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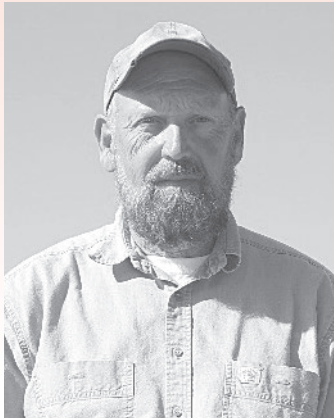
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# IBA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FALL ISSUE



It is an honor to step into the leadership role of the Iowa Bowhunters Association. Most of our members may not know me, so a short introduction is in order. I am a farm kid who grew up on a dairy farm with a bow in my hand. As most of our members,

I chased all kinds of real and imaginary critters through the timber. I stayed in the field of agriculture and after a lifetime, I'm now retired. Throughout life, many changes have occurred, but at the core I have remained a bowhunter. I discovered the IBA some five years ago and became involved in the IBA board. I was, and still am, impressed with the men and women of the IBA, its members, and its board of directors. What I found was a level of dedication and focus in supporting our mission as an association to protect, defend, and promote bowhunting in the state of Iowa.

The IBA's Mission Statement reads: "The Iowa Bowhunters Association proudly accepts the sport of bowhunting for all legal game; To protect, improve and increase the opportunities for hunting with the hand held, hand drawn bow; To cooperate with and support federal and state agencies, sportsmen associations, and conservation organizations, which are insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural habitat; To encourage and conduct education programs designed to acquaint the public and the archer with safe and ethical use of the bow for hunting and bowhunting as an effective method of hunting legal game; To foster unity and perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among bowhunters."

I include this Mission Statement in my first message as President as I view this as our guiding principles of our association. Until such time as a majority of our membership

votes to change this mission, this mission will be my focus. Based upon my five years as a board member, I do not see any necessary changes to our mission of the IBA at this time.

What I do sense is a need to renew our efforts of growing our membership. The IBA does most of the heavy lifting from a legislative and political perspective and in coordination with the DNR. The strength of any Association is in its members, and the more members the stronger the association can leverage its political capital in order to carry out our mission. Over the next few months, we as the board of directors, will be reviewing our membership structure and considering options as to how we can grow. Once the board defines that strategy, we will be calling on all members to assist our efforts.

As most of you are aware, we enjoy being one of the best Whitetail states in the US. Although genetics and our natural environment in Iowa help, these aspects are only the fabric that our good people at the DNR have used to shape management practices, limits and licenses that create the real environment for our deer herd to attain the age structure that warrants this stature. This recognition is something each and every one of Iowa's outdoors men and women should be proud of.

If we reread the Mission Statement, we can now see that our goal of the IBA is to protect, defend, and promote "bowhunting" while insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural resources. We can effectively accomplish this goal only through our membership's growth and engagement. I look forward to providing guidance and direction to our association, but I cannot do this alone. We need all members engaged and involved.

In closing, our bow season is now upon us, share the outdoors with friends and family and above all be safe.

**Bob Haney**

## HOW PASSIONATE ARE YOU ABOUT BOWHUNTING? How concerned are you about the future of bowhunting in Iowa?

If you are passionate and you care, please consider becoming a member, a board member or an area rep of the IBA.

Get your feet wet as an area rep and become part of the future of bowhunting in Iowa. We sponsor two events each year and have four board meetings. The satisfaction you'll receive for being involved, far exceeds the time commitment. Your kids and grandkids will reap the benefits.

If you have questions or want more information about becoming involved please contact me.

**Randy Taylor**

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The leaves have fallen, the cold creeps in and the spirit of the outdoors has blessed all of us with success. Success not necessarily measured by harvesting an animal but in spending quality time with family, by quiet walks through the timber while scouting or checking trail cameras, by watching the sun rise while on stand or by silent walks out of the timber on our return home. As this season comes to a close we now look forward to the next season. A season that not only includes preparation and practice, planning and anticipation but also behind the scenes work of protecting our way of life and the sport we love.

In my first message as President we reviewed the Mission statement of our Association and emphasized the need of all members to stand proud in support of the Iowa Bow Hunting Association. As such our goal as an Association is to protect, defend and promote "bow hunting" while insuring the propagation and preservation of game and our natural resources. As we move into a new year our life style and sport will once again come under political pressure to change.

Through much study and consideration our Board of Directors has provided a set of parameters to guide our efforts to protect the sport of bow hunting in the state of Iowa as we enjoy it today. That direction consist of the following principles.

1. Fully support the DNR Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, I WILL and the REAP program
2. To support scientifically proven fact based management of our natural resources
3. Continue to support funding of CWD research, testing and education and strict enforcement of moving carcasses from CWD areas to non CWD areas unless the carcasses are taken to a locker for processing and the locker disposes of carcass in landfill.
4. Discontinue the permitting and allowance of "high fenced" deer farms
5. Continue to support the current laws of no feeding, baiting or use of salts and or minerals
6. Support the current seasons and allowable weapons as defined by the DNR
7. Fully support the R3 program of the DNR and full support the NASP program

One of the aspects of the IBA that I am most proud of is our efforts in defending and supporting bow hunting from a legislative prospective. These general guidelines by the Board will provide direction and parameters to Randy Taylor, Chairman of our Legislative Committee and Eric Goranson our IBA lobbyist. Their selfless work and dedication to this effort on your behalf is very much appreciated.

In addition our Board has renewed its efforts in growing our membership and in providing benefits to our members. As such the Board is currently reviewing our membership drive and growth opportunities, and working on creating a program for our Spring Banquet scheduled for March the 28th. We are excited with the draft program and to have Tom Miranda as our Key note speaker. We look forward to enjoying an evening of fellowship and comradery with you and your family

In addition to these items we are also beginning our review and preparation for our presence at the Whitetail Classic and initial planning for our 2020 Fall Festival. As our members can see our plates are full.

In closing I want to take a moment and recognize our 100% clubs, their leadership structure and all the members of these individual Archery clubs. Each of these clubs provide a gathering point for individuals and families on a local level to enjoy our sport and tradition of bow hunting and archery. These clubs are the heart and soul of our Association. I will be reaching out to the leadership of each club in the near future as we endeavor to bring value to our members. We have many chores to accomplish on your behalf and we will continue our efforts. We look forward to visiting with each of you at the 2020 Spring Banquet.

**Bob Haney**

**President**

**Iowa Bowhunters Association**



# EDITORS CORNER

**BOWHUNTER** - April is when the next Iowa Bowhunter magazine is due for distribution, so please get your articles, pictures, stories, and advertisements to me no later than March 15th.

Thanks for all the photos already sent in and keep up the good work. There's always room on the Gut Pile page. Also, if you have a good picture for the front cover, feel

free to send that to me and mark it to be used for the front cover. Please include a short caption of information with each picture. Pictures are not returned.

**Larry Krohn**

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## To All Area Reps (and all members)

Our membership needs to be more informed on what is happening in all areas of the state of Iowa, as well as surrounding states. As an area rep, it is expected of you to supply information about your particular area to the rest of the membership. This is accomplished through articles in the Bowhunter. Please submit an article for each Bowhunter issue (four total) to the Bowhunter editor. Deadlines are shown in the editors corner of each issue. We'll look forward to your input.

If you have questions about your membership please use this address

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Any other questions or problems please contact any board member.

**ANNUAL** - July of each year is when the IBA Annual is due for distribution; and the deadline is June 15th to ensure your photos are included. A change has been made concerning how we assemble the Annual and where you send your photos. All current photos sent in will still be included, but all future photos should be sent to Randy Taylor with contact information shown below. Award winners from the Spring Banquet are always included; along with other individual or group photos.

The annual will now be designed in-house by the IBA, so your cooperation in getting photos to Randy would be greatly appreciated; the sooner the better. You can send by email, hard copy, or a CD through snail mail. If you send by email, please send as full size file (1MB or larger). For 100% clubs, please send your photos together as a group if you want your own page in the Annual. If not sent as group, they will be shown in the individual pages. Include a few short details about your animal (score, date of harvest, etc). We don't need a story just a little information. Pictures are not returned.

**Randy Taylor**

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## To All IBA Members

There are six bowhunter type pictures located somewhere throughout this issue. Have some fun and see how fast you can locate all six of them. They are: an arrow, a compound bow, hunter cartoon, a set of antlers, shoulder mount of a buck, and deer track. Answers in IBA related info section.

PS - If you have other ideas, stories, pictures or information, be sure to send it to us. Each issue of this publication will improve if we get input from our members.

**Your Editor**

## Youth

The junior area rep section is especially meant for you, so send us an email about some ideas that we can put into motion. We would also love to have the Youth Bowhunter page of our IBA publication grow into something big.

**Thanks,**

**IBA Board of Directors**



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# FEATURED 100% CLUB

Here's your chance to put in a plug about your 100% club. Provide an overall description of your range, history and origin, buildings, camping, food capabilities, archery leagues, compare your club to others, provide driving directions, or something of importance to your club; but you must be a 100% club. You could also include any of your upcoming shoots and/or a couple pictures, but please limit length to approximately 500 words. Only one club will be featured in each issue. If more than one article is received, the first one received will be published. The provider of the article must include a phone number to contact. Send your article (word document or pdf) to your editor Larry Krohn at [lwkrohn11@gmail.com](mailto:lwkrohn11@gmail.com). Please proofread before sending as the article will be printed as received.

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<b>Pine Lake Archers</b> Eldora, Iowa		



Your IBA board has been contemplating what else we can do for the 100% clubs. Along with reduced member rates, member coupons, IBA Shootout participant, Iowa Games host, and individual newsletter section, we have decided to also include

at no cost a shoot schedule for your club (no larger than one half page). Just get your schedule to the editor by the newsletter deadline and it will be included in the next issue of the Iowa Bowhunter.

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# 2020 SPRING BANQUET

## IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION SPRING BANQUET



**Saturday**  
**March 28, 2020**



**FFA Enrichment Center**  
**Located on the DMACC Ankeny Campus**  
**1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway - Ankeny, IA**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Tom Miranda**

**Territories Wild TV Host**

**Super Slam and World Hunting Award Accomplishments**

### **Saturday Agenda**

- 1 pm – 3 pm ..... Annual membership meeting and DNR seminar**
- 3 pm ..... Registration, silent auction, and raffles open**
- 3 pm – 5 pm ..... Meet & Greet with Tom Miranda**
- 6 pm ..... Dinner**
- 7 pm ..... Silent auction closes and program begins**

**After dinner – Awards, live auction, silent auction winners, speaker, raffles, etc.**

### **IBA Spring Banquet 2020 and IBA 2020 Annual**

The awards application for Spring Banquet 2020 is in this issue. You may send application by mail or you can email it. We will need P&Y paperwork and photo along with app, if you want to be eligible for an award.

If you just want your trophy picture included in slide presentation just the photo and short sentence or two with details is all you need. All pictures sent in for awards or slide show will be added to the 2020 Annual.

If you email your pictures please send as full size files. All contact information will be listed below.

Send all awards and pictures to;

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# 2020 SPRING BANQUET CONT.



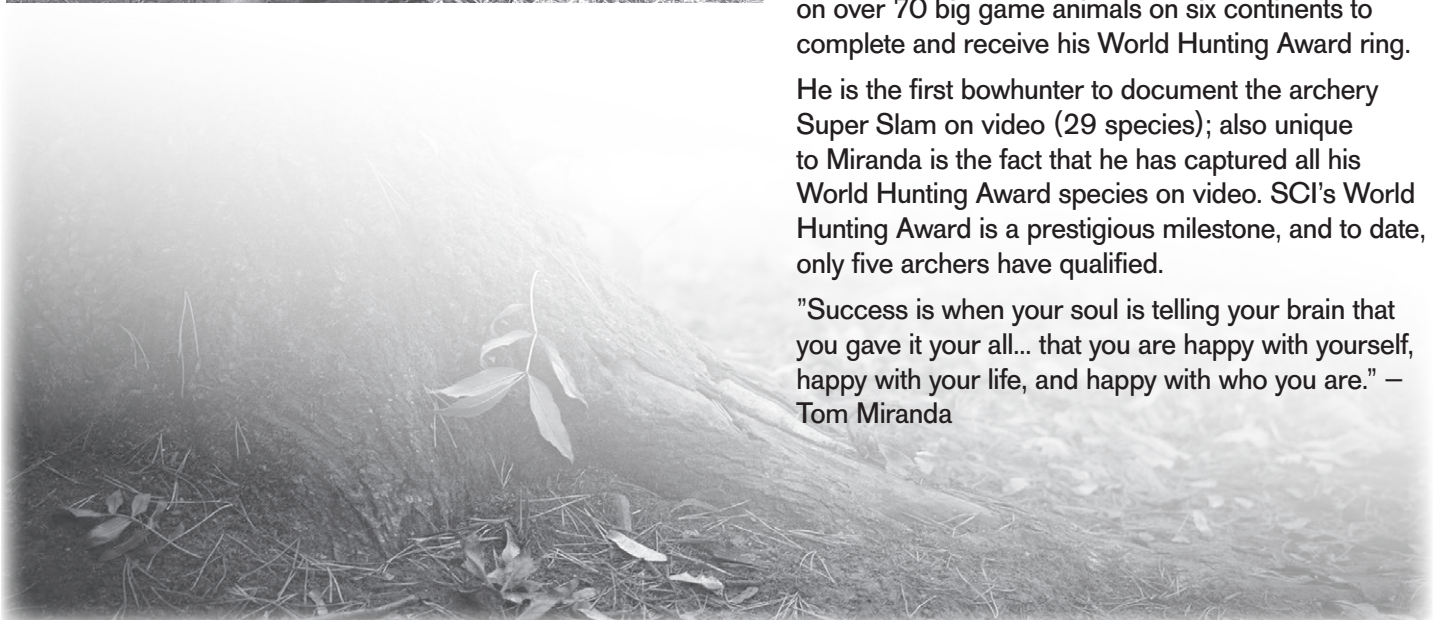
Spring Banquet 2020 is set for March 28 at the FFA Center in Ankeny. Tom Miranda is our banquet speaker this year; and from the looks of his resume, he has quite the list of accomplishment. A new motel has been built just a quarter mile from the Center for easy access. Plan ahead and hopefully our membership can give the board some insight of some new hunts to acquire.

Tom Miranda was a pilot and used his small airplane to operate his trapline, a novelty that made his video instructions popular. Also a bowhunter, Miranda began making hunting videos and by 1992 had his own adventure TV series on ESPN. Self taught in TV production, Miranda would hire a freelance cameraman to tape his adventures then write, produce, and edit the programs himself. Tom soon became known on ESPN as the crazy bowhunter who would do anything as his adventure show featured adrenaline stunts like sky diving, bull riding, and bungee jumping.....along with his bowhunting.

In 2011 when Miranda completed his 13-year quest to capture the archery Super Slam on video, SCI Record Book officials contacted Tom about his hunting accomplishments. With over 20 years of producing TV bow hunts, Miranda had been scouring the globe bowhunting big game and SCI knew it. A list of species was generated and with some quick fact checking, Safari Club determined that Miranda was very close to accomplishing the World Hunting Award. After some discussion and planning, Miranda had his mounts scored, entered them to SCI, and set out to fill the specie gaps in his bowhunting collection. In the last seven years, Miranda has went full draw on over 70 big game animals on six continents to complete and receive his World Hunting Award ring.

He is the first bowhunter to document the archery Super Slam on video (29 species); also unique to Miranda is the fact that he has captured all his World Hunting Award species on video. SCI's World Hunting Award is a prestigious milestone, and to date, only five archers have qualified.

"Success is when your soul is telling your brain that you gave it your all... that you are happy with yourself, happy with your life, and happy with who you are." – Tom Miranda



# 2020 SPRING BANQUET CONT.

## 53RD ANNUAL

### Iowa Bowhunters Association Spring Banquet

March 28th, 2020



Questions?? Contact Jim Colwell

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### Venue Information

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### Ticket Information

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Tickets can be purchased in the following quantities:

- Table of 8 \$360 - (the only way to reserve your seat at the front)
- Individual tickets \$45 - (open seating behind the reserved tables)
- Kids ticket \$12 (15 and under)

### Hotel Information – (only three minutes from banquet hall)



- Residence Inn by Marriott - - 1515 SW Main Street, Ankeny, IA 50023 - - ph: 515- 446-7300.
- Make sure to mention you are with the IBA to get the special rate.
- Rooms must be reserved by March 7th to receive the special IBA rate.
- No outside alcohol allowed in the banquet hall.



# TNKFK IOWA

**Hello everyone,**

Saturdays TNKFK IA was once again a huge success! It could not happen without the dedication you all provide. From the sponsors to the instructors and mentors, the folks that make all of the behind the scenes work happen from registration to making lunch and filling the take home bags. The guy's that kept the water and ice full at the stations as well as the volunteer firefighters from Neola, who were there just in case.

Thank You,

**Roger, Kevin and Jay**



# TNKFK IOWA CONT.

## The 9th TNKFK Iowa was a huge success!

The June 16th 2019 Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids was the best one yet. The weather couldn't have been better for the kampers, instructors, and mentors - cool and overcast.

In the nine years of the Iowa Bowhunters Association as the event sponsor of the TNKFK Iowa, we have had close to 900 kids through the event. Every year we try to add different events and stations to the kamp.

This year there was a station on how to pick the perfect campsite, set up a tent, and do some camp cooking.

The kampers also had a chance to throw an Atlatl. With help from Brian and Cindy Hoefener, the kids were able to throw the spear at a Woolly mammoth target.

The archery station was once again manned by an IBA 100% club, the Pottawattamie Bowhunters from Council Bluffs. The archery station gives the kampers some basic shooting instruction, then a chance to shoot as many arrows as they can for 45 minutes.

The Air Gun station gives the kids hands on safety and shooting instruction with some Gamo air rifles. It becomes very apparent that the female kampers of all ages excel at this station. Some of these young ladies are excellent shots.

The fishing station always offers some great memories for the kids. You just never know what or when the bite will be on. This year a 19" catfish won the Big Fish award.

The wrist rocket station gives the kids a chance to perfect their hand and eye coordination. This year we used stuffed animals for the targets. The Incredibles target was a big hit, maybe because it would squeak if hit hard enough with a glass marble.

We also have an orienteering station where the kids are taught the basics of compass reading and follow a course within the park with prizes at the different map points.

Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids Iowa could not happen without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, from our great sponsors to the instructors and mentors. The folks who make all the behind the scenes work happen from registration to making and serving lunch to filling the take home bags, Dave Fischer and the Arrowhead Park staff who had the grounds in great shape, the guys who kept the water and ice full at the stations, and the volunteer firefighters from Neola, who were there just in case, all made this TNKFK a huge success. What a day!



It was a dark and stormy night in the wilds of Canada. The rain played its endless tattoo on the cabin's new steel roof. Lightning flashed and thunder boomed while the wind sang its forlorn song. It wasn't the storm that woke me up, it was my urgent need to visit the outhouse. I had tried to ignore the problem hoping it would go away. But, as we all know, a problem ignored is an accident waiting to happen and I'm way too old, or maybe just old enough, for accidents to happen.

I couldn't put it off any longer. I geared up for the trek to the outhouse, oh so many uphill yards away. A full set of rain gear, yes the pants were bibs which were going to compound my problems, a flashlight and a head lamp (if one is good two is better), mosquito netting for my head, a very large can of mosquito spray that was 2,000% DEET to protect my soon to be exposed flesh, my anti-bear utility belt that held bear spray, an air horn, stun gun and just in case the bear deterrents didn't work I had sets of Rosary beads, Misbaha Beads and Mala Beads at the ready. For footwear, I slipped on my camp shoes instead of my fishing boots; the camp shoes were much quicker to get on. My camp shoes were a bit squeaky and clompy when I walked but surely my cabin mates would understand.

All of my very necessary, yet time consuming, preparations had turned my urgent problem into an emergency; it was time to "go." Protected from the elements, the bugs and hopefully the bears, I set off for the outhouse in the rain, the lighting, the thunder and the wind. I squeaked, clomped and tromped my way across the floor and out the door, taking particular care not to let the screen door slam, lest it awaken my cabin mates.

The first section of path to the promised land was a wooden walkway that was slippery from the rain, which I successfully navigated without incident. The next section was an uneven, boulder strewn and root infested dirt path that the rain had turned to slippery mud.



The flashes of lightning, my flashlight and head lamp were all combining to make the trek more difficult because of the dancing shadows they created. I shut off my lights in an effort to improve my chances of making it up the slippery hill without injury. It didn't work. I stubbed the toes of one foot on a rock and tripped over a root with the other. I was tripping, I was slipping and I was trying to keep what was inside of me inside of me as the brightest flash of lighting of the entire storm lit up the forest all around me.

Was that a bear over there?

My mind told me that of course it was. My mind even told me it was the biggest, meanest, hungriest mamma griz in the forest. Was it "accident" time or would I find and tap into some heretofore unknown well of inner strength that would keep me from embarrassing myself in front of my cabin mates?

Some of you long time readers may remember about 15 years ago I wrote a very true and absolutely believable story about furniture shopping with my wife. We had gotten our tax return check and we had pondered what to do with it. Of course I wanted to buy more tools just like I had the year before. That idea was about as popular as my idea to clean all my grease rags in the washing machine. A lead balloon had a better chance of flying than me getting more tools. So, furniture it was.



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What was the nexus for new furniture this time? I'm guessing here because no one really knows what motivates women to do what they do but it may have something to do with me going fishing in Canada twice this year, putting new tires on the truck before the old ones were worn out or buying new hunting gear when the old stuff killed deer and turkeys quite well. Huh. I think I just answered my own question.

Regardless of how it came to be, I found myself in a furniture store sitting in chairs, comparing fabrics, foams and the bane of every man's existence; the dreaded book of color swatches. Even though it had been 15 years, time had not healed that particular wound.

The second store we went to (yes, two) I found my new chair in no time; I fit it and it fit me. Now we had to, ugh, look at swatches. We had come prepared with a pillow off the couch and an arm cover from the old chairs to compare with the new swatches. The sales guy proffered a book of swatches that weighed about 50 pounds. If looks could kill the salesman would be on a very cold slab right about now.

My beautiful, kind and understanding wife who reads these stories hadn't decided on a chair yet, so I knew we'd be going through the evil also known as a swatch book twice. Here is a piece of advice to any newly or recently married (20 years or less is recently married) guys out there, if you know in advance that you are going to be looking at swatches put a tack in your shoe. Walk around the store with the tack sticking you in the foot. When it comes time to look at swatches, sit down and get the pressure off the tack. You will look happy and she'll never know you are happy about not getting stuck by the tack and that you aren't really happy to be looking at swatches.

I chose a swatch (Mmm, mocha, it looks as yummy as it sounds) with a smile on my face and a song in my heart only because I had decided we were going out for dinner when we were done. I just had to decide if dinner was going to be tacos or tenderloins which is basically a choice between tequila and beer.

At long last my wife, who I adore and who reads these stories, made a choice on chairs; she fit the chair and the chair fit her. But wait, her choice of chairs takes an entirely different book of Godless swatches. She eventually made her choice of fabric, foam and color and I made my choice. I definitely needed tequila.

Some very big decisions and choices had been made

without either one of us calling our attorneys or the salesclerks calling the police. But it must be noted for the record that my gentle and compassionate wife who reads these stories chose the swatch labeled "Silt" for her chair. Silt? Seriously? Who chooses a color whose name reminds one of loathsome mud? The color was nice, but the name? Nope.

It was time for dinner. Chips, salsa, happy hour margaritas and whatever unpronounceable dish I had were the best ever and went a long way towards making the experience of the day more, uh, palatable.

From somewhere deep inside I found and tapped a well of intestinal fortitude that kept the inside of my rain gear dry. I dropped the flashlight and grabbed the bear spray and prayer beads from my anti-bear utility belt. I was ready, the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest wasn't going to be any match for my bear spray and bead rattling. An inane thought whizzed through my brain, if I get eaten by the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest would there be prayer beads in her poop?

The lightning flashed again and what was once the biggest, meanest, hungriest momma griz in the forest turned out to be an old dead tree. A widow maker just the same, my anxiety level dropped but the internal pressure was still there, which in a way was very good.

Just a few more slippery yards to go and I'd be at the outhouse. What else could go wrong?

My lovely, compassionate wife who reads these stories and I need to decide what to do with our old chairs. She thinks putting them in the basement family room with all the old furniture we have inherited over the years is a good idea. I think taking them up to Clayton County and asking my personal hunting guide to carry them up the steep hills, then hoist them up into tree stands and attach them so they were safe to hunt from would be great.

Even though the chairs are worn out who wouldn't want to hunt out of an old comfy chair?

I slipped and slid my way up the rest of the hill. The outhouse was looking like a life raft to a drowning man. I extended a trembling hand to open the door. With the other hand I turned on my headlamp. I still shudder when I remember what was in the beam of my head lamp. It was a cloud of the most blood thirsty Canadian mosquitoes on the planet and they wanted fresh Bonker blood.



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I still had all my prayer beads in my hand. I tried rattling them at the hungry hoard, but the beads were no deterrence. I still had my bear spray in the other hand. I contemplated giving them a hefty dose of capsaicin but just as I was about to pull the trigger it dawned on me that the outhouse would be full of bear spray and therefore unusable. Bad idea.

I took the economy size can of 2,000% DEET out of my back pocket and decided I'd spray them with about half the can of 2,000% DEET, coat the inside of the outhouse with a quarter of the can of 2,000% DEET and hope for the best. I'd keep the remaining quarter can of 2,000% DEET to spray my soon to be exposed flesh just before I sat down. I sprayed the swarm and I actually heard them laugh. Then I sprayed the inside walls and business area of the outhouse. If nothing else, it made me feel better.

One of the problems with putting a comfy chair in a tree is the chair has to be far enough away from the trunk so it can recline. I bet my personal guide can figure it out.

I left my head net on while I took off my raincoat to undo my rain bibs. It was at that moment I realized I only had my shorts on underneath. The mosquitoes saw my pale blubbery flesh and went into a feeding frenzy. I swatted at the exposed part of my chest and my palm was covered in bug guts and Bonker blood.

I had to make a split-second decision, spray myself down with the 2,000% DEET or just drop the bibs and go for it? They couldn't suck me dry that quickly could they?

If I had known that 15 years down the line I'd be thinking about putting my used-up comfy chair up in a tree to hunt out of I would have chosen the cammo swatch. Yeah, like my generous and forever young wife who reads these stories would ever have let me do that. Actually, if the swatches had been in cammo I still would have had to make the hard decision between Mossy Oak or Real Tree or good old US Woodland. Remember, 15 years ago there wasn't the plethora of camouflage patterns there are today.

I'm going for it. I'm eschewing the 2,000% DEET on my very soon to be exposed skin for expediency because I'm almost going. The rain bibs went down, the mosquitoes called for reinforcements because there was so much of me to attack one hoard wasn't going to

be enough. My shorts went down, then my butt found the splinter free hole. Finally, I can let it go.

I bet I'd sleep even more in a comfy chair tree stand than I do now in a regular stand. With my luck I'd sleep right through the 30-point buck pointing and laughing at me from my 20 yard marker.

I'm getting lightheaded from blood loss and internal pressure changes. Suddenly, mosquitoes start falling from the air. Was the 2,000% DEET working?

Nope, wasn't the DEET, it was me. Or rather what had been inside me. The worst part? I could have stayed in the cabin. I didn't need to slip and slide my way to the outhouse. It was a false alarm of sorts. My cabin mates would probably have kicked me out so I would have been out in the rain either way.

I made my way back down to the cabin. I was careful not to let the door slam so I wouldn't disturb the guys sleeping inside. My camp shoes squeaked, slosed, clomped and tromped across the floor. I was taking off my rain gear when the guy sharing my room said "You ain't comin' up here again till you get rid of them shoes. Did you remember the last guy up to the outhouse said he used all the paper and the next guy up should take some paper up with him?"

My head exploded.

In 6-8 weeks we'll have our new chairs. My caring and trusting wife who reads these stories believes it will be eight weeks or less. I believe it will be 10 weeks or more. We have a taco or tenderloin dinner bet on who is closest. I have written a lot of stories and consumed a lot of thinking juice in this old comfy chair. Let's hope the new chair is just as comfy and the thinking juice just as smooth.

I called my personal guide about putting my old comfy chair up in a tree stand.

My personal guide's head exploded.

Good luck to all this year and remember to strap yourself in. Comfy chair or not.



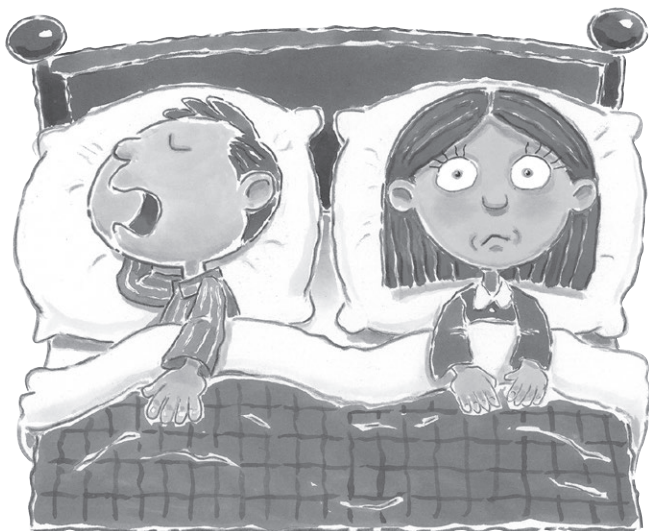
If you recall in the last Bonker's World my gorgeous and generous wife who reads these stories and I had purchased new comfy chairs. We had a wager on when the new comfy chairs would be delivered. My lovely and still blushing bride who reads these stories was absolutely positive that the new comfy chairs would be delivered in 8 weeks or less and I was absolutely positive the new comfy chairs would be delivered in ten weeks or more.

For the very first time in our relationship I was, I can't let myself think the word let alone type it, I wasn't correct. Did my fair and compassionate wife who also reads these stories gloat? Nope. She forced me to go out for some excellent south of the border cuisine. Saying she forced me is like saying Br'er Rabbit forced Br'er Fox to throw him into the briar patch. No matter when the new comfy chairs were delivered, I got to go out for dinner and I really didn't care who got to choose.

Being unsure of the delivery date of the new comfy chairs I couldn't tell my personal hunting guide when I'd have the old comfy chairs available for him to put up in a tree for me. In the interim my personal hunting guide did me a solid, he erected an elevated and enclosed blind for me. He knew what a wuss I had become, or maybe always was.

The first days I went hunting this year the weather was way too nice to sit in the blind, but I went up the ladder and had a look. As soon as he puts in the solar panels, heater and satellite receiver it will be perfect.

The weather finally turned cold and windy forcing me from a tree stand into the soon to be Taj Mahal of hunting blinds, that is as soon as my personal guide makes the improvements I've requested.



I climbed the ladder, went in the blind, found plenty of room to stash the 100 pounds or so of gear I always carry, sat in the comfy enough for hunting chair and got, well, hunting comfy. The sun was shining making the blind much warmer than it was outside. I was warm, I was out of the wind, I was comfy and just that quick I was asleep.

My caring and kind wife who also reads these stories says I snore. I have no doubt that I make some kind of noise when I sleep but I doubt if it is snoring. Wait a minute, could the stories the deer, turkey and fish camp guys say about my snoring be true? What are the chances that they and my graceful and elegant wife who also reads these stories could be right? Damn. Well, I guess then it was my own snoring that woke me up that afternoon in the blind.

I awoke to see a couple of fawns contentedly chewing on turnips, but where was momma? I was in the market for a freezer filler and I was perched in the center of a target rich environment, but momma wasn't around. I went ahead and opened a window just in case she showed up and walked by.

Time passed; my head bobbed. On one of my head bobs I saw a few more deer out in the field. There were a couple more fawns and a couple of yearlings. The yearlings were too small. After all, for hunting to be cost effective the doe needs to produce enough meat to make it cheaper to pay for the hunting gear and processing than to buy meat in the store. That's what I tell my sharp as a tack wife who also reads these stories; I spend money on hunting gear, licenses, tags and travel to give us low cost meat. I don't think she buys it, but hunting gets me out of the house and for some reason that seems to make her happy, happy, happy.

I still had an hour or so before prime time, so I went back on the nod; chin on my chest and drool on my shirt. This time when I woke up the field was full of deer. Several fawns, does and spikes surrounded the blind but nothing that met the criteria of a freezer filler. The wind was starting to blow through the open window making me chilly. Now if my personal guide had installed a heater.....

It was prime time; the sun was just starting to touch the horizon and deer were all around the blind. There were a couple of fawns just outside the open window, their mommas were close. More deer were coming closer to the blind but they were not cost effective to shoot. Time was running out, just a sliver of sun was above the horizon.

Then out she stepped. About 50 yards away the herd boss came out of the brush. I could tell just by the way she was



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standing that she was the queen; she had a regal presence about her, a certain je ne sais quoi. Her head was up and at attention, her eyes scanning, her nose sniffing, her ears listening and her tail twitching. I think another hunter must have coughed in the next county because she focused on an area that appeared to be several miles away.

She eventually moved out into the field. Her head was down only long enough to grab a bite of brassicas then she was right back up scanning, scanning and scanning some more. The best part; she was moving my way and on the side of the blind with the open window.

As she worked her way through the field the other deer moved out of her way. They were treating her with a combination of fear and deference. I'm sure they had all felt her sharp hooves at one time or another.

She was just about to my open window, I had made up my mind the moment I saw her that if she presented a shot opportunity, I'd take it; there was a lot of cost effective meat on that boss lady. She walked into the shooting lane of the window. I made the bwa sound that stopped her. I sighted and touched the trigger.



The arrow struck, she jumped, stumbled and ran off. I watched as a large tuft of hair slowly drifted back to earth. Did I hear her crash? A couple of minutes later as I was still running the shot through the instant replay of my mind and my personal guide called. He said he was climbing out of his tree stand and he'd meet me down by the gate. I told him I might have one down. It's hard to tell on a phone call what a person is thinking but I had the distinct feeling my personal guide was thinking "Oh no, not this crap again". He was going to meet me at the blind.

I gathered my 100 pounds of gear and climbed down from the soon to be Taj Mahal. I went to the tuft of hair and it was pure white. I had that sinking feeling that I've experienced before. Bad shot? I ran the whole sequence through again, maybe a titch low but I'm pretty sure I heard her go down, but I've thought that before. I looked for a blood trail, nothing. I looked for my arrow, nothing. I was getting ready to start crawling through the heavy brush and low hanging cedars when my personal guide showed up. We found the arrow. It had some fat and a few more white hairs on the shaft and vanes. It was starting to look like I hit her pretty low. My mood was starting to match.

I found the trail I thought she had taken. I fought my way through the vegetation looking for any sign; blood, hair, anything. The understory opened enough for me to crouch instead of crawl and I spotted a small splotch of blood. It wasn't much but it was encouraging. My personal guide had circled around to the other side of the cedar trees to see if he could pick up a trail. I continued to slowly work my way down the trail. I had gone perhaps 20 yards when I spotted a larger blood spatter, that led me to another spatter, then I found her, piled up in a rose bush. The relief I felt was incredible.

My personal guide joined me in the brush. I think he was a bit skeptical when I said I shot the herd boss but even piled up in the rose bush she looked huge. We did a quick back track. She had only gone about 60 yards before she piled up and there wasn't any blood for the first 40 then just the couple of spots I had found then one large puddle, then her.

I'm kind of meticulous about how I gut my deer. My understanding and thoughtful wife who also reads these stories probably just rolled her eyes when she read that. She thinks I'm rather obsessive about everything, you should see us trying to hang a picture together. I'm gutting and my personal guide is holding legs. I can tell he is getting impatient with my method. How could I tell? "How much longer are you gonna take?" is a pretty good clue. I finished the deed and we dragged her out of the brush and low hanging cedars.



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We got to the edge of the brush dragging the biggest doe I had ever killed. I assumed my personal guide would leave me, his gear and the doe while he walked to the truck and drove back to get me, the gear and the deer. Well, never assume anything. My personal guide said it was so warm during the day that the frozen ground had turned to muck and was too slick to try to drive up the ridge, so we were going to drag her down to the truck. I protested; "But that's a half mile away and you don't know CPR".

"Bonker, you are such a wussy". With that he threw a strap around the doe's neck, around his waist and off he went. The first 100 yards or so was up hill. He was going so fast I couldn't keep up. Sure, I had my 100 pounds of gear to deal with, but he was dragging a huge doe through a muddy food plot.

My personal guide got to the top of the rise and waited for me to catch up. He was probably afraid, and rightfully so, that I'd get lost in the dark. Then down

the hill he ran, dragging the doe behind him. It's as if all the hounds of hell were chasing him down the hill. I absolutely could not keep up.

By the time I caught up to him he had the monster doe hefted up into the bed of the truck, his gear packed, and he was ready to go. I'm still not sure how he got that doe in the truck. He must have tapped into some special ninja-jedi-huntmaster force. That's the only way to explain it.

Thanks in a large part to my personal guide the cost effective doe is now resting quietly in my freezer after being cut up into tasty chunks of meat. I'm 100% sure my personal guide is busy making the improvements I requested to his blind. Either that or his head exploded again.



# GUT PILE PAGE

## Facts of Life

- ⊙ If one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- ⊙ To me, "Drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- ⊙ When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- ⊙ I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- ⊙ I had my patience tested, I'm negative.
- ⊙ If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say "Did you bring the money?"
- ⊙ Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9pm is the new midnight
- ⊙ I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- ⊙ I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- ⊙ When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- ⊙ I don't remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.
- ⊙ When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- ⊙ It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- ⊙ Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- ⊙ Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- ⊙ My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.



## VENISON BURGERS WITH LIME MAYONNAISE

### Ingredients:

- 3 slices cooked bacon, minced
- 2 TBS olive oil
- 1 TBS minced garlic
- 1 LB ground venison
- 2 TBS Cookie's Barbecue Sauce (your choice)
- Salt and Pepper, to taste
- 1 beaten egg

### Procedure:

Heat olive oil in skillet. Add garlic; cook until softened about 3 minutes then cool. Mix all ingredients together. Preheat a grill to medium high heat. Shape mixture into 6 patties. Grill to desired doneness. Meanwhile, prepare mayonnaise as follows:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 TBS lime juice
- 1 TBS lime zest

Mix together thoroughly and set aside.

Serve burgers on hamburger bun with lime mayonnaise and your favorite toppings.



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## FALL ISSUE

### IBA Article Fall 2019

Fall is upon us way too quickly for some and not soon enough for others. Just as the leaves change colors there are changes going on inside the DNR. I'll give you a quick rundown of personnel changes over this last quarter. Starting at the top, as you have probably heard by now, Governor Kim Reynolds has appointed Kayla Lyon as the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Lyon assumed her new role on July 8th. Bruce Troutman (Deputy Director) was the acting Director after Chuck Gipp retired. Bruce will be retiring as well this fall.

The Iowa DNR has hired its first staff veterinarian. Rachel Ruden was recently hired and will be housed at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She will work closely with the staff at the ISU diagnostic lab on wildlife related issues. This partnership will enhance not only the Iowa DNR but the College as well. Rachel received her veterinarian degree from Penn State University and has recently completed additional studies at Iowa State University.

Several changes are also occurring inside the depredation program. Recently Helga Offenburger has moved over from our private lands staff to a depredation position in south central Iowa. She continues to work with private land operations, just on different topics. She will also be heavily involved with the CWD sample collection effort in southern Iowa this fall. Two other depredation staff will be added to other parts of the State as well. Inga Roen and Darrin Jones will be splitting their duties between management activities and depredation duties. This will allow a quicker response time to depredation concerns.

There have been some other changes as well inside the management units. We still have two management biologist positions open, Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit and the Rathbun Wildlife Unit. The other open unit was the Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit. Rob Patterson has recently been hired to fill that position. One last note on staff changes, Terry Hainfield CWD coordinator will be retiring this fall. Terry has run the gauntlet for the DNR. He is a dedicated employee that started out with a temporary job and worked his way up to a unit biologist position and finally as the CWD coordinator. Terry's enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

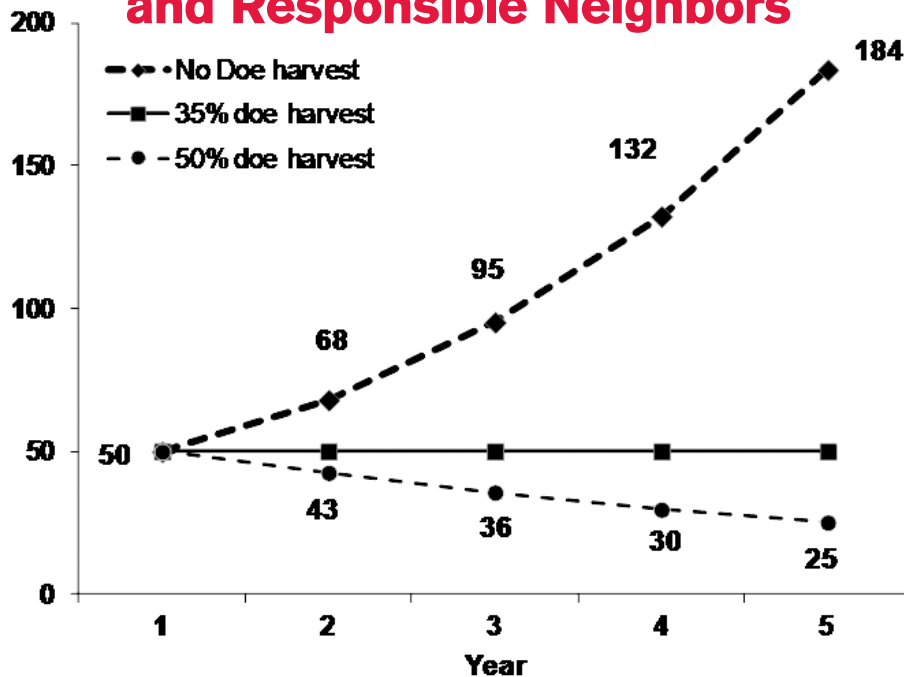
### EHD outbreak in Southern Iowa

Social media has been buzzing about the current outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease this summer. Starting in August the classic phone calls about finding dead deer next to water started. So far we have taken over 500 reports from 20 different counties. Other States are also reporting cases this year as well. The most reports coming from Warren, Madison and Lucas counties. If you find dead deer this fall while hunting that you suspect died of EHD please report it to your local conservation officer. Remember that this disease pops up cyclically and is a localized disease that occurs under certain conditions. This virus is not transmissible to humans.

**Jim Coffey**  
Iowa DNR



## Depredation Program, Wildlife Management, and Responsible Neighbors



The Depredation Team with the Iowa DNR works with farmers, landowners, park managers, the public, businesses and city administrators to address wildlife damages and population concerns. As you can imagine, a lot of what we do revolves around white-tailed deer and agriculture. It turns out there are a lot of different people with a lot of different opinions involved when it comes to deer. What is the hardest part of deer management? The people. But, I believe that through good communication and education we can manage our natural resources responsibly together for all Iowans.

The deer depredation program in Iowa offers additional antlerless licenses to farmers that are experiencing significant levels of crop damage. Hunting is the

predominant source of mortality for deer in Iowa—in fact, 90% of the deer alive today will be alive a year from today if there is no hunting pressure (obviously this is a bit different this year in locations with the hemorrhagic disease outbreak). However, access to land is the number one complaint of hunters in Iowa. These two polar facts are part of the reason why white-tailed deer are a controversial subject in this state. This is also why the depredation program relies on access for Iowa resident hunters.

After receiving a complaint about deer damage, the depredation staff sets up a meeting with the farmer to do a field visit. This is a very important part of the process for several reasons: we can verify that the damage is being caused by deer, we can evaluate how much damage is occurring, and it gives us the one-on-one time with the producer to discuss deer management.

Whenever the initial conversation about damage includes a comment like, “They’ve just made a mess” or “The deer knocked all the corn down” it always prompts the red flag that maybe deer aren’t the issue. For those of you with some experience, you’re already saying raccoon damage and so are we. I’ve yet to visit a site that describes the corn this way and have it be anything but coons. A lot of different critters like corn and getting out there to check allows us to educate on different strategies to prevent damage that is occurring whether it is deer, raccoons, beavers, song birds, cows, erosion, moisture, or even the resident farm dog—in that case I recommended a leash.

Additional antlerless tags will only be issued for areas that have significant deer damage to the crops. Iowa is a state that offers a lot of flexibility to landowners on how to manage their ground including the deer herd. The DNR sets county wide quotas and there are landowner/tenant licenses that can be used to that end. The depredation program can come in when the county antlerless quotas are not adequate to address locally high deer densities. So, if there is a level of crop damage that can be managed with over-the-counter tags then additional licenses will not be issued—but then again there are wiser ways to utilize those tags that aren't often being considered.

Having the opportunity to discuss deer ecology and management is vital to the depredation program. Important facts about deer that a lot of bowhunters take for granted can make a huge difference when making deer herd management decisions on a farm. Timing and harvesting the right does is key. Throughout the fall and winter deer movements change with the rut, crop harvest, hunter activity, and weather. It is common in Iowa for deer to move around a lot at this time—we're talking miles. So, harvesting does earlier in the hunting season will more likely target a local doe raising fawns on the property than chasing deer in later seasons. The youth, archery, and early muzzleloader seasons are the best for targeting local does.

Sometimes it can be hard to know how many does to harvest off of a particular property. Without a lot of scouting and observations no one can give you a hard and fast number. However, studying deer survival rates and reproductive rates can give you a pretty good idea of what percentage of does to take. All things considered, harvesting 20% to 30% of the does in an area will simply keep the population stable from year-to-year. Harvesting closer to 50% will lower deer numbers. Not harvesting any does will see deer populations double between years three and four. In Iowa, hunter harvest is the population control for deer.

It's also important to note that more is not better: not for herd health, not for trophy class bucks, not for hunting, not for neighbor relations, and not for long term natural resource management. It is important to consider many things when determining appropriate deer densities for a property. One thing often overlooked is what is going on across the fence. Are you being a good neighbor? Is the neighbor receiving significant crop damage?



Does the neighbor have any opportunity to harvest deer or manage crop loss? Maybe these don't mean much to you at the moment, but consider the future of this resource in a state where agriculture is as important as it is in Iowa: poor neighbor relations in one location could very well change the fate of deer hunting in Iowa.

Ultimately, the depredation program is designed to allow hunters maximum opportunity for harvesting does therefore relying on access to the land. Working together we can accomplish a lot of great things for the natural resources of Iowa. I hope to work closely with IBA to keep an educated group of hunters on the landscape. I may also lean on this group when looking for dedicated bowhunters to help harvest does on various properties across the state. If you are interested in being on a list for harvesting does sign up at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/deerdepredation/login/Main.aspx>. I look forward to working with your organization and to your feedback.

**Andy Kellner**

**Wildlife Depredation Biologist**

**Iowa DNR**

**515.975.8318**



# DNR NEWS CONT.

Hello,

At the end of the day on 12 September there have been 1,181 reported suspect HD mortalities in 36 counties (please see map below, also attached). There were 333 suspect HD mortalities reported during this update period, the greatest thus far. Sick and freshly dead deer were observed throughout the outbreak area.

Warren County reported the most suspect mortalities (121) followed by Monroe (48), Clarke (42), Madison (26), and Decatur & Lucas (16 each). All the remaining counties with HD activity reported <12 suspect mortalities. The top five counties accounted for about 76% of the reported suspect HD mortalities for the update period (the six listed above accounted for 81%).

The suspect HD mortalities reported for Warren County was the 2nd highest number reported in the county during the past five weeks. The north half of Warren County accounted for 26% of the reports during this update period and now represent 16% of the county total.

Monroe County's activity continued to be in the NW portion of the county. About 75% of the reported activity in Clarke County was in central, east-central, and SE portions of the county. Madison County continued to exhibit HD activity

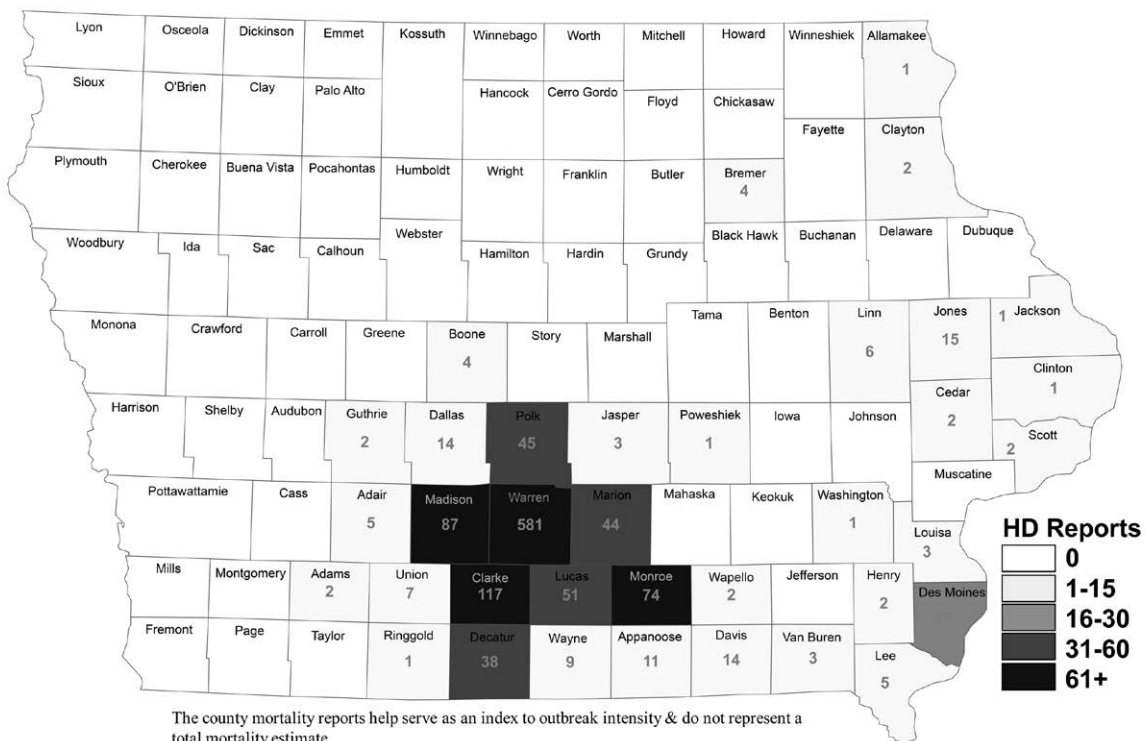
the easternmost portions of the county and the Pammel SP area. Activity in Decatur County was restricted to southern portions of the county, particularly the SE. Eighty percent (13) of the reported mortalities in Lucas County came from west-central properties immediately south of the Stephen's SF and represented carcasses from a few weeks old to fresh. Marion County (12 reports) exhibited continued activity in the Red Rock area and in the SE portion of the county. HD activity in Des Moines County has all been in the IAAP area of the county (SW).

Please continue to provide information to me if you receive reports of, or observe, suspect HD mortalities. First-hand reports are preferred over 2nd-hand reports (use your best judgment on this). The information I would like is the date, age (fawn, adult), sex, location (county, township, range, and section), and if the mortalities are fresh or older carcasses.

Thanks to everyone for your time with this, I hope everyone has a safe & good weekend when it gets here.

Take Care,  
**Tom Litchfield**

## Suspect HD Reports - 2019



The county mortality reports help serve as an index to outbreak intensity & do not represent a total mortality estimate.

9/12/19



## Some Clinical Signs to Help Identify Hemorrhagic Disease in the Field

Here are some clinical signs that you can utilize to help identify deer suspected of dying from **peracute or acute cases** (deer dies quickly) of hemorrhagic disease (HD, includes epizootic hemorrhagic disease and blue tongue). In a peracute case, the deer dies very quickly and the visual clues can be minimal.

The majority of deer will not have all the signs referred to below so do not think they all need to be present during a field examination.

### General Situation & External Signs:

- ✦ Deer in good body condition and “healthy looking”
- ✦ Deer often found near water (due to high fever/ dehydration)
- ✦ Multiple unexplained deer deaths in late summer/ early fall
- ✦ If the deer is still alive – weak, poor locomotion, raspy labored breathing, may be drooling
- ✦ Swelling of lower jaw/throat area
- ✦ Often there will be a foamy discharge, flecked with blood, from the mouth and/or nostrils on freshly dead deer
- ✦ Tongue swollen and sometimes bluish in color (may protrude from mouth while deer is still alive)
- ✦ Tongue may have ulcers or erosions on it if the deer is taking a longer time to die (dental pad and palate as well)

Edema-caused swelling of the lower jaw/throat area foamy exudate from mouth or nostrils



### Internal Signs:

- ✦ Fluid in the pericardial sac around the heart
- ✦ Small points of hemorrhaging (red/purple spots) on the ventricles and/or atriums of the heart (petechial hemorrhaging) and the pulmonary artery. In some cases more extensive hemorrhaging may appear as purple streaking on the heart muscle

- ✦ Dark, congested, fluid-filled lungs; when cut into, the tissue will not have the pinkish “airy” look of healthy lung tissue
- ✦ Points of hemorrhaging on the rumen and intestine
- ✦ Internal hemorrhaging or congestion (will look reddish) of the rumen papillae; sometimes to a point where the rumen contents are stained with blood
- ✦ There may be an increased amount of fluid in the body cavity when opened up

Heart with ventricles displaying fairly extensive hemorrhaging - Dark, congested lung tissue



Blood-stained rumen contents



For deer with a **chronic case** of HD the signs are different still. These are animals that have enough resistance to the disease so it does not kill them, but the virus still impacts their body and organs. Some of these deer recover while others later die from the damage the virus caused and this damage is often compounded by secondary infections or ailments.

## External Signs:

- ✦ Hair worn off the brisket and “knees” from the deer pushing itself around because its feet are/were too sore to walk on – these areas are often abraded and scabby when fresh
- ✦ Growth interruptions or sloughing on the hooves of two or more feet
- ✦ There may still be ulcers present in the mouth
- ✦ These deer may be in poor body condition



## Internal Signs:

- ✦ Ulceration/scarring and/or loss of rumen papillae (extent of loss varies) – instead of the interior of the rumen looking like a “terry cloth” the papillae will be very shortened or absent in patches of various sizes

Brisket of deer with recent case of chronic HD

“Knees” of same deer - “Knees” of deer trying to recover from Chronic HD (older damage)



Deer hoof – recent case of chronic HD with growth interruption at hairline



Deer hoof – older chronic HD case with growth interruption lines grown out



Sloughing hoof on chronic HD case



**IBA Article November 2019**

**Jim Coffey - Forest Wildlife Biologist Iowa DNR**

### Iowa DNR Update

Where does three months go? As my grandmother told me years ago, "time goes faster the older you get." The endless summers of youth, are now translated into Google calendars and annual agendas. When I think of November I am really dealing with February/March. So let me slow down a minute and live in the moment we all dream of, The Now. What is going on NOW in the DNR. Deer season is well underway, and this has already been an eventful season. With the latest outbreak of EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) this fall we have been extremely busy fielding phone calls from people wondering what is happening to the deer herd. Residents and nonresidents alike are concerned about what this means to the future of deer hunting in Iowa. I reply by asking them to take a deep breath, take a step back and remember this is not something new to the deer world. Iowa, along with many Midwestern states, has seen an outbreak of EHD this summer. South central Iowa appears to be the area of the most concern for us. We have been taking suspected EHD reports since late August. The numbers you hear reported are suspected cases of EHD and are not scientific numbers in anyway. They simply reflect reports that people have made to the DNR. This allows me to remind hunters of the importance (and law) of registering your harvest. We will be using license sales along with reported harvest as a measure of what is occurring on the landscape. Multiple sources of data, including bowhunter observation data (that you help us collect), spring spotlight counts and roadkill data from the Iowa DOT are all used when making recommendations to the Natural Resource Commission. My point is we are looking at all the data we will have available to us when coming up with recommendation for managing the deer herd. Your part is of course to be a vocal public and attend public comment meetings to let your views be heard.

So what else is in the "NOW"? We really get worked up about EHD, especially when it is in our area, but for some strange reason I don't get the same sense of urgency about CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease). I get fewer calls and much less comments about this disease.

Sure I get phone calls about the "Zombie Deer disease" once a sensational article is seen on TV, but not the response I would expect from hunters. This disease has the potential to have a much greater impact on the deer herd and deer hunting than we seem to realize. So again I will ask on behalf of the DNR to help us monitor and manage this disease by participating in sample collection. As members of the IBA I would hope you could lead by example and make sure that the sample quotas are being met in your areas. When we collect these statistically significant samples this helps the DNR better inform the public of what we know is happening on the landscape. If you have not contributed a sample in the past please consider doing so. Contact your local wildlife unit to make arrangements.

And finally my last "NOW" is a little more light hearted. I try and give a general overview about what is of interest to your membership in each article. Deer usually rises up on the list pretty high, but we know not all is deer in the outdoor world. I find it interesting that each year how many bobcats are reported by archery hunters. Not huge numbers, but enough to know you are seeing them and some of you are literally taking a shot at harvesting one. Now remember you do need a furharvester license to hunt for bobcats and it does need to be tagged by a DNR officer after the harvest, but what a treat to hear your stories about watching critters other than deer under your stand. I guess that's also what keeps the seat time bearable, watching animal behavior and interactions. Squirrels and turkeys ravishing fall acorns, warblers migrating south before the cold weather comes, and the occasional "what the heck" sightings are all bonuses when in the timber. I get phone calls about otters cutting through the woods, odd animals like ear tagged deer or armadillos and the occasional elk. It is all part of the "Now" in Iowa. Enjoy every day in the woods and remember to enjoy the "Now". Share your stories with others and with me. I need something to break up my seat time too.



# DNR NEWS CONT.

As of today mid November, there have been 1,891 reported suspect HD mortalities in 60 counties (please see map). There were 46 suspect HD mortalities reported during this update period. All of the deer reported were old carcasses.

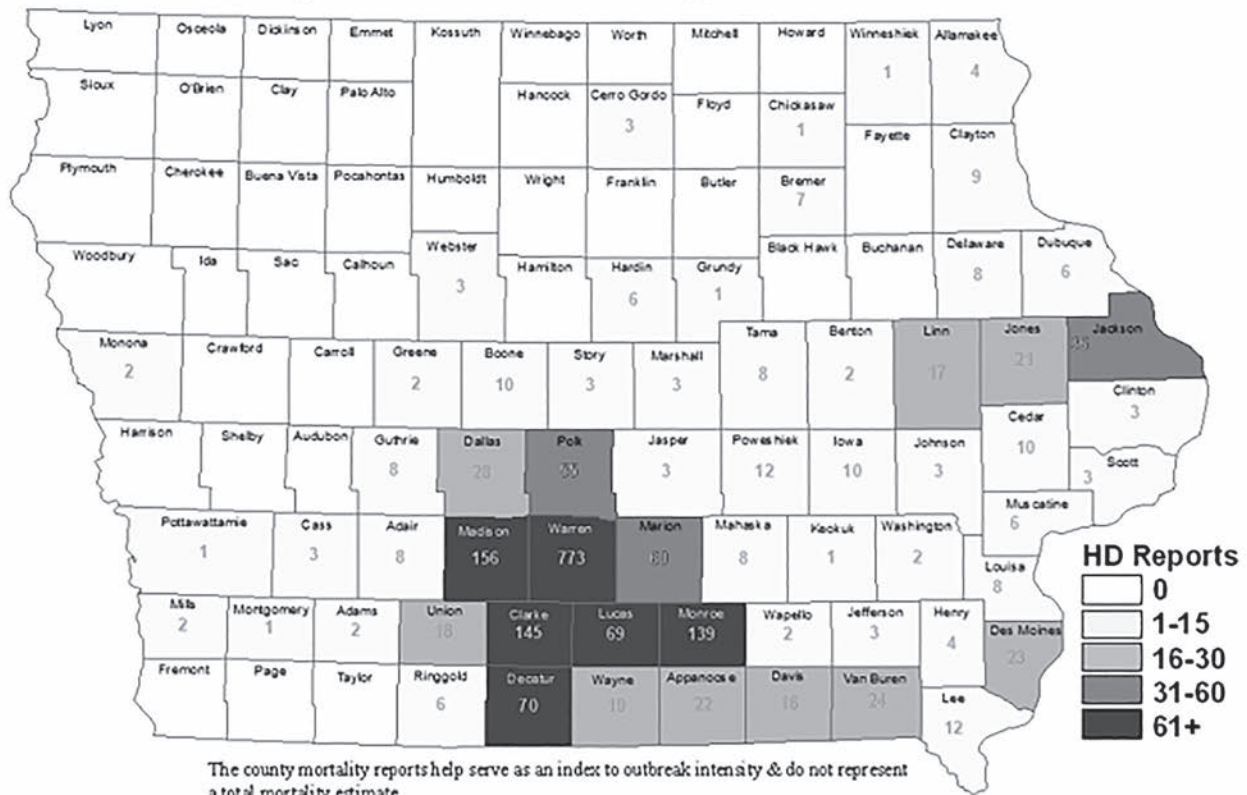
I will be putting out one more update at the end of the month/first few days of December. Please continue to provide information to me through 30 November if you receive reports of, or observe, suspect HD mortalities (these will be older carcasses but that

is fine). First-hand reports are preferred over 2nd-hand reports (use your best judgment on this). The information I would like is the date, age (fawn, adult), sex, and location (county, township, range, and section). Thanks to everyone for your time with this. I hope all of you have a good day.

Take Care,

Tom Litchfield

## Suspect HD Reports - 2019



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# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

An awesome weather weekend, but still didn't have the number of shooters that we would like to see put a bit of a damper on things for this year's Fall Festival. Overall, things went really well. The large size targets of moose, bear, elk, caribou, lion, and of course Sasquach, along with the many group shots, make the shoot one of a kind. Thanks to Pine Lake Archers for hosting the event and all the fine food they prepare in their clubhouse. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered with novelties, registration, course, and other jobs to help make the FF go smooth as it does. Volunteers are how the IBA operates and these things don't just happen on their own. We appreciate people stepping up and volunteering to accomplish these things.

A special thanks to the Albia NASP youth group and their coach Tiffany Spaur that helped set up the course on Thursday, and also the many other volunteers that we had. The setup of the course and novelty area went very smooth and quick throughout the day.

A lot of awesome donations were made by various companies or people, along with a fine group of target sponsors. Without these generous people and organizations, this event would be just another shoot. So a tremendous THANK YOU to all of them. Refer to our Sponsor Page to see all who support us, so please support those who support your IBA.

The attendance at the NASP tournament was a little lower than usual also, but went over well and I believe all enjoyed the trail 3D shoot also. We want this to grow into something bigger than what it is so please tell us how to get more kids involved in this. Getting our youth involved is the best thing we can do for archery and hunting.

If anyone would like to see some changes or improvements, please provide your input to any board member (see the IBA website or Bowhunter for contact information). All suggestions will be considered and we're always looking to make this a better event going forward. The bucket raffles were back this year in a similar way we had them in the past, but drew only one ticket and you did not have to be present to win. Winners that were not present were contacted and arrangements were made for them to obtain their prize.

Thanks again to all who shared in the Fall Festival experience and we wish you all the best in your upcoming hunting seasons.

**IBA Board of Directors**



# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

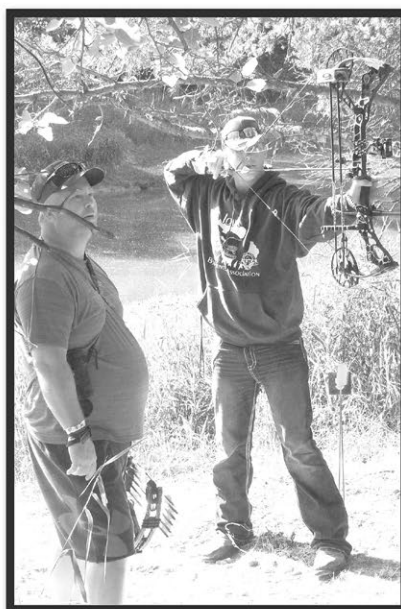
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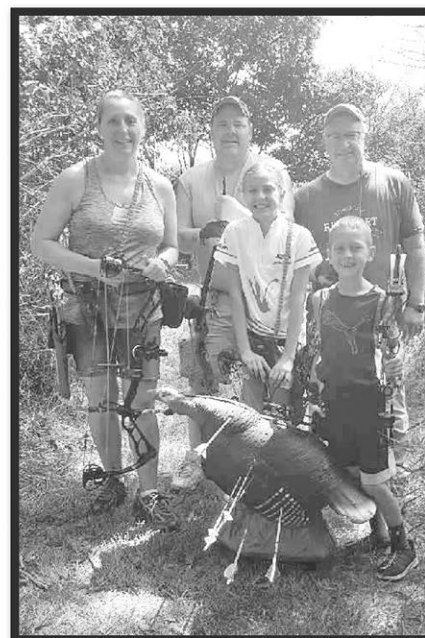
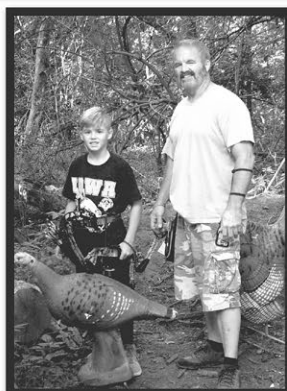
Nicole Dalton and Ryan Beau  
Nicole's 1st 3D shoot, another lady hooked for life



Rick Kleinschmidt and Bernie Finch



Brady Knox member of  
Waverly Archers



The Rish Family doing  
one of their favorite hobbies



# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

## More Fall Festival Images



Never too young  
or too old for archery



ONE TRACK MIND played Saturday evening



Three generations of Gliddens  
at the Fall Festival



NASP Day at FF



Who knew 3D shooting could be  
so tiring

JT, Jack and John Keenan



# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP CONT.

## NASP 3D Line Shoot

### Elementary Male

	Score	School	
Weston Ratliff	212	Eddyville	1st

### Middle School - Male

Drew Crump	293	St. Johns	1st
Nikko Dobson	280	Albia	2nd
Jax Brittain	266	Eddyville	3rd
Cayden Schlutz	247	Chariton	
Titus Stover	221	E. Union	
Hunter Swanson	220	E. Union	
Cameron Hamilton	217	E. Union	
Baylor Atwell	213	Chariton	
Carson Oxenreider	193	Chariton	

### Middle School - Female

Brooklyn Mitchell	234	E. Union	1st
Shannon Newbury	232	Nodaway	2nd
Gracie Mc Millen	190	E. Union	3rd
Brylea Woollums	144	E. Union	

### High School - Female

Kaylie Lyon	286	Eddyville	1st
Shanna Fellows	284	Eddyville	2nd
Sophie Venator	283	Eddyville	3rd
Nika Spaur	273	Albia	
Cassidy Tanner	268	Champlin, Mn.	
Lily McMillen	223	E. Union	

### High School - Male

Alex Brittain	293	Eddyville	1st
Jatin Moore	290	Eddyville	2nd
Shane Jensen	272	E. Union	3rd
Danny Thomlinson	264	E. Union	
Colton Gillaspie	264	Albia	
Logan Spaur	263	Albia	
Karston Wikel	248	Albia	

### Team Score - Middle School

East Union	1226	1st
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### Team Score - High School

Eddyville	1702	1st
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## NASP 3D Trail Shoot

### Elementary Male

	Score	School	
Weston Ratliff	179	Eddyville	1st

### Elementary Female

Jenna Jensen	132	E. Union	1st
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### Middle School Female

Shannon Newbury	224	Nodaway	1st
Brylea Woollums	196	E. Union	2nd
Gracie McMillin	187	E. Union	3rd
Brooklyn Mitchell	164	E. Union	

### Middle School - Male

Drew Crump	279	St. John	1st
Jax Brittain	273	Eddyville	2nd
Cayden Schlutz	234	Chariton	3rd
Carson Oxenreider	231	Chariton	
Cameron Hamilton	226	E. Union	
Nikko Dobson	220	Albia	
Hunter Swanson	200	E. Union	
Baylor Atwell	182	Chariton	
Titus Stover	172	E. Union	

### High School - Female

Shannon Fellows	339	Eddyville	1st
Sophia Venator	319	Eddyville	2nd
Kaylie Lyons	319	Eddyville	3rd
Cassidy Tanner	274	Champlin, Mn	
Nika Spaur	269	Albia	
Lily McMillen	235	E. Union	
Emma Berning	213	Creston	

### High School - Male

Alex Brittain	416	Eddyville	1st
Shane Jensen	342	E. Union	2nd
Jatin Moore	298	Eddyville	3rd
Karston Wikel	259	Albia	
Logan Spaur	234	Albia	
Colton Gillaspie	195	Albia	

### Team Score - Middle School

East Union	1145	1st
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### Team Score - High School

Eddyville	1965	1st
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# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP CONT.

## FALL FESTIVAL SCORES

### Cub Sight

	Score	
Cadence Rish	405	1st
Tyler Thorson	381	2nd
Fischer Buffington	368	3rd
Cole Thorson	353	4th
Brady Rish	346	5th
Alex Oxenreider	324	
Logan Bintz	298	
Madison Hoffert	278	
Elliott Hoffert	278	
Hunter Parrott	272	
Dunkin Guillien	271	
Brody Arnold	261	
Aviana Holkesvik	240	
Wilken Kube	169	
Lucas Johnston	123	

### Mens Open

Tyson Hart	450	1st
Jeremy Babcock	365	2nd
Adam Kramer	432	3rd
Nick Feifer	420	4th
Ken Vander Hama	420	5th
John Mosley	410	
Terry Beekman	408	
Brandon McLeland	399	
Brandon Salevsky	397	
Jamie Fuller	396	
Zack Salevsky	393	
Kyle Reed	382	
Rayneal McKim	381	
Kyle Mosley	374	
Adam Boege	368	
Anthony Wood	367	
Alan Brittain	261	

### Cub Non Sight

	Score	
Cadence Rish	230	1st
Cody Mason	207	2nd
Brady Rish	176	3rd

### Youth Female

Kyla Mason	167	1st
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### Youth Male

Keaton Kelly	384	1st
Danny Thomlinson	359	2nd
Jeffery Thomlinson	357	3rd
Logan Rosauer	341	
Owen Holkesvik	280	
Luke Garlich	198	

### Mens Unlimited

Travis Brenzeale	380	1st
Corey Thorson	440	2nd
Doug Spurgeon	350	3rd
Todd McQueen	344	4th
Matt Quandt	321	5th
Derek Russell	292	
Matt Barnes	278	
Dillon Barnes	185	



# 2019 IBA FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP CONT.

## Mens Bowhunter

Mark Hopkins	411
Al Snyder	410
Zach Snyder	404
Zach Holkesvik	399
Jared Snyder	398
Carl Schnathorst	398
Michael Lyons	389
Jake Reed	382
Chip Wical	381
Remington Ringena	368
Troy Cline	368
Mike Bunnell	358
Steve Miller	356
Ryan Ahrens	355
Shane Bintz	352
Jason Nicolino	349
Shawn Hornberg	348

## Womens Bowhunter

Wendy Rish	372
Riley Rosauer	348
Emily Hoffert	336
Tonya Ringena	314
Hailey Kube	286
Lyndsi Laughlin	283
Valarie Holkesvik	277
Abby Rolston	264
Courtanie Wood	247

## Mens Adv. Bowhunter

Matt Hoffert	419
Larry Rosauer	413
David Smith	408
Scott Ahrens	404
Rayneal McKim	395
Aaron Fedler	389
Adam Boege	377
Kyle Reed	375
Joe Douglas	374
Cecil Pruiett Jr.	371
Drake Rouselow	359
Pat McCabe	359
David Oxenreider	358
Chris Caldwell	357
Nolan Rolston	336
Ryan Otis	336
Jake Wilson	329
Ryan Lewis	327
Matt Glas	326
Paul Quandt	324
Carson McCabe	317

## Mens Bowhunter (continued)

Steve Salevsky	347
Todd Ahrens	346
Shan Beecher	341
Chris Spurgon	338
Andy Johnston	325
Darren Kube	325
Jeremy Lauke	312
Ethan Vos	310
Doug Beckman	302
Chase McDonald	297
Lucas Bunnell	295
David Panthen	293
Tracey Allen	292
Chris Laughlin	287
Todd Jacobson	285
Nathan Bovee	281

## Womens Adv. Bowhunter

Wendy Rish	408
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## Women Sr.

Debra Stewart	400
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## Mens Sr.

Lynn Hoch	432
Boyd Mathes	415
Scott Wymore	400
Russ Lawless	398
Tom Kramer	332

## Mens Super Sr.

Bruce Smith	408
Randy Weber	333
Wayne Mehaffy	310

## Men Barebow

Arlyn Ahrens	282
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## Womens Recurve

Karen Koenig	83
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## Mens Recurve

Jim Sandvig	322
Rod Heidemann	317
Rick Kleinschmidt	286
Matt Inman	243
Dave Weekley	242 †79 years young
Dan Thill	224
Gaylen Kray	221
Chris Rish	192
Jonathan Sherman	169
Matt Koenig	158

## Mens Longbow

Rick Kleinschmidt	291
Jim Sandvig	273
Kevin Sernett	266
Larry Isaacs	249
Todd Hull	244
Brad Miller	232
Jim Siebels	214
Chris Rish	193
Chuck Zvacek	189
Dave Mason	163 †79 years young
Nolan Behn	137



## Catch and Release Deer Hunt

This spring was a tough one to get any farm work done or for that matter to find a nice day for turkey hunting. It seemed like it rained or the wind blew all the time. I waited til May to start my farming work on my farms in Lucas County, but what seemed like a reasonable work program turned out to be a disaster. It rained 10 inches at my farm in May and I could not even drive my pickup on grass fields without leaving ruts. I ended up trying hard to get my farm work done in June. This brings us to June 10th when I was planting some food plots. I was using my drill to seed sorghum when I lost a pin on my three point hitch and it bent the flange on my seeder so I could not hook up the left side of the drill. I broke down a half mile from my truck, which was parked up by our machine shed. Not happy I started walking back toward the shed and my truck. About half way back I saw a doe and fawn run across my field road about 100 yards ahead of me. I kept walking and I walked another 30 yards when the fawn came back out of the woods and stopped on the trail. Not wanting to spook the fawn away from where the doe was I stopped and stood there waiting for the fawn to go back in the woods or the doe to come back and collect the fawn.

I stood there for about five minutes when the fawn looked down the trail at me some 70 yards away. All of a sudden the fawn started toward me. Thinking it might get close enough for a picture before it realized I was human and run off I got my cell phone out and fiddled with the keys to get to my camera ready. When I looked up to see where the deer was I was surprised to see it coming toward me on the trot. Before I could get my camera up the fawn ran up to me and put its head between my legs and pressed its side against my leg. Dumbfounded I stood there then took two steps back, so I could take the picture of the fawn by my feet. I leaned down and scratched its head and told it to run back to its mother. It smelled my leg and did not like my talking to it so it moved about 10 steps away and I showed it out in my field about 10 yards away. It stood and looked at me so I started to walk on to the shed. I looked back and the fawn was following me so I walked up to where the doe ran into the woods then chased the fawn into the woods. It did not understand what was going on but I got out of there before it could follow me again.

I have never had that kind of experience and it was totally different behavior than any fawn I have ever been close to. I have given this a lot



of thought since and still find it most interesting. I could have picked up the fawn and taken him or her to the house, got a warm bottle of milk and me and the deer would have been buddies for life. But I released it back to its natural element like I should have. I will remember this deer encounter for ever. This my fellow bowhunters was as exciting as shooting a deer with my bow.

**Richard Bishop**

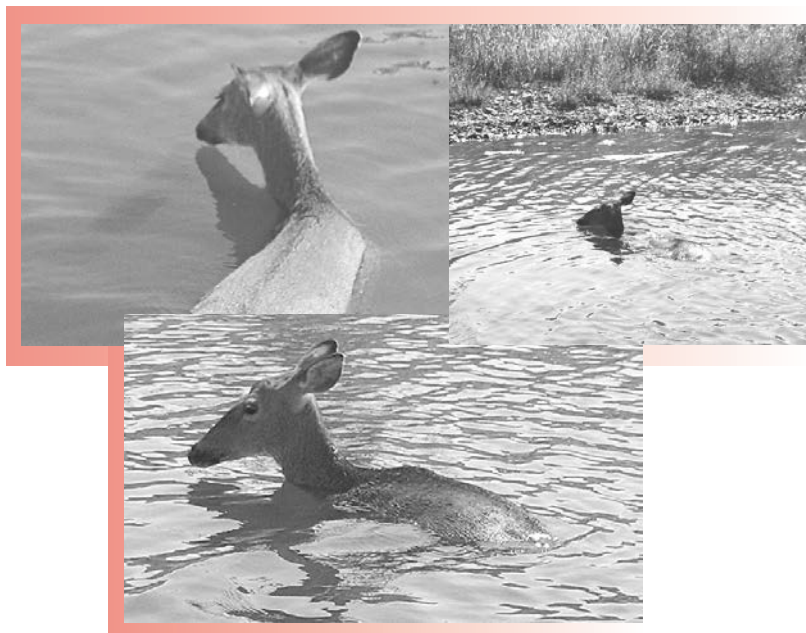
## EHD First Hand

I reported an EHD deer to Tom Litchfield. It was still alive in the water at Little River Lake by the dam in Decatur County. An adult doe that looked pretty weak and unresponsive. Did some work on the lake and came back about an hour later to find her dead and floating.

Tom told me that the EHD mortality maps and info are updated and posted on the IADNR website in the wildlife section, then go to diseases.

Safe and happy hunting!

**Jon Christensen**



## Gary Helgerson

Aug. 28, 1946 – Jan. 15, 2019



Gary Helgerson passed away on January 15th. Gary was an IBA Life Member and a great asset to our organization and the bowhunting world in general. I'll try to list some of the things Gary did for the IBA and archery in general.

One of the founding members of the Clayton County Archers

Past IBA President and Treasurer

He made the trophy plaques for the Fall Festival multiple years

He was the Range Master at the Fall Festival for several years

Hunter Safety Instructor for 30 years in Elkader

A strong supporter of the Boy Scouts for over 20 years

State Farm Insurance agent in Elkader for 40 years

Gary could be stubborn at times, but he always had the best intentions and dedicated a lot of time and effort to the IBA for over 30 years. The IBA and bowhunting lost a very good friend. I'm very sorry that I didn't know of his passing until recently.



# IOWA GAMES

The Iowa Bowhunters Association is proud to announce that they have partnered with the Iowa Sports Foundation to bring you the official Iowa Games 3D Shoot through their IBA 100% clubs. The IBA board of directors and Iowa Games officials decided that it is best to have the shoot at the same club two consecutive years. An application to host the shoot will be available soon in the IBA Iowa Bowhunter.

The location for the 2019/2020 Iowa Games shoot has been selected from the existing applicants and will be held at Mid Iowa Archers club located near Indianola, Iowa.

**IBA Board of Directors**



# IOWAGAMES

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This year's IOWA GAMES 3D SHOOT will be held at Mid-Iowa Archers in Indianola, Iowa on July 25th and 26th, 2020. The Mid-Iowa Archers range is located at **16383 118th Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125.**

**Contact Matt Sweeney for more information at 319-361-7868.**

**Visit Mid-Iowa Archers at [www.midiowaarchers.com](http://www.midiowaarchers.com).**

**<https://www.iowagames.org/event/summer-iowa-games/archery/3d-archery/>**

## 2021/2022 Iowa Games 3D Shoot Application

Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2020. The Board of Directors will choose one club from the applicants as host. This is an annual shoot, with applications taken every two years. The application process is done early to ensure your club has a chance to attend the existing shoot for instructions on how it's done and maybe incorporate improvements. Send application to current IBA President.

1. Must be a 100% club.
2. Must be able to host shoot for two consecutive years.
3. Must be a two day shoot.
4. Able to handle 200-400 shooters (parking, restrooms, food, etc.).
5. Can be held on any of the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th weekends in July.
6. May be a stand-alone shoot or can be piggybacked with clubs' regular shoot.
7. If the Iowa Games shoot is hosted in conjunction with a club shoot, a shooter may shoot either Iowa Games shoot only, Club shoot only, or register for both shoots but must pay both registration fees and shoot twice.
8. Advertising and awards for the Iowa Games shoot are handled by the Iowa Games organization.
9. Advertising for host clubs' shoot needs to be done by host club.

10. Host club receives \$10 for each Iowa Games shooter.
11. Each Iowa Games shooter receives an Iowa Games T-shirt.
12. Host club provides two people for Iowa Games registration table.
13. Host club provides all targets.
14. Must be willing to attend Iowa Games meetings prior to the shoot.
15. Must attend club where shoot is currently held to familiarize new club with organization and operation.
16. Must pass on these guidelines to club that will host shoot the following year.

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**IBA Board of Directors**



### Hunt Donations

Everyone loves to see a donated hunt at the Spring Banquet for people to bid on and maybe take a new adventure of their own. These hunts are becoming more and more difficult to obtain with only your IBA board members looking for them. Your board members are volunteers and do not have the answers to everything. We not only need other volunteers for our Spring Banquet and Fall Festival, we also are looking for everyone to inquire about hunt donations when you are on your own hunting trip. It doesn't matter

if it's an in-state, or out-of-state, or out-of-country, or what kind of animal it is. We are always looking to partner with an organization in finding new hunts. So when you're on your next hunting excursion somewhere, inquire about a donation to the IBA. If interest is shown, contact any board member and we will take it from there.

**IBA Board of Directors**

### By The Numbers



#### Tree Stand Safety Initiative

By Jeff Davis

I have never left the house expecting to have an accident – no one does. And yet I've had several bad ones, and quite a few minor ones. With all of those accidents I've been lucky; some have involved trips to the emergency room but outside of a few stitches, one broken bone, and a lot of sprains, strains, and bruises, I haven't had any major injuries.

I've never fallen from a tree stand, and I don't intend to, because every time I get off the ground, I do everything I can to protect myself. If I ever do have a tree stand accident, my injuries should be greatly minimized because of the easy-to-follow safety procedures I use.

Whitetails Unlimited has made tree stand safety a major initiative, because that is where the most injuries occur while deer hunting. And the simple fact is, most of these hunting accidents are preventable – and even when they can't be prevented, properly used safety equipment will minimize injuries. Just like wearing a seat belt every time you're in your car, hunters need to use safety harnesses and lifelines every time they're off the ground.

Many other people, companies, and organizations also promote tree stand safety, in a number of different ways.

The Tree Stand Safety Awareness Foundation is at the forefront of this effort, and information compiled by Dr. Glen Mayhew, the TSSA president, paints the picture through some very interesting numbers.

Mayhew, an associate dean at a health sciences university, is applying solid data collection and statistical methodology to the problem of tree stand accidents, and his research is showing that many assumptions hunters have are somewhere between wrong and very wrong, including many of the assumptions I had.

#### Speed

One of the most striking numbers is not based on looking at the accidents themselves, but rather on high school physics. He has simply calculated the impact speed of a 180-pound hunter falling from various heights. Falling from a 12-foot height takes about 8/10th of a second and results in an impact speed of 18.4 mph. A 30-foot fall takes just under 1.4 seconds, and the hunter will hit at 30 mph. Most elevated stands are between these heights, and I have no desire to be smacked by anything at 20-30 mph. However, a properly fitted and attached harness/lifeline system can result in a fall of one foot or less, with no impact on the ground.

#### Hunting Method

I have assumed that most accidents involve archery hunters, because most of my archery friends use tree stands, while fewer gun hunters in my world go aloft. However, when Mayhew evaluated 339 accidents, the numbers proved to be just about even between firearms and archery. While 44% of accidents were from hunters using bows and 5% using crossbows (49% total for archery), 39%

of injured hunters were using rifles or shotguns, and 12% had a muzzleloader with them (51% total for all firearms).

#### Hunter Age

My assumption was that younger and/or older hunters would make up the majority of accident victims – younger hunters because they have less experience, and older because of issues with health, balance, strength, or falling asleep in the stand. Wrong again! Based on a sample size of 652 incidents, hunters aged 8-17 were only 3% of the total, and hunters 71 and over were just 6% of those injured. Hunters aged 35-54 approached half (42%) of those injured. Hunters aged 55-70 were the next biggest group with 28%, followed by those 18-34 with 22% of the total. (Adding those totals comes up to 101% because of rounding.) This results in an average age of the victims at 47 years old.

#### Falls By Stand Type

I have a heck of a time with climbing stands – I've never been comfortable with them, so I assumed that these would be the most problematic for everyone. Not really. Mayhew's evaluation of 600 accidents showed that climbing stands were involved in 25% (second most common), and hang-on stands were at the top with 31%. Ladder stands were involved in 20% of the accidents, and homemade stands also racked up 20% of the incidents.

#### When The Falls Happen

I thought I actually predicted this one correctly, but a closer look at the numbers



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showed that I was wrong again. I assumed most falls happen while sitting in the stand, and in fact Mayhew's analysis of 593 falls showed that only 40% of the falls happened while on the stand. This was the single largest number of the four places that falls can occur, but it does not tell the entire story. The data categorized the falls as occurring at four different times: climbing up, climbing down, transitioning between the climb and the stand, and while being in the stand. While 40% of the falls were from the stand itself (where the hunter will spend most of the time), a full 60% of accidents occurred during the climb up (23%), climb down (22%) or transition (15%).

Realizing that the time spent on the ladder or climbing sticks is much, much shorter than the time sitting on the stand, the degree of danger while going up and down is much higher than while in the stand itself. I know a lot of hunters who are religious about being attached while in the stand, but can rationalize being disconnected while going up and down. The simple realization is that we are not howler monkeys, and we need to protect ourselves all the time, every time we are off the ground.

## Proper Equipment

Well, I finally got one right! I assumed that most people injured did not use a full-body harness and lifeline. In fact, looking at 94 injuries and 6 fatalities, 86% were not using a harness, and the other 14% had a harness with them, but it was not connected, they took it off, or were using it improperly.

## Injuries vs. Fatalities

I really had no clue on the ratio between injuries and fatalities, but out of 694 accidents, Mayhew found that for about every 11 injuries, there was one fatality. A closer look at the data revealed the following information:

### Injuries:

Average age: 46  
Average fall height: 16 feet  
85.2% had no harness

### Fatalities:

Average age: 57  
Average fall height: 19 feet  
90.2% had no harness

The difference between an injury and

fatality may simply be how the hunter landed, the severity of the injuries at that point, and how long it took to get the injured hunter to a medical facility. Age and fall height are not dramatically different, but the fact that between 85% and 90% of these hunters were not using a harness should scare any hunter who refuses to use proper safety equipment.

## Why Falls Happen

There are myriad reasons someone falls while using a tree stand, and off the cuff I assumed falling asleep, alcohol, and the tree stand failing would lead the list. Once again, I was off base, and there were many more reasons for falls than I had imagined. Alcohol was actually the least common reason, cited in only eight accidents out of the 578 examined by Mayhew. (It should go without saying that consuming alcohol should never happen while hunting!) Falling asleep was also a minor reason, with only 15 cases. The most common reason, with 159 cases, was a combination of "Grip/Balance/Misstep/Slip." An additional line was called "Human Error" with 66 accidents, coming in at third place. The second place reason was a strap breaking on the stand, with 91 cases. The top three reasons for an accident to happen accounted for 55% of the total.

### The total set of reasons:

Alcohol: 8  
Sleep: 15  
Miscellaneous: 17  
Medical: 17  
Chain/Cable Break: 25  
Limb Break: 26  
Bottom Fell: 27  
Stand Shift: 34  
Step/Ladder Failure: 45  
Stand Break: 48  
Human Error: 66  
Strap Break (Stand): 91  
Grip/Balance/Misstep/Slip: 159

While looking at the list, I'm struck by how many of these accidents seem to have been preventable. Granted, if you are in a tree stand and your body decides to have a heart attack or stroke at that exact time, there is little you can do about it (17 accidents were attributed to medical issues), but it looks like many poor decisions appear in that list.

It is possible for a weld to fail on a step in a new stand, or a new strap to fail, but it's

unlikely. Failing to thoroughly inspect your stand before the season, so you can find the rusty spot that may cause the step to fail, a worn strap, or broken fastener, is a much more likely cause. Being excited to get out hunting, only to find your climbing sticks slippery with dew, frost, or ice, and still climbing up without securing your safety line is also a situation that can lead to disaster. I've seen guys pull stands from the garage, where they have been stored since the end of last season, load them up, and head out without inspecting them. It's easy to overlook some very basic things that can keep you safe, and you have to make a conscious decision to do things the right way.

## Conclusion

Tree stand safety is a personal decision, and all the information in the world cannot make someone safe if they do not put that information into action. However, the actions are fairly simple: inspect and maintain your gear, select safe locations, follow safe practices, be careful, and properly use a full-body safety harness and safety line every time you leave the ground, for the entire time you are off the ground.

The TSSA also promotes the "ABC" Building Blocks of Tree Stand Safety:

A: Always remove and inspect all your equipment before using.  
B: Buckle your harness securely.  
C: Connect before your feet leave the ground.

The collected data show that 99% of those who were injured in a fall from a tree stand were not properly wearing a full-body harness. If you are going to hunt from an elevated stand, you owe it to yourself and those who love you to do it safely. If you know someone who uses a tree stand, insist that they properly use safety gear every time they leave the ground. Good gear is not expensive, and whatever it costs it will be much less than a single trip to the emergency room! Research like that conducted by Dr. Mayhew helps define the problems and may suggest possible solutions involved with tree stand safety. However, the best, and easiest, solution rests with all of us to make the decision to do whatever is necessary to keep ourselves safe.

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## Pictures for IBA Annual

Please send your harvest photos to Randy Taylor for future Annuals. All contact information is posted below. Deadline is June 15th. The annual will now be designed in house by the IBA, so your cooperation in getting photos to Randy would be greatly appreciated, the sooner the better.

You can send by email, hard copy, or a CD through snail mail. If you email, please send as a full size file (1MB or larger). For 100% clubs, please send in your photos together as a group if you want your own page in Annual. If not sent as a group, they will be shown in the individual pages.

Jot down a couple details about your animal (score, date of harvest, etc). We don't need a story just a little information. Pictures are not returned.

**Send to:**  
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**641-521-1050 C**  
**[tayphoto@netins.net](mailto:tayphoto@netins.net)**



## ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF THE IOWA BOWHUNTER

In keeping with our cost cutting measures and trying to keep up with the electronic age, your board of directors has decided to change how the Iowa Bowhunter is distributed. Beginning with the summer issue, the Iowa Bowhunter will be printed on paper only for the Winter issue and the Summer issue. These two issues will contain all Spring Banquet and Fall Festival information. Along with that, information you need to know from the two non-printed issues such as stories, sponsor ads, DNR news, and other information will still be contained in these two issues. So you won't miss a thing; but there will be a longer time frame between issues. The Spring and Fall issues will no longer be printed on paper.

At the same time there will be four quarterly separate electronic issues (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) in addition to the two printed issues. We are incorporating an

electronic flip-book version of all four quarterly issues that will be located on our website and can be linked from our Facebook page as well. The electronic version will have hot links available to advertisers, sponsors, or other pertinent information. The electronic versions will contain all the information that is contained within the paper versions.

This change represents keeping up with changing times, but also tries to keep our other readers informed also. We have found out that electronic communication is the fastest, most convenient, and most efficient way to reach our members. It is also the most effective way to reach the rest of the people out there in our great state of Iowa that may be possible members in the future. Most people in our state do not even know the IBA exists. If all 40,000 plus bowhunters in Iowa were members, there would be no way to communicate with paper only. Hopefully someday, we can sign them all up.

**IBA Board of Directors**

## LIFE MEMBERS

We have life member pins available upon request at no charge to you. We do not mail them out, but you can contact any board member and make arrangements to get one. It would be best to just come to a board meeting (dates listed in

the Iowa Bowhunter) and pick it up, but another arrangement would be fine also, it is shaped in a arrowhead and has IBA LIFE MEMBER printed on it.

### IMPORTANT: UPDATE YOUR EMAIL CONTACT WITH IBA

If you are receiving *The Iowa Bowhunter* and not receiving IBA email updates from your board, please contact **Randy Taylor** at **[tayphoto@netins.net](mailto:tayphoto@netins.net)**.

Many of the emails sent out to members are getting rejected for various reasons.

If you have a new email address please contact Randy Taylor.

These emails are very important as they contain legislative information and other related IBA information.



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## Looking for a Few Good Men or Women

Are you at that stage in life that you have some time that you would like to volunteer and give back. Your kids have left the nest and you don't have grandkids yet. Are you a dedicated bowhunter that cares enough about our sport that you are willing to give up six days a year? The IBA is looking for a few good men or women to run for the board of directors. As in any organization, we need new people to introduce new ideas and stay current with the times to be successful, and also to continually improve the IBA organization. Your involvement helps to ensure that the hunting opportunities we enjoy now will continue for generations to come.

The board meets five times a year and never during an archery season; after all we are bowhunters. Three of the

meetings are held separately in Des Moines, one is in Des Moines during the Spring Banquet, and one is in Eldora during the Fall Festival. If you would like more information please contact one of the people to the right.

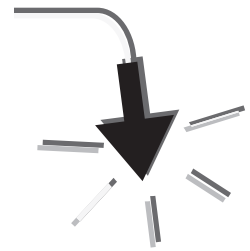
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**We have started electronic delivery of your Iowa Bowhunter newsletter and as new things usually go, we have encountered some issues. Electronic delivery is only possible if the IBA has your current (and correct) email address. Some emails have been rejected as non-deliverable; and for some members, we do not even have an email address. Although you can still access the newsletter from our website, it is still best that we have your current email to also get out important information such as legislative news. Please send your current email address to both Corey Thorson (corey.thorson@pella.k12.ia.us) and Randy Taylor (tayphoto@netins.net) so the IBA can update records.**



## GREAT IDEA WITH MOVIE CLIPS

While watching shooters give it their best shot at the Fall Festival novelties range, I got a novel idea about other shots many of us take while hunting, video shots that is. The idea is to compile our best video shots into a single video-album that could be played on a loop in a corner of the room at the Spring Banquet or Fall Festival (kind of like the memorial videos of our dearly departed ones played at funeral services, though ours would be of our dearly departed ones). Co-novelty watchers Larry and Randy thought it would be a good idea too, so I offered to head it up. It would be far from any kind of professional level editing job, but one I think I could accomplish at more than just a rough-cut level.

What it would involve is you sending me some of your best hunting shots for the year of animals (videos of kills, misses, passed shots for not quite big enough, first animals, or any unique experience, etc). This can also be of any other bowhunting scenes and experiences you have during the upcoming hunting seasons at home here in Iowa or hunts you do elsewhere, along with identifying information about who, what, and where the shots were made. At this point I have no idea about how much or how little video lengthwise to ask you to send,

but I would think five minutes or so of your preselected, preedited best shots might be a maximum length. If even just 10 shots of five minutes each were offered, that would already be close to an hour. You can do the math for even longer length shots. Also, at this point I think the simplest way to submit video would be to send it to me on an SD card, along with a stamped self addressed envelope to get it back to you. I'll also look into the Drop Box service, and welcome other suggestions from those more in the know about such things than me. I have a pretty good video converter program, so different video formats should be ok, e.g. from your phone, GoPro, trail cam, video camera, etc.

As noted, it would be far from any kind of professional level production, but while I subscribe to Randy's philosophy that "Anything worth doing is worth overdoing!" I also think 'something is better than nothing' at least for starters! I welcome any ideas and suggestions, warnings, cautions, and precautions anyone might have to offer, and can be contacted by mail at 125 NE Maple Street, Elkhart, IA 50073; or email at dfkrettek@gmail.com; or phone and text at 515-423-2888.

**Dan Krettek**



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## WINTER ISSUE

### IBA Annual

The IBA Annual edition will not be printed this year due to lack of entries from our membership. This is the second time in three years that the annual wasn't printed or had a combined printing.

With the dramatic increase of people posting their photographs via social media, having one's trophy picture printed almost a year later doesn't have

the same effect it once did. We would like to hear your thoughts of the IBA continuing with the Annual publication.

Please email us your thoughts.

**tayphoto@netins.net**

**bob@bobhaney.com**

### IOWA BOWHUNTER ELECTRONIC DELIVERY – we need each one of our members help

As we try to find more efficient ways to deliver value to our members we recently began sending two of the yearly quarterly Iowa Bowhunter magazines by "flip book". This electronic delivery of the Iowa Bowhunter is experiencing some problems and our board is working to resolve these issues. As always with electronic data, when there is one character incorrect, the whole thing is incorrect. Our first goal is to have current and accurate email and mailing addresses for all our members. Without accurate and current information, neither the electronic version or the paper version will be delivered accurately.

So we need EVERY MEMBER to send their current email address and also their mailing

address to Corey Thorson. Send to Corey by email at [ibabowhunters@gmail.com](mailto:ibabowhunters@gmail.com) or by US mail at 1648 Cordova Avenue, Pella, IA, 50219. Make sure all information is accurate. If your email or address ever changes, you MUST send Corey an update.

Please confirm this information as soon as possible

Anyone can always find the current newsletter, as well as past editions on our website by going to the home page, select news, then newsletter, then finding the current pdf or simply clicking on the flip-book link.

## 2019 IBA TREASURERS REPORT

IBA Total Bank Accounts as of 12/10/19 .....\$75,485  
Total Donations for 2019 as of 12/1/19.....\$4,750

2019 Fall Festival Total Income.....\$13,443  
2019 Fall Festival Total Expenses.....\$6,962  
2019 Fall Festival Net Income.....\$6,481

2019 Spring Banquet Total Income .....\$12,214  
2019 Spring Banquet Total Expenses .....\$9,401  
2019 Spring Banquet Net Income .....\$2,813



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## Gear for Deer

This is always a fun time of year. The rut is in full swing and new products are starting to trickle out for 2020. There are always folks looking for gear that have adaptive qualities. This year's bow releases are offering some of the best technology I have seen in a long time. The Outdoor Group just released two new bows. The hunting bow is called the Elite Kure. It's a game changer with the 31 13/16 bow length and new SET technology that allows you to tune without the need of a bow press. It also features the new ASYM Cam system that allows for seven inches of draw adjustment without the need of a bow press. The draw ranges adjust from 23 to 30 inches. This allows for some of the most precise bow tuning out there.

The Rezult is the new target option that archers will find really refreshing. It features the same SET and ASYM tech as the Kure. Combine that with the 37-inch riser length and ASYM Tri -Track cams balance reducing dynamic Nick travel. You have a very accurate forgiving bow beyond easy to tune. Both models feature draw stops, cable stops, and adjustable draw length. I was very impressed with both of these models, and I'm hunting with the KURE right now. Good luck everyone, hope to see you at the Spring Banquet.

**Daniel Young**



# YOUTH BOWHUNTER

## Youth Scholarship Essay Contest

The IBA will be offering a five hundred dollar scholarship to a youth, graduating senior of current year that is a member of the IBA. To earn this scholarship, you must write an essay not more than 500 words on at least two of the following topics, and include a photo of yourself.

1. What Bowhunting has taught me
2. What the IBA means to me
3. My most memorable experience with a bow

These essays must be in the hands of your IBA President no later than July 5. Members of the IBA Board of Directors will judge them. This scholarship cannot be given to the same person more than once; and will be announced at the Fall Festival.

This scholarship will be given when notice of college enrollment is provided to the IBA Treasurer; and the check will be written to the college.

This essay must be in your own readable handwriting and not an electronic document. See the Board Member section of Bowhunter or the Website for your IBA President's contact and address information.

I would like to publish some of our youth's stories, but haven't received any for quite some time. Please send your stories to the editor (see page 2). They can be anything from hunting to NASP to helping put in a food plot to anything you want.

**IBA Board of Directors**

## Albia NASP Youth Group - Thank You

A special thanks to the Albia NASP youth group and their coach Tiffany Spaur that helped set up the course on Thursday for the Fall Festival. This is usually an all day work in progress and can be a hot and muggy job. With these young peoples' help, many hands made light work out of most of it.

There were also many other volunteers that provided a hand and don't want to leave them out either. Thank you to all. The setup of the course and novelty area went very smooth and quick throughout the day; and everyone was ready to relax that night.

*Thank  
you*



# NOW TWO BIG EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hunting Gear, Outdoor Products, Outfitters, Big Buck and Shed Contest, Pro Seminars, Archery Shoots, Bow Tryout, Kid's Activities, Giveaways & Lot's More!



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EVEN MORE BOOTHS IN 2020!"



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## **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION**

The Iowa Bowhunters Association proudly accepts the sport of bowhunting for all legal game; To protect, improve and increase the opportunities for hunting with the hand held, hand drawn bow; To cooperate with and support federal and state agencies, sportsmen associations, and conservation organizations, which are insuring the propagation and preservation of game and its natural habitat; To encourage and conduct education programs designed to acquaint the public and the archer with the safe and ethical use of the bow for hunting and bowhunting as an effective method of hunting legal game; To foster unity and perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among bowhunters.

### **WHAT IS THE I.B.A.?**

The I.B.A. is a statewide association made up of bowhunters. Its purpose is to protect, defend, and promote bowhunting in the state of Iowa.

### **HOW OLD IS THE I.B.A.?**

The Iowa Bowhunters Association was organized in 1967 by a group of thirteen dedicated bowhunters from the state. This group, the original board of directors, had over fifty years of bowhunting experience. In addition, this group had many years of hunting big game and small game with firearms.



# IBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Help keep the tradition of bowhunting healthy for today and tomorrow.*

## IBA MEMBERSHIP DUES!!!

\$25.00 regular member

100% club members receive discounts for membership dues as long as all members belong - \$23.00  
(Now available - 1, 2 or 3 year memberships)

**Mail to: Corey Thorson, 1648 Cordova Ave., Pella, IA 50219**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If current member, is this an address change? \_\_\_\_\_

Card number of IBA member \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 year membership (\$25)
- 2 year membership (\$46)
- 3 year membership (\$69)
- Lifetime membership (\$400)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach form and send your dues to:  
**IBA Treasurer, 1648 Cordova Avenue, Pella, Iowa, 50219**

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND USE OUR CONVENIENT ONLINE APPLICATION FEATURING **PayPal**



# IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION - RELATED INFORMATION

## IBA Kiko Tovar Lifetime Achievement Award Past Recipients

Laverne Woock  
(one of founding fathers)  
Cal Struchen  
Grant Poindexter

Erv Wagner  
Ron Steege  
Craig Eckhardt  
Randy Taylor



## Iowa Bowhunters Association Application for Board of Directors

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors for the IBA and helping preserve the bowhunting tradition in Iowa.

We would like some information about you to present to the Board of Directors and membership.

1. How long have you belonged to the IBA? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been bowhunting? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other organizations do you belong to? (NRA, DU, NWTF, etc.)

4. At what capacity have you served with these groups?

5. If you are elected to the board, how do you feel you could benefit the IBA?

6. Have you ever been convicted of a hunting or fishing violation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain.

Responsibilities of an IBA Director include attending scheduled meetings, helping at the Spring Banquet and Fall Festival, and accepting responsibilities to aid the IBA in protecting, defending, and promoting bowhunting in the state of Iowa. Please fill out this form, include a recent photo, and a letter of endorsement or recommendation (from current IBA member, director, area representative, DNR official, state legislator, etc.) and forward to the current IBA President (refer to the Board Member section of the IBA Related Information section in the Iowa Bowhunter).

Note: Board applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee and approved by the IBA board of directors prior to applicant or nominee being placed on ballot for election.



# IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION - RELATED INFORMATION

## LIFE MEMBERS

**Robert Roach**  
Evansdale, IA

**Laverne Woock**  
Waterloo, IA

**Richard Eldridge**  
Booklyn, IA

**Richard Harris**  
LaPorte City, IA

**Dennis (Whitey) Johnson**  
Waterloo, IA

**Leroy Matthias**  
Waterloo, IA

**Gene Winter**  
Waterloo, IA

**Craig Eckhardt**  
Hampton, IA

**Terry Schulz**  
Duncombe, IA

**David MacDonald**  
Waverly, IA

**David Willis**  
Lake City, IA

**Matt B. Koenig**  
Hampton, IA

**Larry Zach**  
Ankeny, IA

**Dave Holt**  
Lakewood, CO

**Michael Heaser**  
Minneiska, MN

**Murray Stewart**  
Kearny, MO

**Don Brazelton**  
Ankeny, IA

**Mark Armstrong**  
Council Bluffs, IA

**Mick Brown**  
Council Bluffs, IA

**Larry Stewart**  
Martelle, IA

**Bill Behrens**  
Cedar Falls, IA

**Doug Clayton**  
Council Bluffs, IA

**Nathan Dirks**  
Spirit Lake, IA

**John Carlson**  
Lake Mills, IA

**John Koschmeder**  
Riceville, IA

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# IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION - RELATED INFORMATION

## *IBA Spring Banquet Awards Application*

*All entries must be postmarked by  
February 28th, 2020*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. You must be a member, in good standing, at the time you harvest your entry.
2. All game must be taken within the rules of fair chase.
3. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 20th.
4. All P&Y entries must be on P&Y or B&C score sheet and signed by an official scorer.
5. All entries must be accompanied with photo. Information must be written on back of photo. (Name, address, award).
6. All applicants **must** be at Spring Banquet to receive an award.
7. All age restrictions are at time of harvest.
8. All late season animals that require drying time for entry will qualify for next years banquet.
9. Entrant must submit this application with photo.
10. Entries for Photo Contest must be delivered prior to Banquet date. Unless other arrangements made

**NOTE:**  
 • Acceptance of awards application will require the following of all rules (No Exceptions)  
 • I.B.A. is not responsible for entries lost in the mail.

### **BIG BUCK AWARDS**

- a. Men's Division
- b. Women's Division
- c. Youth Division
- d. Minimum of 125 P&Y points
- e. Printable photograph
- f. Awards-given-for-Typical & Non-Typical in each Division
- g. Only top 3 places in each division receive plaques.

### **BIG GAME AWARDS (Certificate)**

- a. All big game animals must meet P&Y minimum scores

### **BIG TURKEY AWARDS**

- a. 1st place plaque
- b. All others receive cert.
- c. Must be weighed and measured the same as IDNR rules. Send copy of form.

### **BIG GAME (Certificate)**

- a. For the FIRST big game animals of a species

### **16 YEARS AND UNDER AWARD (Certificate)**

- a. Awards given for any Iowa Whitetails or Turkeys

### **MASTER BOWHUNTER (Certificate)**

- a. Five different species of big game animals (no turkeys)
- b. Deer must be forked or better

### **EXPERT BOWHUNTER (Certificate)**

- a. Iowa Whitetail deer only
- b. Must accumulate 8 points in a 3 year period
- c. Points are earned as follows:  
 4 points for a P&Y buck  
 3 points for a forked buck or better  
 1 point for doe

**May use 1 doe per award**

### **BIG FISH AWARDS (Certificate)**

- a. First place men's division
- b. First place women's division
- c. First place youth division (17 years & under)
- d. All entries must be weighed on scales legal for trade and signed by a witness.

### **PHOTO CONTEST**

- a. Wildlife division (Certificate)
- b. Still life division (Certificate)
- c. Hunting scene (Certificate)
- d. Trail Camera Division
- e. Best in show (Plaque)
- f. All photos must be 8x10 inches

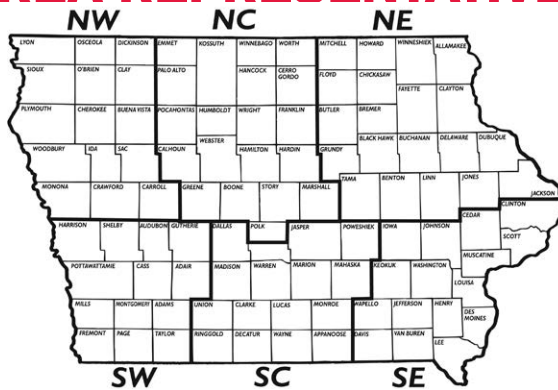
Type of award or animal	DATE MONTH	P&Y SCORE PTS., WEIGHT TOM/ HEN OR ANY OTHER INFO	LOCATION COUNTY, STATE	WITNESS

**MAIL ENTRIES TO: IBA Awards, c/o Randy Taylor; 9965 Shrine St; Reasnor, IA. 50232**  
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**(Must be an IBA member)  
(Send ads to the editor)**

4-Newsletters:		
Full Page Ad.....	1 Issue .....	\$ 100.00
	1 Year.....	375.00
Half Page Ad.....	1 Issue .....	60.00
	1 Year.....	220.00
Quarter Page Ad.....	1 Issue .....	40.00
	1 Year.....	140.00
Business Card Ad.....	1 Issue .....	25.00
	1 Year.....	80.00

## JUNIOR AREA REPRESENTATIVES

**Dylan John McDonald, Braydon Sims,  
Elijah Collins, and Abram Collins.**

### Junior Area Rep Corner

The above named are the junior area reps. Becoming a junior area representative is not a free ride so to speak, but does include some expectations and responsibilities. New ideas are always welcome and hopefully these youngsters will be able to provide some to our organization. Providing feedback by

means of the Iowa Bowhunter newsletter is one way of keeping in touch and relaying information to other young members of the IBA. Providing pictures, writing an article, and helping out at events are all ways to get involved. An example would be to write about an experience at an NASP tournament, or the Fall Festival, or one of your hunting excursions. As always, you don't have to be a junior area rep to provide articles, pictures, or other information. That is welcome from all members. Congratulations to these young people and welcome to the junior area rep venture.

# IOWA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION - RELATED INFORMATION

## IBA COMMITTEES

### AWARDS

Randy Taylor

### BOWHUNTER PUBLICATION

Larry Krohn

### FALL FESTIVAL

Larry Krohn, Jon Christensen  
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Templeton, Randy.....	Blue Grass
Jeff Coonts.....	Buffalo
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### Answers for hidden objects:

**Pg. 14 bow; pg. 22 deer track; pg. 26 buck;  
pg. 29 arrow; pg. 38 little hunter  
and pg. 46 antlers**

Please note: The individuals listed above are only primary points of contact for their respective committee. As with any non-profit organization, the success of our organization is based on dedication and more importantly, voluntarism. Our organization is currently over 1,500 members strong. Voluntarism should never be one of our weaknesses. Please continue to support these committees and our organization by volunteering your time. To see how you can help, please contact any of the individuals listed above to show your support to our organization.

## IBA BOARD 2020 MEETING DATES

**All meetings open to the public.**

**Contact board member for location.**

**Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 1, Mar. 28 (SB),  
June 14, July 12, Sep. 13**





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