woods with a high powered rifle, and harvest a big buck. I've heard about it, I've witnessed it, and I've done it. My first year deer hunting I harvested a 125 class whitetail out of my father's deer stand with my father's 30-30 lever action. I would be lying if I said that this didn't excite me and arouse my interest in hunting, but that's not what it's about. It's about the hunter/mother nature relationship, it's about getting in touch with your roots, it's about becoming one with the woods, it's about challenging yourself, it's about perseverance, it's about therapy for one's mind and cleansing the soul, it's about camaradery, and it's about passing this heritage to the future generations.

My history consists of countless hours enjoying the outdoors. I am fortunate that my father took interest in the outdoors after he met my mother, and was introduced to a 1200 acre family farm in Southeast Missouri. My father was city born and raised, but immediately took on to hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities during the 70's. I came around in 1982, and some of my earliest memories include scouting the woods with my father, watching him build deer stands, observing wildlife, and witnessing my father bring in fresh harvests from the land. I had a bow in my hand as soon as I was old enough to hold one. I have many fond memories of target practicing with my dad, but it wasn't until I was 14 that I really started to take interest in the art of instinctive shooting.

When I first started getting heavy

into the art of shooting bow and arrow it was with a basic stripped down compound. This lasted 1 year, then my father purchased a Ram Horn Recurve from the big auction at the 1998 UBM Festival for me. We were inseparable! For the next few seasons I completely gave up any type of rifle hunting and strictly hunted with my recurve. I had a few opportunities to harvest game with my Ram Horn, but nothing materialized. Right before the 2000 bow season I was target practicing with my cousin, and tragedy struck. I coaxed my buddy into taking a crack at shooting my traditional bow, and when his ridiculously long draw length reached the max.....SNAP! My one-piece recurve ended up being a two piece. I wanted to cry with the upcoming season drawing near. Luckily I have amazing parents, and for an early birthday present they bought me a used take down Black Widow Recurve. This finely crafted traditional bow became an extension of me. I was fortunate enough to earn my first and my second whitetail bow harvest during the 2000 season with my second deer scoring 124.

The rest is history. Every season I spend every possible spare moment in the woods. Any time a new lady has come into my life I made it known from the get go that I will be for the most part absent from September 15th until January 15th, and to only expect afternoon visitation for 3 weeks during spring turkey season. I have a passion for the outdoors, and even if hunting were not permissible I would still be in the woods with a camera. It's not a numbers game, but I feel it notable that in my 17 years bowhunting I've been fortunate to have harvested 10 whitetail deer, 2 turkey, a coyote, a squirrel, and a skunk with my Black Widow Recurve. Equally

as gratifying, I have become pretty selective in the animals in which I harvest. If a person doesn't have the ability to let an animal walk followed by a smile, then they are in it for the wrong reason. Now if meat is getting low in the freezer, and a mature animal hasn't presented me with a harvest opportunity I will take a doe or young buck. None the less it's an amazing feeling to have an animal close enough to count its whiskers, and let it walk on through never knowing you were present. Bowhunting plays a huge role in my life, and that will always remain constant. I'm at the opposite end of the spectrum from your weekend warrior. I live to hunt, and keep in predominant in my life all year round.

Going forward I've been presented with an opportunity to take it to the next level. I have always kept up with the UBM, but for the last 10 years been somewhat disconnected. I've recently renewed my membership, and now look forward to making a difference. I'm ready to stand up and fight for bowhunting, and fight for the sound beliefs of the United Bowhunters of Missouri. I'm proud to be a part of an organization that stands for what I stand for, and shares the same beliefs. I want to be directly involved, I want to help grow our membership, I want to get the youth involved, and I want to help spread this organization to uncharted territories. I'm a devoted individual that's ready to do my part to help secure this traditional heritage that we call bowhunting.

-Good Hunting-

From the Designer

Elise Haverstick



Hello and welcome to From the Designer, summer edition. I hope that the past few months since the last edition have found you well,

and that summer is getting off to a good start.

As for me I have spent the past few months working like a dog to get to the end of the semester. All that work has payed off as I just finished with finals week, and am now one semester closer to graduating next May. I still have one more year left before master, read MSU, gives me a diploma and I'm free, but these next two semesters should be full of interesting and informative classes like advanced web design.

Cut on dashed line and detach

Luckily, I am at peace with my extended college sentence, and am on my way to enjoying some well deserved rest and relaxation this summer. As of now I will be going to a couple concerts, and spending time with the folks before I get to spend my summers working full time and most likely in a different city.

This summer isn't all fun and games though, I will be working at the university over the summer as to make enough money so I will be a slightly less than broke college student when next semester starts up in a few short months. Work has got me working on several new projects, including taking over the biweekly Help Desk ads in the university newspaper.

As for school, I have taken an unlikey interest in web design, or at least it makes sense to me. I passed my basic web class with flying colors

and am looking forward to taking advanced web design to learn more and better my chances of being hired when I graduate. I am also looking forward to my medieval art history class, as I am a bit of an art history nerd, and take 400 level classes for fun.

I don't know a whole lot else to say about my summer, or last semester, or anything else really. As far as I'm concerned my imediate future will be pretty uneventful save for a few concerts, work, and probably picking up another tv show or two, due to the summer hiatuses of the current ones.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and that you have successful hunting seasons and kill lots of tasty animals. I will see you all in a few months with the Fall edition of the newsletter, which, just as a reminder, will be digital and in full color!

Have a great summer and I will see you again in the fall!

UBM Election Ballot

Only voting members may return ballots (no business members or institutions, please). Do not photocopy!

Three Board positions are open so you need to choose (3) candidates and return this ballot to:

UBM Board Election
10276 N. Farm Road 183
Fair Grove, MO 65648

Ballots must be received by June 25, 2014

Election results will be announced at the Rendezvous June 27th, 2014

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Write-in Candidate

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