



Idaho State Bowhunters (ISB) Newsletter
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In this newsletter, we get to know the ISB Region 3 Director, Stephanie Dopps.



- **When did you start bowhunting?**

Archery season of 2017. I didn't even pick up a bow until the Spring of 2017. My first 3D shoot was Freezeout that year, and I placed third on Saturday and second on Sunday. I'm very competitive and don't like to lose!

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

I haven't! I've had some close encounters but, the stars have not aligned yet! I'm hoping to change that this Spring in the turkey season.

- **What made you decide to take the position of Region 3 Director?**

I had never been to the Jamboree before. I'm friends with Tad Sherman and Scott Schmid, and I just sort of caught fire for it during our first Jamboree. I initially got involved in getting the website going, and I became the Communications Director. Shortly after that, I met Scott Bodle, and he wanted to move on from the Region 3 Director position. Scott Schmid and Jacob Burgoin approached me to take on the position, so I did!

- **Are you involved in any of the Region 3 Archery Clubs?**

Yes, I'm also on Black Canyon Bowmen's Board as the Communications Director. I volunteered for that before I even shot a bow.

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- **You are a breast cancer survivor. Would you be willing to share your story?**

Sure! On October 21 of 2018, I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, had my chemo port put in on November 5, and my first chemo treatment was on Nov 9. I stayed active shooting through the winter leagues and finished my last hard chemo treatment at the end of March 2019. I hunted that spring of 2019, but I was in tears a lot due to neuropathy in my feet and hands, it felt like they were on fire, but I kept at it.

How is it going now?

The good news is that in February 2021, I had my one-year follow-up, and they don't need to see me for six months! But unfortunately, I still deal with pain in my joints, and I probably will have lingering neuropathy for the rest of my life.

Was archery influential during your treatment?

Yes! My Surgeon is a big-time archer, and he said that archery was some of the best medicine for me because it would stretch the areas where lymph nodes and tissue were removed and help prevent scar tissue from forming.

Did you have to lower the poundage on your bow during that process?

No! I bought a different bow to shoot more poundage! I'm currently pulling 57 pounds!

- **What are some of the things you would like to accomplish while you are the Region 3 Director?**

- Bring back ISB Regional shoots to get people familiar with ISB. I'm planning one for June 12 and 13 at the Cabin Creek Shoot between Council and Cambridge. We are currently working with the Forest Service on getting a permit, but it looks like it won't be a problem.
- I want to learn more about Fish and Game initiatives and how that whole process works. I attended a Zoom meeting recently so, and I'm starting to get used to that.
- I would also like to see each Region have a Director and see ISB as a truly statewide organization.

- **Anything else you would like to add?**

Thanks to the great group of guys that I get to learn and work alongside. I have come to love this archery world, and I learn something new every time I am around them. Archery reminds me of the rodeo world. You are one-on-one with the animal. It takes a lot of practice and patience. But, there are a lot of similarities to rodeo.