



The ISB Newsletter

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Update from the President



I will start this off first with an apology, Sorry that we have been so long without a newsletter. We have had some struggles with a few things but believe that we have them sorted out now. Some of you may not have got the information that we have switched to a fully online newsletter. We chose to do this due to the cost of a paper one and the ability to add in a lot more content.

Over the last couple years ISB has been active working with Idaho Fish and Game, the IDF&G Commission and Idaho legislation to help protect our bowhunting rights and seasons. We have been able to add in a few more controlled hunts for elk, deer and one youth hunt for bear. We are currently working on more opportunities. We have worked with landowners to find solutions to management issues and helped save the Danskin area late season 39 deer hunt. It was proposed to close it for the archery hunt and to make it a rifle hunt. So, along with keeping it we were also able to add in another youth opportunity. Along with that we finally were able to add in the early archery elk draw hunt in 39. Remember that working with the IDF&G is how we have been able to get more hunts and keep the ones we already have.

You may notice that we have done some changes to the Jamboree for fun and competition. The fun part is that we will have a 3-D pop up range set up that we can shoot, it is a fund raiser so it will cost to shoot it. We are also going to allow range finders on the competitive course and make it a two arrow shoot. As in you shoot the target twice and score both arrows. It will be a fun change and hopefully all of you will enjoy it.

Membership we have changed the dates on it to run from July 1-june 30th each year, if you purchase membership in January your membership is good until the following June 30th, so good for a year and a half. This gives us a solid count on membership and we are able to send out reminders to join up again. Those will start this year so if you can't make it to jamboree hopefully you will be able to sign up online.

In Idaho we have more than doubled our bowhunter numbers in the last 20 years. This is having an added impact on hunting and harvest. With that comes more management. Idaho has seen a lot of changes in the last 20 years from hunter numbers to wolves to harsh winters like last year. All of this has an effect on our wildlife and it makes it a struggle at times to manage it the way each person would like it to be. We all have our own style and preference of hunting, we all have our own reasons as well, for some it is meat and for some it is for a trophy animal and we should all respect that we get to fill our tag how we wish.



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We also need to look to the future, what will Idaho be like in 20 years? Will we have less access? Will we have to control hunter numbers in some way? Will Idaho be all controlled hunts? These are all serious questions, which we can only guess at the answers. But we need to think about what we want in the future as much as what we want right now. So much has changed in bowhunting in the last 10 years that I can even imagine what more will come in the next 10, but I do feel we owe it to pass on as much of what we still have to our children or grandchildren.

We appreciate your continued support and hope to see you in Stanley for the 45th annual ISB Jamboree!!

Tad Sherman, President

Region 3



What has the director been up to? Hunting, hunting and hunting. My daughter drew and harvested a cow moose at 11 years of age. I harvested a cow elk in November and then spent most of my free time waterfowl hunting up until the close of the season.

December 2 - I attended the gubernatorial candidate forum and drafted several questions for the candidates. Out of the Candidates I thought Brad Little was the most knowledgeable about current issues. Tommy Ahlquist said the right things in general terms but didn't have a working knowledge about IDFG, IDFG funding or their authority. A.J. Balukoff also spoke well and represented himself in manner that would support and aid sportsman in Idaho. Raul Labrador did not attend and has repeatedly made statements that would have negative impacts to public lands and Idaho sportsman.

December 10 - met with IDFG Region 3 Director, Brad Compton and Region 4 Director, Craig White. We had a discussion about how things are looking and what they are working on.

January 11 – Started the 2018 Elmore County 4-H archery club. We have 17 kids currently enrolled and are starting classes 1/29/2018. The county program has purchased 12, 3D targets and have applied for additional grants to purchase more. The program may put on a small 3D shoot this year to raise funds if enough targets are acquired.

On January 16 - Attended the IDFG Commission meeting. Primarily I just listened to the discussion which centered on Turkey issues and CWD which is a very dangerous pathogen that is spreading across the US and is now as close as WY. I also proposed a change to the lifetime license program changing the discount from 0-1 to 0-11 years old.

January 27 - Attended winter meeting.

Scott Bodle, Region 3 Director



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Region 4



Looks like we are going to have an awesome upcoming 3 D Shoots in our Region. We have a full shoot card this year. Everything from Mountains to desert to Canyon shooting. Gonna be great. Hope all will come out to have some enjoyable family fun.

Working with Caleb from Advantage Archery this year to get a 1st Annual 3 D shoot for the Handicapped. Talked with Fish and Game to try to find somewhere where we can get this type of shoot together. I know there are folks out there that will be interested into coming out to shoot a course like this. So keep them in mind if you have friends that would be interested in this. We are trying to also get some loaner bows for the people that are interested in trying out this sport. I will keep our site updated on the shoot and dates. Gonna try to make sure it will be a good weekend for all to have fun.

ISB in our Region has 2 shoots planned for this year May 5th and 6th back down at Niagara Springs where it was last year. I will be adding some more challenges to the targets up the hill.

This is for the thrill seekers. Come and enjoy it. Also June 9th and 10th. This shoot I am working with the WMA Officer. He is trying to help me get the shoot down in the south hills in the Cottonwoods. If this falls threw I will have it back down at Niagara at a Different location down there to mix up the shooting.

Just remember, if anyone has any questions or suggestions for our region please feel free to Call or text me at (208) 420-1127 or email supersider34@gmail.com

Jerry Holton, Region 4 Director

Region 5

As many of you know I have been like a ghost for the last few months. With personal medical issues, new job and schedule, and a new baby I have been strung out. I hope to get back in the groove shortly.

As far as Region 5, I have got the Caribou Field Archers to become affiliated with us, we now have 75% club affiliation in Region 5. I have been working on getting the clubs to give me their dates in the fall so I can have them done by February but am still struggling with that. I also have a hard time getting with Fish and Game to set up public meetings. I have been in contact with a few of the officers in the area and discuss things with them. With my work schedule, I have a difficult time making it around the Region to visit with the clubs and try to get feedback that members think need to be discussed. That's the region 5 update for now.

Damien Allen, Region 5 Director



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Region 6



First of all, I would like to take just a moment and introduce myself. My name is Kim Johnson and I am your new Region 6 Director. I have been in the Archery world for about 9 years and have loved every second of it. Any day outdoors is a good day. Recently I had volunteered my time for one of our local clubs and have been very active in it ever since. Last year, I was given the opportunity to give back even more by joining up with ISB and becoming the new Region 6 Director and I am very excited for this next chapter. My

overall goal is to support the local clubs in every aspect, as well as help to extend our voice for the sport of Archery. I plan to attend as many Fish & Game meetings as I can, in addition to any meetings involving Legislation that should affect the future of bowhunting. I am getting ready to set up a meeting with the Upper Snake River F&G Commissioner, my goal is to get a better feel of what is upcoming and where we can improve the sport. So if there is anything you would like me to take to "table" please shoot me an email or call me and I will definitely bring it up.

Region 6 hosted their annual "Region 6 Jamboree" last June, it was a great time. We had 75 families and 143 single registers, for a total of 384 shooters. Such a great turn out! We were able to purchase a couple new large targets to add to the collection. Thank you to all who made that possible. I cannot wait for this year's Region 6 shoot (June 16th and 17th), there is a lot of planning happening and I hope that it is as good or better than the years past. So, mark your calendars and I cannot wait to see you all there!

The clubs in the region are in full banquet swing. It is such a great way to award the members for a successful year and a great fundraising tool. (USRB Feb 3rd, BRB Feb 17th, and SFA March 3rd). These clubs need the memberships/donations to not only fund the shoots, but so much more. Vitals need replaced, ranges need upkeep, and the list goes on. If you can, support your local club or all of them, because it truly helps. Shoot cards are in the works, and I can tell you there are some fun stuff coming up! We will get those out to the clubs and posted as soon as they are done.

I would also like to personally thank the people behind the clubs, they are such a great part of our sport. The Presidents and board members devote so much time and hard work to make this possible for the region. They truly go above and beyond. If you have an opportunity to help them out, I know they would appreciate it.

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Here are your club Presidents for 2018; Blackfoot River Bowmen- Travis Butler, South Fork Archers- Jory Christensen, and Upper Snake River Bowmen-Alex Aerts Jr.



And the youth in our region is off the charts! I cannot express how much it excites me to see pictures of these amazing hunters/huntresses. We need more kids out there shooting, let's keep the sport alive. Here are a couple from our Region. GOOD JOB!



Here's to a great 2018

Please feel free to reach out to me if there is anything I can help you with. Thank you! Kim Johnson
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Kim Johnson – Region 6 Director

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Competition Chairman



I want to start off by saying thank you to those of you who supports and contributes to ISB. Jamboree 2017 was a huge success and this year (2018) will top them all. With the growing of ISB members and the equipment available to us Archery hunters it only seems fit. We will keep with our traditions and values our founders started with while allowing some modifications.

Keep your eyes and ears open as I will release the new format for the State Competition 3D shoot soon. I have vigorously been working on designing another new buckle and 2nd and 3rd place trophies while commemorating our 45th year.

Please come and celebrate our 45 annual Jamboree 2018 State 3D shoot in our great state of Idaho. All are welcome. Thank you.

Manny Mellow – Competition Director

Big Game Chairman



Once again I would like to congratulate the winners of the Best of Species & Bowhunters of the year for 2016. A huge thank you to First Lite for the awesome jackets and vests they donated. It is nice to have the support of such a great company.

With the 2017 season complete, I look forward to seeing pictures and waiting for big game entries to start coming in. The few I have already received are setting the mark with some good scores. I would encourage everyone with a harvest, big or small, to submit your entry. Please visit www.idahostatebowhunter.com and click on the Harvest Reports link, fill out the form and submit. If you would like your pictures posted on social media send an email to archeryelkhunting@gmail.com. A few things to

keep in mind, March 31st is the last day to enter to be considered for an award. In order to win Best of Species, an official Pope and Young score must be submitted with your entry.

As we move forward with 2018, there are many clubs that have full shoot schedules. I would encourage everyone to make the time to attend these shoots and support the local and state clubs. It is a great way to prepare for the upcoming hunt. Only a few months away...hell yeah!!

Preparations for Stanley are under way, and it is going to be another great year. If anyone has questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask. I hope to see you in Stanley. Until then, happy hunting and good luck this year.

Levi Stewart - Big Game Chairman



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2017 Finance Report

Updated: 1/10/2018

Account Balances: 1/1/17	
General Fund	\$17,175.01
Bowhunter Defense Fund	\$559.32
Life Fund	\$559.17
Scholarship Fund	\$1,027.67
Donation Fund	\$220.99
Competition Fund	\$2,013.96
	\$21,556.12

2017 Income to Date	
General Donations	
Shoot Card Donation	
Other Donations	
Annual Membership Dues (all types)	\$8,340.00
Interest Income (all accounts)	\$4.82
Subtotal	\$8,344.82

2017 Expenses to Date	
Newsletter	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00
Website, Postage, Telephone	-\$619.78
Range Supplies - New Targets	\$0.00
Directors/Officers Expenses	-\$511.78
Equipment	-\$572.67
Region Expenses	-\$254.58
Donations	\$0.00
Scholarships	\$0.00
Insurance Policies	-\$960.54
Other	\$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	-\$300.00
Subtotal	-\$3,219.35

2017 Jamboree Expenses	-\$21,919.63
2017 Jamboree Income	\$30,753.97
2017 Jamboree Net	\$8,834.34

Net change (Income-Expenses)	\$13,959.81
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Account Balances: 1/12/18	
General Fund	\$31,130.00
Bowhunter Defense Fund	\$559.95
Life Fund	\$559.78
Scholarship Fund	\$1,028.79
Donation Fund	\$221.24
Competition Fund	\$2,016.17
	\$35,515.93



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Upcoming Events and Information

- [Idaho Sportsman Show](#) – March 1-4
- [3D Shoots in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon](#)
- [Back Country Hunters and Anglers Rendezvous](#) – Boise, Idaho April 12-14
- [ISB Jamboree](#) - Stanley, ID July 20-22

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) – This is quite possibly one of the biggest threats to hunting that we have ever seen! CWD is a neurological illness which occurs in white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. Since its discovery in 1967, CWD has spread geographically and increased in prevalence. CWD is contagious; it can be transmitted freely within and among cervid populations. No treatments or vaccines are currently available.

We are providing some website links for you so that you can do some of your own study on this subject:

- [What is Chronic Wasting Disease?](#)
- [Here is What We Know About Chronic Wasting Disease \(and What We Don't\)](#)
- [CWD Map \(March 2017\)](#)
- [Chronic Wasting Disease and Potential Transmission to Humans](#)