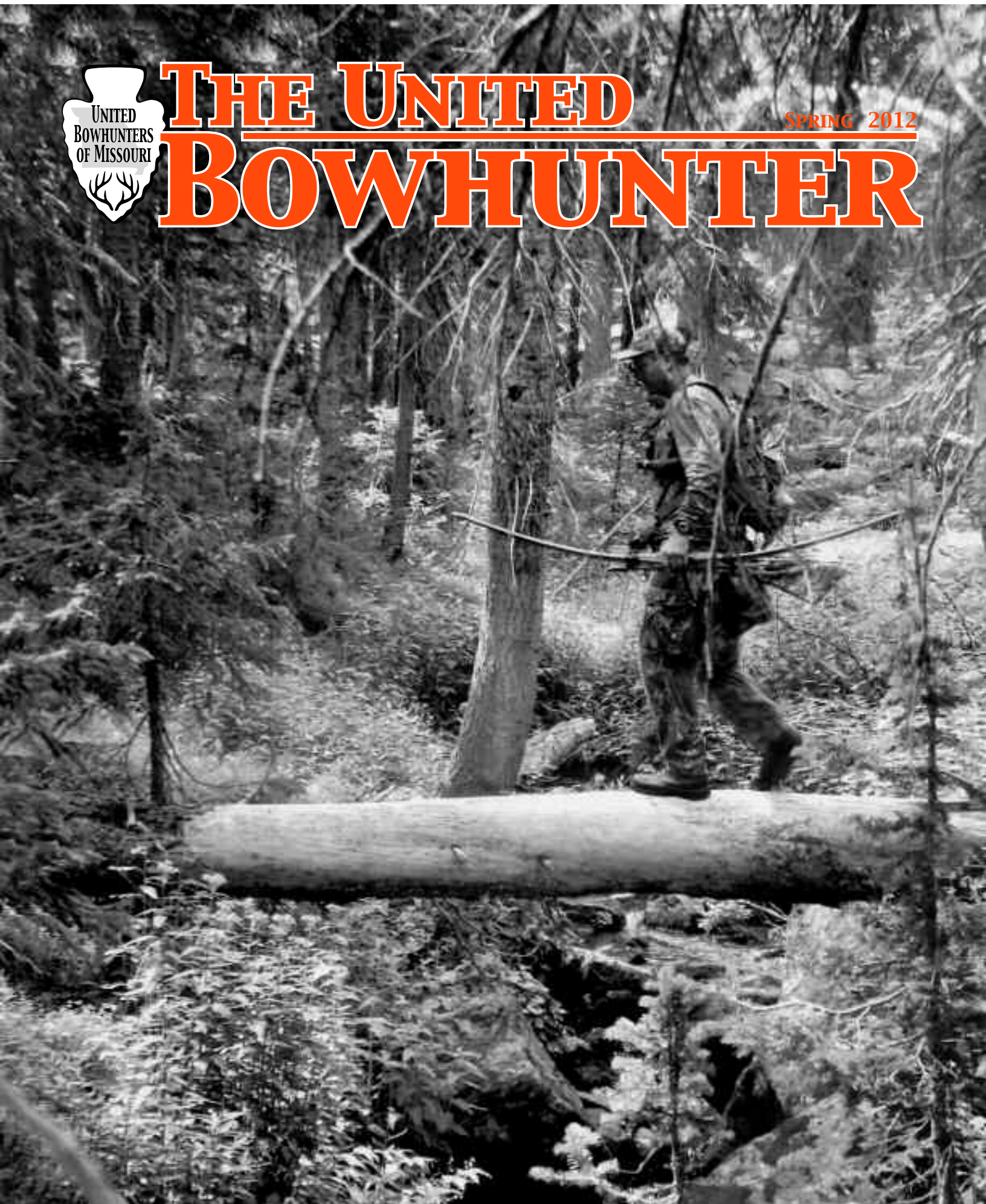




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From the Laptop

Brian Peterson,
President UBM

25 years in the books;
here's to the next 25

(and many more). To all the folks that made it to the banquet and festival, thanks for coming and hope you had a great time. To all those that helped out, THANKS—we couldn't have done it without you! Everybody, take a few minutes to catch your breath! The next round of events are just around the corner and we can always use volunteers. The CFM annual convention and UBM's great PVC bow giveaway at the Missouri Deer Classic will have come and gone by the time this newsletter is in your hands, but we will undoubtedly need some help throughout the spring and summer at UBM sponsored events. Big news on the forefront is the moving of the rendezvous from Hermann to Marshall. Same dates—last full weekend in June (22, 23, 24)—and there will undoubtedly be some changes in the activities and facilities, but we're excited about the move and looking forward to working with the group at Marshall to provide you all a memorable rendezvous. We still have a few details to work out with the club, but look for the full-blown

announcement in the spring issue of The United Bowhunter.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you, particularly my #1 sidekick Darren, for the tremendous amount of help and support during my 3-year tenure as your president. Term limits dictate that I step aside in June and let someone else play president for a while—this allows for a fresh perspective at the helm and keeps burnout to a minimum. I have no plans to leave the board as long as you'll have me around, and rest assured there's plenty left to accomplish. I hope to continue the effort for many years to come.

And finally, I want to thank UBM and all those involved for the wonderfully unexpected gifts presented to me at the banquet. It's nearly impossible to dance in a small town, which makes Darren's clandestine activities that much more impressive. I've spotlighted this gift later in the newsletter but suffice it to say, I am humbled and forever grateful for your recognition. Suffice it to say, I do what I do for the love of UBM and the cause—it's a lifelong commitment for sure!

Brian Peterson

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Highlights from the 2012 UBM Festival in Jefferson City, Missouri.



The vendor room was full of bow builders from around the United States.



Bow builder, Rick Lanham (seated) visits with Tom Dickerson at the Festival.



Thank you to all of the seminar speakers that made the weekend entertaining as well as educational.



Tim Wirt (left) presented the Bowhunters of the year award from Mike Calahan. Congratulations Tim on your award!



Not to be out done by Tim, Mike Wirt was presented the District Representative of the Year Award for his work in UBM District 5.



All the knives a man could ask for on display at the UBM Festival showroom.



A special thanks to the seminar speakers that made the day entertaining and educational.



Brian Peterson receiving his gift of a custom muzzleloader. Thank you Brian for your service to the United Bowhunters of Missouri.



Monty Browning is pictured (right) with his gift from Joe and Sharon Todd for speaking at the dinner on Saturday evening.



Richard Dewey (right), was awarded the Fred Bear Award on Saturday evening. Congratulations Richard on a great year.



Tom Leeker (left) was awarded the Conservation Agent of the Year Award from the United Bowhunters. Thank you to officer Leeker for your service.

Building Bows and Bowhunters

By Joe Pendergrass

A few weeks before the United Bowhunters of Missouri Festival in Jefferson City, I took the opportunity to speak with Darren Haverstick and Brian Peterson about having the UBM becoming more visible in Missouri this coming year in celebration of our 25 year anniversary. A perfect time to toot our own horn about reaching a milestone and a freshening of spirits to get folks out around the state doing something not only good for the UBM but archery as a whole. I let them know of an opportunity to be in front of thousands of deer hunters from around the state at the 2012 Missouri Deer Classic in Columbia and take that opportunity to come and build some kids PVC bows. The idea was well received and after a few emails and phone calls we got the details worked out and on the 1st Saturday of March, Darren and Brian came to Columbia and had even brought along Mike and Tim Wirt from District 5. Those guys brought enough supplies to build bows for what looked like the better part of the week. They had a big box of PVC cut to length, bags of string materials, rolls of tape long enough to reach across the county and arm loads of tools, jigs and what-nots to make it all come together.

I myself was not able to offer any help with the bow building process due to obligations of running the event but every time I ventured by their booth, they had it under control. Yea, they on occasion had a look of panic in their eyes when they would look up from the task of building bows long enough to notice the line of kids waiting to have a bow built just for them but they kept



Heads down and working hard but always with a smile on their face.

on building. The sounds of palm sanders and rotary tools drew the attention of every patron of the show and the cloud of PVC dust directed folks on their way toward the UBM booth. Parents and well as the kids were in awe of those four fellas standing there all day to make sure kids that wanted a bow got one. Donations were made toward the cause even though they were never asked for and I'm sure if there would have been a pallet of arrows at the booth the UBM could have sold them hand over fist.

Before the end of the show the materials were gone and those four guys looked **FLAT WORN OUT!** The PVC dust sticking to their sweaty shirts and faces would have made for a great picture. Even though they were worn out, hungry and had a long drive that evening to get home, they were all smiles every time a bow was handed to another child. I was able to stop by

the booth as bow number 200 was handed off to another grateful child. I think if they would have had more hands and more materials, the number of kids with bows that day could have been even higher.

Brain, Darren, Mike and Tim . . . my hat is off to you and I applaud you for taking your Saturday and doing what you did to promote archery here in our great state. My hope for next year is to invite the UBM back with more space, more members and more materials and see if we can push that number closer to the 600 kids with bows in one weekend. I think the UBM can do it! Actually, I **KNOW** the UBM can do it. Thanks again guys!



The History of the Archery Big Bucks of Missouri

In July of 1981 Ken Perry, Lawrence Redel, Dwayne Allen, Ed Davidson, Paul Hilgedick and Ron West formed the club know as Archery Big Bucks of Missouri. Since then it has been the record-keeping organization for antlered-whitetail bowkills in Missouri. It was determined, that the purpose of the club is to recognize and honor exceptional whitetail deer antlers that have been taken by bow and arrow; provide assistance to individuals in registering trophy heads with the Pope and Young Club; encourage the use of the bow in hunting all legal game; cooperate with all recognized archery associations in securing local and statewide hunting privileges and conditions for bowhunters; and cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of wildlife and the observance of game laws.

Since that time Archery Big Bucks of Missouri not only succeeded in accomplishing these goals, but far surpassed them. As a sponsor of the Missouri Deer Classic, ABBM has had the opportunity to promote bowhunting to a wide variety of Missourians and their families. It has allowed them to fund multiple bowhunting projects, such as the National Archery in Schools Program, Share the Harvest, Urban Bowhunting to the benefit of the bowhunters and residents of this state.

In 2005 ABBM, along with Missouri Bow Hunters and United Bowhunters of Missouri formed the Missouri Bowhunting Council to protect the rights of bowhunters by presenting a united front when addressing bowhunting concerns. ABBM also represents the bowhunters of Missouri as members of the North American Bowhunting Coalition.

In recent years the average score of trophies submitted for entry has risen consistently. This is attributed to better management and new regulations, such as limited buck harvest and the 4-point rule instituted in 29 counties. As a result of these and other pending changes, ABBM reviewed their original requirements to determine how best to respond to the changes the state is experiencing. As a result of this review the entry requirements were changed to 115 0/8 typical and 135 0/8 non-typical. Another change prompted by this review was the elimination of point categories. As a result of this change, there will be no point category awards, however awards will continue to be given for the #1 and #2 typical and #1 and #2 non-typical in the recording period.

To learn more about Archery Big Bucks of Missouri, view their website @ www.archerybigbucks.com.

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Dear UBM—

I want to thank the UBM for graciously inviting me to your 25th Annual Banquet. It was an honor to be asked and I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to present an 'Early-Season Whitetail' seminar and to meet so many of you. Your support of my book, 'My Neck of the Woods,' was over the top and I appreciate it more than you know.

The UBM has a great thing going, and the people were so very friendly. You are obviously doing a lot of things right and I tip my hat to you, as well feel the need to thank you here. I also want to thank Darren Haverstick for his personal attention and technical help with my power point presentation. I hope to get the opportunity to visit you folks again.

Sincerely,

Bryce Lambley

Fremont, NE

Current Chairman of the Nebraska Bowhunters Association

P.S. One gentlemen asked me during my seminar on deer, about what to do when they're hunting oak forests where the deer are bedding anywhere and not needing to travel great distances for feed. Those of you who are faced with this dilemma have your hands full, that's for sure. In your decision-making process, I would factor heavily into the equation the availability of water. I would also consider gentle, forced movement as part of your bag of tricks, and perhaps even rake out some areas for easier/quieter access, and possibly to even make for easier acorn retrieval for the deer. As the seasons progress, the downwind areas adjacent to known doe territories are also a place from his to start to fine-tune your stand location process. There are no easy answers on this one, but part of the reason I so love bowhunting deer is the recognition of the problems presented by any scenario, and then trying to find a way to solve the puzzle. I'm sure you agree. Thanks again!



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5/5/2012 - Rivers End Bowfishing Tournament, 10am to 6pm, big 10 format. \$50 per boat. \$10 optional big fish pot. 2-3 man teams. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. George Winter Park, Fenton Missouri. No alcohol please. Call Robert North for more details, 314-420-5439

June

6/22-24/2012 - UBM Rendezvous in **Marshall**.

July

7/9-13/2012 - Royal Rangers Camporama at Eagle Rock, Missouri. Volunteers needed.

August

8/11-12/2012 - Deaf Camp, H. Row Bartle Boy Scout Camp

September

9/15/2012 - Archery deer & turkey season begins

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The Saga of “Ubie”

By Brian Peterson

You know, I learned early in life never to sniff a gift-fish but it can certainly be humbling when someone does something especially nice for you. This was the case at this years banquet as Darren Haverstick and the group surprised me with a custom muzzleloader as a token of appreciation for my presidential efforts. I know what you’re saying—“Really, a muzzleloader—but UBM is an archery group, right?” Right, but like everything, there is a story behind this particular thought....

Typically, exiting presidents are recognized for their time and efforts by the group, usually a bow, trip, gift certificates, or some such token of appreciation. Speaking personally, we don’t seek office for the SWAG (usually the office just happens to fall in our laps when we aren’t looking), but certainly the presidency does come with its challenges and this bit of recognition is appreciated more than you know. This particular story started a couple of years ago when Darren procured an interesting Osage self recurve bow for the UBM auction from a friend and old-time Illinois bowyer/gunsmith by the name of John Pruitt. This bow spoke to me and I purchased her at the live auction. After adding some personal touches (snakeskins, etc.), I used this bow to successfully harvest deer, coyote and squirrel. I still treasure this particular bow and John and I also became fast friends.

In the meantime, Darren commissioned Mr. Pruitt to fabricate a beautiful left-hand Kentucky flintlock muzzleloader for himself—this struck my fancy to the point of talking to John about making a custom rifle for me as well. It took a couple of years to emotionally and financially make this commitment, and then I still had to settle on a style of rifle. Having grown up




A special thanks to Darren Haverstick and his custom leather work that ties it all together.

in Ohio and since the family has an Ohio Half Stock in the heirloom collection, it seemed a no-brainer. Even a left-handed percussion lock was on the wish list. Time marched on while John successfully battled prostate cancer, moved to Tennessee, and had one excuse or another about how busy he’d become; I let the custom order rest on the back-burner, figuring if John got to it, he got to it. If not, well....

Unbeknownst to me, Darren and his compatriots had conspired with John to take my wish list to its fruition, producing the beautiful .50 caliber Ohio Half Stock rifle that was presented to me at the UBM banquet. To top it off, Darren created a beautiful, custom personalized leather gun case in his classic, unmistakable “Stiches by Stick” style, and to sweeten the pot even





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more. a couple of generous dinner vouchers at some favorite restaurants to thank my wife, Jo Ann for her patience and tolerance of my UBM exploits. Needless to say, this was all more than a little overwhelming and mighty appreciated. So much so, that I've already run more round balls through "Ubie" than my old Hawken over the past few years. Filed, tuned, and zeroed pretty well at 50 yards, I've had her out several times already in pursuit of late season coyotes. The plan this year is to hopefully score a 6-preference point Colorado elk tag as well, so the saga of "Ubie" is just beginning. Stay tuned for updates. And THANKS so much for your recognition! It has been an honor to serve UBM and I hope to continue the efforts for a long time to come.



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MEET A MEMBER



David Dill.

David is married and he and his wife, Nancy, live in Bonne Terre, Missouri. Between them they have 8 Children from 46 down to 25 years old. David is a Code Enforcement Officer for Park Hills, Mo.

David signed up with UBM at the Festival. He was also there as a

vendor. He owns and operates Bison Bows. He studied with Ed Scott , Owl Bows, in New Mexico. His bows are short sinew backed pieces of art. One of David's hobbies is western art, and it really shows up on his bows.

David started out like a lot of us making bows as a kid. He is the only one in his family that bow hunted and has been at it 40 years.

He has hunted and taken deer and turkey with his bow. His first kill was in central Texas about 1973, He hunts from the ground always.

A hunt that stands out was his first kill, a doe in 1989 with a bow he had made. He has hunted in Texas, Missouri and Louisiana. Has never hunted outside the U.S.

David's favorite hunting set up is a sinew backed self bow, cedar arrows and Ace broadheads. He uses leafy camo from the ground. Utilizing natural cover.

People David looks up to in Archery and Bow Hunting are Ed Scott, Mike Yancey and Fred Bear.

When asked if he ad advice for new and not so new hunters he said: Embrace the traditional bow hunt, teach the youngsters, I'm always on the lookout for young folks to help along the way.

Thoughts about UBM: I've heard a lot of good things about UBM from Mike Yancey and Jim Pyles, so I had to check it out.

I enjoyed meeting David and Nancy and wish I'd have had more time to ask more question on his good looking bows. Hope to see him come camp out time in Marshall this year.

Ron Mackenberg

Festival Donations

WOW! Where did the Festival weekend go. Months of planning and its gone in a flash like the flight of an arrow. It was great to see all our UBM friends and I hope everyone enjoyed the event.

Thanks to all who put in their time and effort to make our 25th a big success. Brian did a great job of leading the herd, and what a speaker line up Darren rounded up.

Joan and I want to thank everyone for their participation in the Auctions. We had a lot of great items donated and a lot of people spending their hard earned dollars to purchase these items.

We mailed out thank you letters and I hope we didn't miss anyone, but if we did, thanks for your donation. We had one donation that we don't know who donated it. The donation consisted of a bottle of grape juice, a Las Vegas decanter and

a ceramic soldier figurine, so whoever donated these items, thank you.

With the festival a pleasant memory we now look forward to some spring hunts, some bowfishing, and our next big event the Rendezvous in Marshall, Missouri. We are planning to have another nice raffle at the event.

I have some nice items already donated but we could always use more. You can bring them to the Rendezvous or get them to one of the board members.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you in the months ahead. We have many activities to participate in so please volunteer. It feels good to help other people enjoy the flight of the arrow and its good for the UBM.

Get out and enjoy the outdoors, have fun and be safe.

Thanks and God Bless
Mike Calahan

Vice President's Report

by Darren Haverstick



Woowooeweee!!!
Did we have a festival or what? It sure was good to see everybody there. A lot of you folks I only get to see once or twice a

year so it's always especially nice to have a chance to jaw with you a bit. I think most everyone enjoyed our seminars this time and Monty Browning mesmerized the audience, as usual, with his powerful storytelling at the banquet. When I first talked to Monty last February about speaking to us, he was a little worried because he was afraid we would be bored with his same old stories. My helpful suggestion was to just make something up, like I do, but Mr. Browning took the high road and went on a 1-man archery moose hunt in the wilds of Alaska instead so he would have a new adventure to share with us. I think my solution would have been much cheaper, and safer, but to each his own. I'd like to thank again all the members and vendors who help put this event on. It can be a lot of hard work and headaches but I think it's always worth the effort. I also want to thank all of you who conspired against me Saturday night at the auction and outbid me on every item I tried to win. Due to your diligence, and me being a tightwad, I can continue to let my family lead the extravagant lifestyle that they have become accustomed to.

As of this writing, it looks like we have a little over two weeks before the start of Missouri's spring turkey season. That's approximately 674 days in Darren years. Fortunately, I have several leather sewing projects in the works to help me while away that time so I won't drive my wife completely crazy with excessive calling practice between now and then. With her being a teacher and all, you'd think she would be a little more understanding about a feller wanting to practice

something so he can get better at it. But nooooooooo.....After the first week or so of me working on my slate/box call/diaphragm combination (I run the box call with my toes) the backs of my hands start getting mighty sore from being whacked with that big ole wooden ruler she seems to always have with her. And do you know how many times I have written "I will not use Leah's nail file to condition my friction calls anymore"? She tells me a dog could learn faster that I do. That's just silly. A dog doesn't have opposable thumbs so he can't even grasp a nail file. Leah may know her 2nd grade phonics be she don't know nothing about biology!

And while we all wait for the arrival of September 15th (2300.16 Darren Days – there's an app for this), don't forget about all the other UBM-related activities taking place between now and then. There's the Jerry Pierce Memorial Shoot in May, the Rendezvous in June, MoJam in July, Deaf Camp in August, plus a bunch of other stuff that I've not personally been invited to. One thing that I did get an invitation to, and am definitely planning on attending, is the Ontario black bear hunt that Tom Dickerson won at the Festival auction. I've never been bear hunting and I believe it's about time I remedy that. I have convinced my wife that there is no leaky raft or spruce-laden white water river involved so she has reluctantly given me her blessing. I did not tell her about the addictive quality of cupcake-flavored bear bombs but I think that a little mystery in a marriage helps keep it fresh and exciting.

Hope to see you soon!
Darren Haverstick

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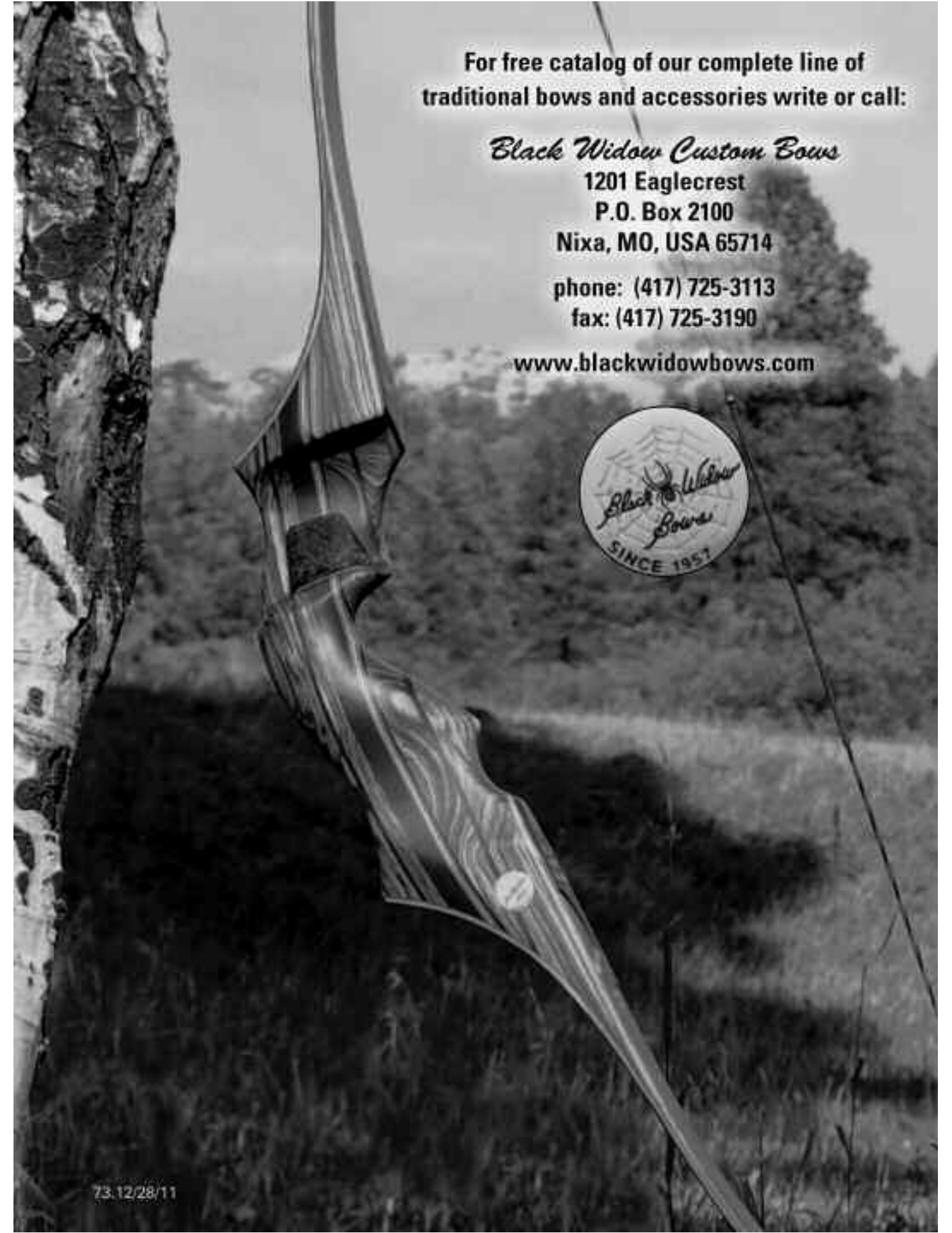
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