



Idaho State Bowhunters (ISB) Newsletter  
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This is the first of a continuing series of articles that will help you, as an ISB Member to become familiar with the ISB Staff and Affiliated Clubs. We begin this series with Mr. Scott Schmid, ISB President.



**Q:** When did you start hunting?

**A:** When I turned 12.

**Q:** When did you start bowhunting?

**A:** Same, age 12. I started shooting a bow at the age of 5 or 6. My Uncle bought me a red fiberglass bow and I chased squirrels, etc. with that. I was shooting/hunting with a traditional bow but, unfortunately, I suffered an eye injury and had to switch to hunting with a compound bow but I still have a passion for traditional archery.

**Q:** When did you take your first big game animal with the bow?

**A:** I think I was around 21 years old. It was a mule deer doe.

**Q:** How did your hunting season go this year?

**A:** I didn't fill a single tag but, I helped two people fill their first bear tags, and a first time deer tag. I also signed up as a mentor for the "Learn to Hunt Program" and took a guy out on his first mule deer rifle hunt. He didn't fill a tag but, he said that he is going to continue to hunt and he plans on taking up bowhunting next year. So, I guess you could say that my season turned out pretty good!

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**Q:** What made you decide to take the position of ISB President?

**A:** I guess a feeling of responsibility. I passed on it at first due to the time commitment. After helping evacuate the Jamboree (this summer during the fire) and recovering everything I realized that maybe this is something I should do so, I volunteered to do it and was voted in by the Board of ISB.

**NOTE:** There was no election during Jamboree for this position because no one was on the ballot. The ISB By Laws state that someone can be voted on by the Board if the position is vacant which it was since Tad Sherman stepped down.

**Q:** I'm sure a lot of our members know about the fire at Jamboree last summer. How many targets/other equipment did we lose?

**A:** We lost approximately 40 targets and three coolers. We didn't lose any trailers or tents. Insurance covered the loss of the targets.

**Q:** Will the Jamboree continue?

**A:** Yes, if we can't get a Conditional Use Permit from the Forest Service for the location that we have used in the past, we have other options in that area.

**Q:** What are some of the things that you would like to accomplish while you are the President of ISB?

**A:**

- Build the membership
- Gain more involvement from the Members. Even if that means you just want to give me your ideas on what you want to see us do. I'm often asked, "What does ISB do for me?" My response is "What do you want? Give me your input!"
- We started a Facebook page for active members so that we can communicate with our members. I would hope people will join it. We want to use it to poll our members on issues that arise. That page is the voice for our members and no one else.
- Promote the affiliated clubs across the state. I feel that future ISB Leadership is going to come from these clubs and we need to cultivate the clubs.
- Put a complete Board in place with Directors from every Region. Right now we have:
  - V.P. - Jacob Bourgoin
  - Competition Director - Mark Ridenour
  - Big Game Chairman is Zach Chittenden
  - Secretary - Jeremy Stafford
  - Treasurer - Vance Henry
  - Region Directors:
    - Region 1 (Panhandle Region) is vacant.
    - Region 2 - Dan Wash
    - Region 3 - Stephanie Dopps (she took over for Scott Boddle)
    - Region 4 - Alex Wagner and he is doing a bang-up job!
    - Region 5 - Damien Allen
    - Region 6 and 7 - (Eastern Idaho) are also vacant.



- Our mission statement states, in part, “...to protect and improve Idaho’s wildlife heritage of bowhunting for present and future generations”. With that in mind, we are going to put on Youth Shoots at some of the archery shops around the state. The first will be at Archery Central on December 14<sup>th</sup>. And it is called “ISB Day”. This is for entry level shooters that can shoot in a controlled environment with instruction. **ISB is paying for the range time and bow rental. The kids don’t have to have a bow, we just want to get them introduced to archery!** If other clubs/shops are interested, please contact me with dates.
- We are building a new website. A professional website developer is building it for us, it’s basically a \$3,500 donation and should be complete in the next few weeks. There will be a store in the website, memberships and registration for the Jamboree will also be built into it.

Q: Are there any issues that you plan to bring up to Idaho Fish & Game?

A: Yes:

- Going thru the regulations and finding Zones/Units that don’t have an archery season for deer, elk, antelope, etc. and get a season started
- I have already brought up with them:
  - Wolf trapping equipment and regulations. I communicated with them several times and encouraged them to loosen the regulations on trapping wolves.
- I am currently assisting the Region 4 Director on a proposal to IDFG to streamline the 2nd chance draw process.
- We are going to continue to advocate for limiting technology such as: crossbows, lighted nocks, expanding broadheads, rangefinding sights, etc., **UNLESS** the majority of our membership tells me otherwise because, we are here to serve our members but, **people have to let me know what they want!**