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From the Laptop

I've been so busy this spring what with CFM Annual Meetings, Missouri

Department of Conservation Hall of Fame ceremonies, spring turkey hunting, meeting with the Royal Rangers, Swan Lake 8th Grade Days, getting ready for the Rendezvous in Marshall... and oh, yeah—work! Well, you get the picture. Needless to say, I almost forgot to include the last installment of "From the Laptop" in this issue.

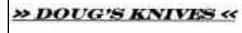
Hard to believe it's been 3 years since the Board of Directors nudged me into the presidency. It was a very unnerving step for me to take on such a position—I prefer work behind the scenes—but you know, I've rather enjoyed the responsibility and I hope I've made a difference. It's even helped somewhat with the stage fright issue, and I especially appreciate your patience with that. At least your next president should be more entertaining!

When the subject of presidential term limits and re-election came up, Darren kind of looked at me with a panicked look and asked "You're not leaving the board, too are you"? That thought hadn't even occurred to me. I think the 3-year limit on the top position is a good idea, if nothing else to keep people from burning out; plus it keeps a fresh perspective on the organization as well. I figured I'd stay on the board as long as the membership will have me (election time—hint, hint), but regardless, I feel so passionately about this organization that I'll always be active in it.

That being said, I want to thank you all for your support—past, present, and hopefully future. UBM really is *your* organization, and we as elected officers should strive to this end. Thanks again, and I hope to see you at the Rendezvous in Marshall—it promises to be a great one!

Brian Peterson





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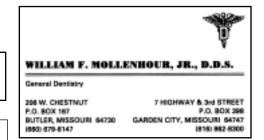
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The 2012 spring turkey season was another strange one indeed. After last year's record rainfalls, and this year's month-early onset of spring, I wasn't honestly expecting much in the way of turkey hunting. The 2012 season began with Jay Faherty, Larry Hudson, Mike McDonald, Ron Mackenberg and I heading west into Kansas for the early bow season. We all had birds within easy shotgun range at some point (a good gauge for the "success" of the hunt) but alas, nothing cooperated for an arrow.



If you ever need a reason to go to Kansas, turky hunting would be a great excuse.

Season opener in Missouri dawned cool and clear after a rainy weekend. As it so happens, after every 5 or 6 years of hard bowhunting for turkeys, I'll get the hankering to actually shoot a bird and sneak the shotgun out of the closet. This year was the year to eat a bird again, and within 10 minutes of climbing to the top of my mountain top, I was tagging my turkey—a tender, young brush-beard jake. As I've heard so many times before, "a dead turkey is a good turkey", so I didn't waste much time regretting my decision to use the scatter gun. That said, it was time to put the 12 gauge back in the gun

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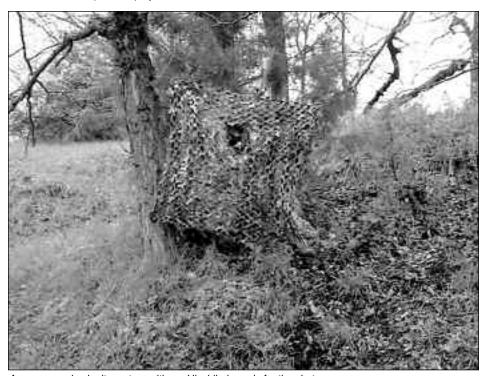
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safe and get serious about the long bow again.

That weekend, I took my son up to the same hilltop to see if we couldn't call one of the other jakes from the group within range for him. Right off the bat, we got response from the roost—close! I set up about 20 yards behind Chris with "Miss Pavo", my mounted hen decoy between us. I anticipated the birds to come straight to him after fly down but it



Mike McDonald kept a sharp eye out for the birds but we never closed the deal in Kansas.



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The last hurrah came during the second week when Mike Wirt and John Banderman came down to pick up Tim's bear rug. Mike brought his bow and John manned the camcorder and I called. Several birds were gobbling that morning far off of the



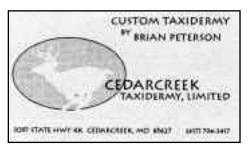
I did manage to get one bird on the table this spring.

property, but one sounded close enough to work, so we set up near the high point in my 5-acre block of woods. After a few soft tree calls, it became apparent that the bird had flown down and was on the move—towards us! Next thing I know, he'd crossed the field fence along with his hen and was in the woodlot about 50 yards from Mike. He proceeded to strut his stuff for the next 45 minutes. After he finally left sight and followed his hen to the far corner, Mike came up and said "Man, I could have shot him 15 times with the shotgun!" Another successful hunt by any gauge! As we left the woodlot, we saw him strutting for his hen in the far corner of the hay field in the bright golden early morning sunlight. A great season by anyone's standards!















2012 UBM Election Profiles

Please fill out the election ballot on the bottom of page 16 in this issue and mail in by the deadline of June 15, 2012.



Bob Burns

Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Bob Burns. I live just outside of the town of Lone Jack with my wife and four year old little girl. I started shooting a bow not long after I figured out how to walk, and the passion for shooting stuff with a bow has never faded. Bowhunting to me is as important as breathing, not a day goes by without thinking about my next bowhunting adventure whether it be chasing elk out west or shooting rabbits behind the house. I am a bowhunter education instructor and find it very rewarding teaching the skills and ethics of bowhunting to the public. I have been heavily involved with Compton Traditional Bowhunters, and I am currently their advertising manager.

I have been an active member of UBM over the years, volunteering, making suggestions, and helping out where ever I can. I feel that now is the time to take a more active role in the club by running for the board of directors. I would like to see UBM get back to following the original vision set by the founding members. It is my belief that UBM needs to take a more pro-active

role when it comes to communication with MDC in regards to game regulations, equipment requirements, and season dates. I feel that UBM should take the lead in lobbying for a spring archery only turkey season, and start the push for a fully funded Share the Harvest program. Member recruitment and member retention is an issue that I feel needs to be addressed and is key to the future of UBM .

If I am elected, I hope to represent both UBM members and the rest of the bowhunters of Missouri to the best of my abilities.

Thank you for your consideration, Bob Burns



Brian Peterson

Most of you probably know me by now—I'm Brian Peterson, your retiring President. While the 3-year term limit forces me to step down as president, I feel I still have much to offer the United Bowhunters of Missouri so I am seeking reelection to the board of directors.

I live on a small farm in the little southwest Missouri town of Cedarcreek near the Arkansas border with my wife of 26 years, Jo Ann, son Chris and our many critters. I "semi" retired after 25 years in the museum exhibit industry and am now a full time taxidermist. I've been bowhunting since 1985; traditionally since about 1990. It's safe to say that I live and breathe bowhunting, taking this semi-retirement thing pretty seriously and hitting the woods about every chance I get. I found UBM back in the mid-90's, joined the Board of Directors in 2005, and have served UBM as board secretary and president as well as a representative to the Missouri Bowhunting Council, North American Bowhunting Coalition, and either organized, run, or helped with most of the varied UBM events around the state. While I firmly believe that you don't have to be on the board to participate in UBM, I hope you'll allow me to continue to serve UBM in an official capacity.

Thank you for your vote of support. Brian Peterson



Darren Haverstick

My name is Darren Haverstick and I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors. Three years ago, I was flattered when Tom Dickerson approached me and asked if I would run for an open seat on the Board. I respect Mr. Dickerson a great deal and I figured that if he had that kind of confidence in me then maybe I might be able to do some good for the organization.

Now it's three years

later and I sure hope I haven't let Tom down. To say I have enjoyed my time on the Board would be an understatement. As your vice-president, I have gotten to learn the inner workings of the organization and I think I understand what needs to happen to make things run smoothly. I have also gotten to work very closely with my good friend, President Brian Peterson, and I think we have accomplished some pretty positive things for the club. And, with your support and vote, I hope to continue to make the UBM better and better and to spread our message throughout the state and beyond.

Since it is an election year, I thought I might get into the spirit of things by taking this time to lie to you about my past, my accomplishments, and my plans for the future. Then I'll get on with slinging mud on my opponents and making promises I'll never keep. This really has nothing to do with me getting re-elected but it's probably more fun to read than what I've written so far.

I was born in 1964 as just an ear; no arms and legs, no body, no head; just an ear. And to make matters worse, I was deaf. But thanks to the miracles of modern medicine, and the support of Scientology, I stand before you the man I am today. I learned at a young age how to turn lead into gold and became independently wealthy by the age of 13. I bought an island, grafted various animal parts together to create different animals, and once flew around the world in a balloon in just under 80 days. I have taken every

animal species in North America with a bow and also take half of those with a slingshot. I killed my first Sasquatch with a whalebone selfbow when I was

25. I decided then to put more of a challenge into my hunting and took my next

Sasquatch by smothering him to death with a feather pillow. But not just any pillow, mind you. This pillow was made by my Grandma Ella out of hummingbird feathers that she plucked by hand after shooting each bird with a 10 gauge shotgun. I have been married to the Princess of Greenland for the past 25 years but she doesn't know that

she's really a princess because I accidently hit her on the head with a splitting hammer and she has amnesia. We have a beautiful daughter, Elise, who is a 4-time Olympic weight lifting champion and who also drives on the Grand Prix circuit.

If I am re-elected, I will make sure that all our members receive a new bow each year with my "No Bow Left Behind" program. I will also guarantee that your arrow shafts will always be straight and your broadheads will never get dull. I am diligently working with the Missouri Department of Conservation to ensure that all whitetail bucks are born with a rack scoring a minimum of 155 P&Y. And all mature gobblers will be trained to come to you when you call to them the very first time.

It is a known fact that all politicians are liars and crooks so you need to decide which liar and crook will help you out the most. I think I am that candidate. But please vote for some of the other folks running too because I don't want to get stuck doing all the work by myself.

Thanks for your support! Darren Haverstick



Mike Wirt

My name is Mike Wirt and I have been married for 22 years to my wife, Deanna. We have two children, Michael, age 20, and Melissa, age 16. We live in Grubville, MO and I have been a police officer for the city of St. Clair for 22 years. I have also been the Assistant Chief of Police for 6 years. Currently I am the District Representative for the United Bowhunters of Missouri, District 5.

I try to participate in as many UBM functions as possible throughout the year. I have been to deaf camps, Shriners camps, and this year helped build PVC bows for kids at the Columbia Deer Classic. I have fun at all of these events and try to promote the UBM at every opportunity and will continue to do so as long as I am able too.

The UBM is a fantastic organization full of great people and I feel I have benefitted from all of the new friendships I have developed since joining. I stand behind and support the UBM's bylaws and principals and will work hard to re-enforce these standards when representing the UBM at any function or event. I am not going to make promises that I can't keep. I can only promise I will work hard to promote the UBM and represent all of its members to the best of my ability.

Thank you for your time and your support will be appreciated.

Mike Wirt

Fifth Times a Charm...?

This past March, UBM headed back to Sierra Blanca, Texas for yet another try at high desert javelina. I managed to make the hunt last year solo, but this year all those "Put me down for next year" folks came through and we had a full house at 16 hunters. The Hudson family, Medsker crew, and North clan formed the core of the hunt and Jim Pyles and myself rounded out our sweet 16 (OK, a little different kind of "March Madness").

The fun and games began on the trip down as the car pool met in Wichita Falls, TX. Right off the bat, Robert North got the party started by having his girlfriend Ashtyn shave his head in the Walmart parking lot. Some sort of prehunt ritual I suppose—I'll carry my lucky buckeye instead, thank you very much!



You might be a redneck if, you have ever had a haircut in a Walmart parking lot.

As we all gathered at the ranch, we sorted out dibs on hunting spots. Outfitter Kent Ostrem had been somewhat concerned about the extended drought and that the javelina had apparently gone underground so we all headed to our respective spots with some trepidation. Days one and two came and went pretty much as feared—little if no visible javelina activity. We even put trail cameras over feed and water to see what was up and true to form, all activity seemed to occur from 10pm to 2am.



Jim Pyles on the look-out for Javies.

With that knowledge, the golden trickles of corn gave way to "spot and stalk" for the majority of the hunters, and as we moved higher up in elevation, the javelinas began to appear. Wood was put in the air, several javy were hit but the odds were just not in our favor as the entire group went home empty handed. What can you do—after all, that's why

they call it "hunting". Yet another testament to the fact that "it's all about the doing and not necessarily the getting". Anyway you cut it, you can't beat a week in the field with good friends and longbows. Better luck next year on the "getting" though.



There were javelina there, just not at the same time of day we were.

Missouri Conservation Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame

On Friday, April 13, 2012, the Missouri Department of Conservation honored two of our major archery figures with induction into the Missouri Conservation Hall of Fame.

Earl Hoyt, Jr. and Paul
Jeffries are most assuredly
deserving of this honor.
Earl, a long-time supporter
of UBM is one of the more
recognized names in the
field of archery, and Paul, a
former Conservation Agent,
was instrumental in the
formation of the first archery
deer season in Missouri.
Dick Wood MC'ed the event.

and Director Bob Ziehmer (MDC) and Chairman Don Johnson (Conservation Commission) spoke as well as members of the Jefferies family.

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By Darren Haverstick

Bowfishing with the Wirts or *How I Learned to be a Vegetarian*

About a week before I embarked on this adventure, I mentioned it to our editor, Joe Pendergrass, and told him that I might have another article for this edition of the newsletter. He replied that I could save myself the hassle of meeting a deadline by writing it beforehand and not worry so much about the factual content of the piece. I probably should have taken Joe's advice because if you want to read a narrative that is filled with excitement and dead animals, well, I am going to have to manufacture one. However, if you want to read about friendship and fun then, by all means, please continue.

During the slow months between spring turkey season and archery season, the thing I love to do the most to fill the time is bowfish. I love being on the water, I love the challenge of the sport, and mostly, I love the action! Sure, deer hunting is fun, but you spend a lot of time being quite, sitting still, and doing nothing. Bowfishing is just the opposite. There is the constant banter between the participants, you're moving across the water, and you're shooting your bow; usually a lot. So you would think that a person who enjoys this activity as much as I do would have his own boat. Sadly, I do not, so I have to rely on the kindness of others in order to get my fix. I admit, I am not above begging and showering a person with gifts in order to secure an invitation to step aboard their bowfishing vessel so you keep that in mind the next time you think about taking your boat out and you need another person to make fun of.

Fortunately for me, Mike and Tim Wirt had recently gotten a nice pontoon boat and had extended such an invitation to me during that week of winter we had in January. As soon as the weather got warm and the fish started moving, I was gonna join them on the boat and we were going to wreak havoc on the local fish population. I have never shot a bighead or Asian carp and their stories of thirty-pounders had me counting the days until we could all wet a line together,



Even though the fish were hard to find that day, it's always fun to on the water with friends.

archery style. First, we had to get through turkey season, and then we could take out our frustration on the fish.

Finally, all of our secretaries called each other, batted some dates around, and made entries in our Franklin planners for a bowfishing outing. I drove up to Mike's house the night before, so we could get an early start the next day, and was treated to some fine barbequed vittles complete with taters and onions fried in genuine hog fat. Tim came over later that evening and we spent the night listening to our arteries harden as we re-killed a lot of animals from past successful hunts. Their good friend, Joe Vanleer, was also going to accompany us on our expedition, but I was assured that there would be plenty of fish for everyone to shoot at.

The next morning we got up fairly early but we took our time hooking up the boat and getting our gear together. Every aspect of bowfishing should be savored, so we didn't want to rush through the process and miss anything. We picked up Joe on our way to the water and I took an immediate liking to the guy because of the amount of trash talk

he whupped upon Mike and Tim before he even got in the truck. No stone was left unturned as we drove away insulting each other's lineage, personal grooming habits, ethnic background, political affiliations, and mental capabilities. What a way to start the day! I knew that killing fish would only be the icing on the cake.

Our hunting ground for the day was Boeuf Creek near Washington, MO. It is a small, muddy tributary that empties into the big, muddy monster known as the Missouri. We put in at Colter's Landing and expectations were high as we motored down towards the mouth of the creek. The water was fairly clear and the wind was negligible so we shouldn't have much of a problem seeing fish – if we could only find some fish to see. The two things that weren't in our favor were the low water level and the cooler-thannormal temperature. While the air felt fine to us, it had chilled the water a bit and everyone knows that you kill more fish when it is 105° and you are completely miserable. Nevertheless, our spirits were high as we started our journey peering into the water in search of aquatic targets.

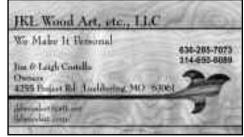


Joe showing off with THE fish.

To make a long story short, the bowfishing sucked! We went all the way to the mouth of the creek, turned around, motored back to where we started, and then continued way, way up the creek. Along the way, we could have counted the fish we saw on all our collective digits without even taking off our shoes. Joe missed a huge gar (sorry, Joe, I had to throw somebody under the bus) after it came out of nowhere. But he redeemed himself by making a phenomenal shot on a small bighead. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to get it to the boat so we had to call that one an alleged kill. Towards the end of the trip; actually within sight of the landing, Joe stuck a slightly larger bighead and had the distinction of being the only person on the boat to have a confirmed kill. And, of course. this distinction was not lost on Mr. Vanleer and he reminded Mike of this at every opportunity.

I kind of felt sorry for the Wirt brothers because they had told me about all these fish I

was going to shoot but then weren't able to deliver. But I got over that emotion almost as soon as I started feeling it because I knew that inflicting pain and suffering was part of the whole bowfishing experience and these guys were getting to do this by lying to me about their supposed "target-rich" environment. It was still a good day. I wasn't working, I wasn't doing household chores, and I did have a bow in my hand. I got to spend time with some good friends, made a new one, and verbally joust with some very worthy adversaries. Joe offered several times to take me bowfishing in his boat so we would not be hampered by Mike and Tim and we all agreed to get together again soon and not shoot any fish. If I could read the future and know that all my bowfishing trips would be as fruitless as this one, I'd still go every time. As we all know, it ain't always about the killing.













Volunteering – Anyone can do it

If this newsletter had an Op-Ed section, then this piece would definitely belong in it. I'm sure it's probably going to upset some folks because it hits too close to home. However, and this is what I'm hoping for, it might also get those folks to reevaluate their relationship with the UBM and maybe get them to "step up to the plate" once in a while.

What I'm talking about is volunteering; you know, that thing you do when you willingly perform a service without receiving any tangible payment for it. The UBM participates in a whole passel of events around the state each year, not including our own, and each one of these activities is staffed and coordinated by member volunteers. Unfortunately, it seems that the same people are the ones working at these events and I, for one, would love to see some new faces.

It is a sad fact but, across our great country, overall hunter numbers are declining. The UBM has seen its own membership recede over the past few years and this is evident if you have attended the last few Rendezvouses. Members blame this decline in our roster on a variety of reasons; the economy, the fact that we aren't a strictly traditional club, the fact that most of us shoot traditional and the rest of the world doesn't, and a host of other things. But I think the biggest reason for this decline is that, statewide, not a lot of people know who we are or know what we are about. And this can be remedied by volunteering.

How many times have you been to a non-UBM hunting or outdoor event, mentioned the UBM, and only one or two people knew what you were talking about? It has happened to me more times than I care to count. Last April, I was at a traditional-only shoot in Fordland, MO and I would bet less than half the folks there had ever heard

of us – and these are the people we cater to! When I worked our booth at the Missouri Deer Classic this past March, most of the parents who came with their child to get a free bow had never heard of us. It is obvious that our message is not getting out and we need to fix this.

Consumers remember a brand name mainly because they are constantly bombarded by that brand name. Since we cannot afford to send out weekly mailings and free address labels like the NRA, RMEF, and others, what we can do instead is to make sure we have a physical presence at every little fair, camp, and birthday party that have anything remotely to do with archery and hunting. And not just have two guys there doing it all. We need twenty happy people there to shake and howdy, mentor kids, and preach the gospel of bowhunting. It was appalling that we only had four members show up to work our booth at the Missouri Deer Classic; an event that draws in over 5000 visitors. Due to the lack of support, we were only able to man the booth one day. We worked our tails off and did a pretty good job of getting our name out there but just think what we might have accomplished if we would have had five times as many members show up. A booth of four gets swallowed up pretty easily at an event that size. If we had had a PRESENCE, though, things would have been different.

Now I would imagine that it is at about this time in the reading that some of you are saying, "Wait a minute, Darren. I didn't sign on to be an activist. I just want to bowhunt and hang around bowhunters." Well, I guess you can continue to do that. Just keep sending in your membership dues and we will continue to send you this newsletter and all will remain the same – except that there may come a time when there ain't enough folks left to do this newsletter or anyone who

writes for it (yeah, it's all done by volunteers). Then what are you gonna do?

And I imagine that there are even more of you folks out there who are saying, "Yeah, I'd like to help out at with that stuff but I just don't have the time." I know, I used to be one of those folks. But I think you would be amazed at how much time you really have for such activities if you just did it once or thought about re-prioritizing your time. Most of you already volunteer to do something; at church, at your child's school, at work, at the VFW, or somewhere else. Why not for the UBM? Are we not a worthy cause? Are you against actively promoting archery and bowhunting? Of course not, so why not help out?

What I love the most about going to the events we participate in is that almost all of them are centered on children. Remember what I said about declining hunter numbers? Well guess who the future of bowhunting is; that's right, those kids we are working with at these events. And by increasing the number of children that we can reach across the state means that we will increase the chance that some of these children will become bowhunters, become UBM members, and pass this heritage onto their children. It's simple statistics; you can't win if you don't enter and the more times you enter the better your chances are of winning. And the way the UBM wins in all of this is by having more of you volunteer your time and talent so we can reach more kids.

Now it has been suggested by some that a way to make this lack-of-bodies problem go away is to make it mandatory for UBM members to work at a certain number of these events each year. And if this attendance rule doesn't apply to the general membership, then it should at least

apply to the Board of Directors. I disagree with this suggestion for a couple of reasons. First of all, making anything mandatory for an organization means that an entity must be created to enforce the mandate; someone has to keep track of whether John or Sally met their volunteering quota for the year and can stand in the good graces of the UBM. I certainly don't want to be saddled with that job and I don't think anyone else does either. Secondly, when someone is forced to volunteer to do something, by its very definition, it no longer becomes an act of volunteering. The reason I help out putting on the Rendezvous and Festival is because I WANT to help out; not because a rule in our constitution says I have to. I love working at Deaf Camp for the satisfaction I get when I see a child's face light up when they finally hit that balloon; not because Dennis Voss browbeat me into being there. I admit, I do feel a strong obligation to the UBM to help out; especially since I am a Board member, but this obligation is self-imposed and is not mandated. And it stems from me believing in our message and wanting to share it with others; especially the younger crowd. I want others to feel what I feel when I'm by myself in the woods getting ready to draw that string or when I'm sitting around with my UBM buddies just chewing the fat. It's a feeling that's hard to put into words and I think I do a better job of explaining it to others by showing them rather than telling them about it.

So what does this all boil down to? Well, what I want you to do is really think about what the UBM means to you and what you have gotten out of being part of the organization. If you are like me, you will realize that you have gotten out of it a bunch more than you could ever put in. So if you want to even the scales up a little, just volunteer to help out at the next event we attend. We've got the Royal Rangers camp coming up in July, Deaf Camp in August, and the Shriner's Hand Camp in September. That's plenty of opportunities for you to give back to the sport you love and, maybe, inspire someone to carry on the tradition. And, who knows, you may just find out you like it.

Call For UBM Volunteers Royal Rangers Camp-o-Rama July 9-11, 2012 Eagle Rock, MO

UBM is seeking volunteers to help with the archery range at the 2012 Royal Rangers Camp-o-Rama in Eagle Rock, MO. The Royal Rangers are a Christian-based "Boy Scout"-styled organization doing real good for young men (http://royalrangers.com). UBM helped out at the last Camp-o-Rama and we all found it extremely rewarding—helping to put archery in the bands of literally thousands of kids. This year's event will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Rangers organization so the numbers will be even more staggering.

Centershot Ministries (http://centershotministries.org) will be in charge of the events this year and UBM has offered to help in any way we can. Mathews Archery has generously donated Genesis bows, arrows, targets and backstops for the event again and this year, and Sky Archery has also donated 10 recurve bows to the activity. UBM hopes to fully man the traditional side of the range.

This year's archery events will kick off with the one-day tournament on Monday, July 9th. New to the event is the traditional archery competition. Open shooting for both traditional and Genesis bows will occur Tuesday and Wednesday (July 10th and 11th). All aspects of the range require volunteers, and despite the heat and the fact that the event is scheduled during the work week, I hope that UBM can muster at least 10 volunteers for each day. Depending on the numbers, UBM will try to pick up some hotel rooms for our volunteers to grab a shower and some air-conditioning. Pretty informal, but it works, and sure beats a tent!

Eagle Rock is located near Roaring River State Park in Southwest Missouri (closest "big" town is Cassville 30 minutes away). Like everything in this area, it's not near anything! The Royal Rangers organization will feed us lunch during the day, but we'll be on our own for breakfast and dinner.

Please let me know if you can make it for one or more days of rewarding fun, archery, and trading pins. I know you won't regret it and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Our deadline to let Centershot Ministries know our volunteer staff is June 25.

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United Bowhunters of Missouri Rendezvous June 22nd, 23rd & 24th

Marshall Bowhunters Club, Marshall, Mo

It's that time of the year again for us to get together in the heat and humidity to enjoy each others company, eat some good food, and maybe even shoot some bows. This year we are going to stir things up a bit and change our venue. The 2012 Rendezvous will be moved to the Marshall Bowhunters range located in Indian Foothills Park in Marshall Missouri. Friday evening will be an informal affair with an open Board Meeting around 8:00 PM. All are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Open shooting is available Friday evening—"coon" shooting after dark at your own peril!

For those of you familiar with the Marshall Bowhunters site from the famous annual MO Jam event, it might be a little tough to find, but well worth the effort. There will be free primitive camping on site and UBM and the Marshall Bowhunters have coordinated to have several fresh Port-o-Potties on site. There is potable water available as well, but no hookups. There are picnic tables around, but be sure to bring your lawn chairs and maybe a pop-up shelter or two in case of rain. There is a pool and shower facility available for \$1/head at the park just opposite the turn into the Marshall Bowhunters drive which might be a nice respite if it's hot.

Saturday will start off with registration opening at 8:00AM, and there will be two 12-target course loops to available to shoot. I'm sure we can find something to entertain the young'uns mid-morning, and maybe a Long-distance "Hunt of a Lifetime" shoot in the afternoon followed by the 3-Man Skirmish, and culminating in a delicious catered bar BQ spread for those who choose to imbibe. The evening will just be a simple "hang out with your friends" and we can open up the "coon" shoot again if anyone's interested..

Marshall Bowhunters will also have concessions available for Saturday morning and noon as well as Sunday morning. There menu looks pretty tasty and their prices are super reasonable. Let's do our best to support their organization and fill our bellies (while simplifying our weekend)! The Saturday evening catering this year will again be provided by Hogs Gone Wild BBQ—they put on a delicious spread for the money so don't miss out and sign up early. We'll also be putting our best "Green" foot forward this year with recycling receptacles for glass, aluminum and plastic. With some conscientious effort, we can reduce our footprint for the weekend.

Back by popular demand will be some can raffles. If you have something to donate, let Darren, Mike Callahan or me know or simply bring the item(s) with you to the Rendezvous. Donations graciously accepted.

This year the Rendezvous registration is included on page 15 as part of the United Bowhunter newsletter. This will save UBM hundreds of dollars in printing and postage but remember, this will be your only printed notice of the Rendezvous.

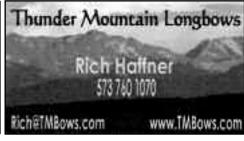
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Marshall Bowhunters site information and directions available at www.marshallbowhunters.org.

Please return your registrations before June 20th to: UBM 3097 State Hwy KK Cedarcreek, MO 65627-7340



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Vice President's Report

by Darren Haverstick



Hello there again, fellow member! It seems like I just made up one of these reports and now I'm doing it again. I ain't got much of great

importance to tell you about so if you want to skip over this piece and go onto something else, I completely understand. However, there is a \$100 penalty for early report withdrawal and I got my eyes one you. So if you want to keep your money in your wallet, you best keep on reading...

By the time you lay your eyes on this, the 2012 spring turkey season will be nothing but a distant, bitter memory. I am going into the last weekend with a tag yet to fill but not much gumption left to fill it. Turkey season wears a person down, both mentally and physically, and I need a vacation from it. I've had some success, I have some disappointments, I've got to practice my cussing, and I've got to be a smorgasbord for a bunch of parasites. I'm sure you all have similar tales to tell. Now it's time for something less strenuous like bowfishing or splitting stave bolts.

I am diligently working on the speaker lineup for the 2013 Festival but it has been fraught with letdowns. I've had a couple big fish on the line only to have them get off at the last minute. It seems that everyone is already booked. But don't you worry none. Ole Darren will get something worked out. However, if you have any suggestions for speakers or have an inside track to one, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

For those of you who enjoy 3D shoots, a new club has started up in the southwest part of the state and they are having shoots every Thursday night as of now. The Panther Creek Traditional Archery Club is run by

Don and Toni Orrell and the shoots are held at their place near Fordland, MO. Lately, the shoots have been held inside a huge barn but will move outside in the summer. Don has a 20target course set up with all sorts of interesting shots, complete with shrubbery and other obstacles to shoot around. The great thing about an indoor shoot is that you don't have to fret about losing arrows, which is great for kids or folks who shoot like me. They are kicking off the summer season with an outdoor shoot on Saturday, June 9th, which will start in the morning. There is plenty of camping space if you want to arrive Friday evening and Don told me they will be shooting then too. Food and prizes will be handed out and it is sure to be a good time. If you have never had the pleasure of meeting the Orrells, they are about as fine a people as you will find. For more information. contact Don Orrell at 417-830-0876 or Google 754 Low Gap Road, Fordland, MO to get directions to his place.

Somewhere in this issue, yours truly has a candidate profile because my term is coming to an end on the Board of Directors and I am running for reelection. In it, I may have gotten a bit out of hand and I sure hope no one gets put off by it. I just have a hard time staying serious for more than a paragraph or so and my mind and fingers tend to wander into territory better suited for late-night TV joke writers and the criminally insane. Just let me say here that I love the UBM with all my heart and will do anything in my power to keep it going and make it better. If elected, I won't raise your taxes, give myself a raise, take a mistress, or any of the other typical stuff that politicians do. I'll just work hard to keep things going smoothly and spread our message wherever and whenever I can.

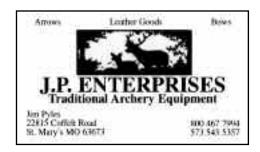
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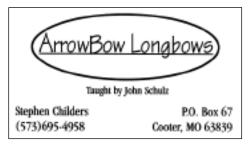
Darren Haverstick













United Bowhunters of Missouri Rendezvous

June 22nd, 23rd & 24th
Marshall, MO

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Swan Lake 8th Grade Outdoors Education Day—May 8, 2012

By Brian Peterson

For the third year running, UBM was invited back to the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge for their spring 8th Grade Outdoor Education Day. Nearly 200 parents and students flooded the refuge participating in various sporting and field activities and the Traditional Archery venue was as popular as ever. Jay Faherty, Larry Hudson, Ron and Regina Mackenberg, and I set up a small course with balloons and 3-D targets for the kids. With kids and onlookers stacked up like cordwood and only minutes available for each shooting group of 4 students, Jay hammered out the basics of holding and shooting a bow and each of us in turn personally tutored the kids in the basics of instinctive shooting and traditional archery. Each kid got to shoot up to 10 arrows and while the vast majority had absolutely no experience with traditional archery equipment much less shooting a bow in general, we popped a bunch of balloons and "killed" a few targets! Nothing more rewarding than the face of a youngster as they hit there first target with a bow and arrow! And for us, the most rewarding aspect was during the last hour when the kids were allowed to return to their favorite event—we were absolutely covered up with return shooters until the call came to head to the school busses.

Job well done, guys!



Jay giving instruction to the group while they wait on the firing line.



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