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**Rib Mountain  
Bowmen**

# Bowbunk

## WTA State Tournament

The Wisconsin Traditional Archers State Championship shoot was held the weekend of July 24 and 25 at the Sparta Rod and Gun Club in Sparta, WI. On Saturday, the WTA archers shot a 30 target 3D course to qualify for the championship pairings on Sunday. The club also had several novelty shoots for all ages. One of our members was deadly accurate popping the balloon on a crocodile (several times) while standing in a john boat and shooting 50-60 yards across a pond!

Rib Mountain Bowmen was very well represented on Saturday I saw a lot of our traditional archery members on hand to supporting their sport and having a great time in doing so. When the pairings were announced on Sunday morning, it was great to see that there were 10 RMB members out of the 46 shooters that qualified for the shoot offs.

### Way to go RMB Trad Archers!

Our members did very well in the championship shoot-off. Jailin Kaiser placed second in the junior division, and Sue TerMaat took first place in the women's division. The guys did not fare as well as they had in the past but we all had a great time.

If you want to learn more about traditional archery and spend time with others that are passionate about their sport, I would encourage you to consider joining the WTA organization. Below are all of the RMB members that participated

Austin TerMaat  
Bob Daigle  
Chris Hartwig  
Dale Klug  
Deb Hartwig

Jailin Kaiser  
Kevin TerMaat  
Marshall Kaiser  
Randy Gruening  
Sue TerMaat  
Tom Bartz

## Youth Heritage Days – August 28<sup>th</sup> –

### Wausau School Forest

We need your help to work this event!  
Please call Karl Hanke to sign up for  
half or full day.

See article on page 2.

# Youth Heritage Days Sign-up Started

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 RMB will again be hosting the archery portion of the Youth Heritage Days. This event is put on by the DNR with the volunteer help from lots of outdoor organizations. Every year all of the RMB volunteers say this is a very fun event and fantastic way to accumulate some work hours.

If you are interested in volunteering and working the archery area please sign up right away. The sign up sheet is on the window in the club house. Sign up early so we know how many we can expect. We have the schedule broken into morning and afternoon shifts, or all day if you wish...

**Call Karl Hanke to sign up also.  
715-573-2461**

## Help Needed!

RMB is in need of some folks to step forward and help out by taking over some of the duties for the following;

- **Monday Night Animal Round League Chair**
- **Bowbunk Editor/Publisher**

If you are interested in helping out in any capacity with the above jobs please call Dennis Wendt and talk to him about the details. Dennis can be reached at 573-7240

# Committee Reports

**Buildings and Ground Committee**  
B&G Committee is currently working on a mailbox install and new signage out on W and 32<sup>nd</sup>... They hope to have these projects done by fall. Contact **Frank Copenhaver at 675-2238** to see what kind of projects they are working on or need help with.

**By-laws Committee**  
At the August board meeting we went over the third and final section of the by-laws. The plan is to pass the entire package at the September board meeting and be ready to hand out the by-laws to each member when they renew in January.

**Membership Committee**  
There was a joint effort between the By-laws, and Membership Committees to come up with two new youth oriented memberships. At July's board meeting they were voted on and passed. They will be added to the by-laws and be ready for new members starting January 2011. These two new memberships will be in addition to our current memberships and are targeting youth from age 12 to 21 years of age. More details on these memberships will be available soon.

**Awards Committee**  
Nothing new to report.

## Work Hour Opportunities

With the great weather we have been having RMB is in need of the grass to be cut even more than we had planned. If you can at all help out, please step



## **Rib Mountain Bowmen - Bowbunk** Work Hour Opportunity Continued,

forward by calling Frank. His contact info is below. Grass cutting takes about 5 hours each time. You will need to bring your own equipment. I suggest a riding mower and weed wacker. Here are the dates:

Week of - Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

**To sign up call Frank Copenhaver  
- 715-675-2238**

## Archery Joke

A couple of hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing. His eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his mobile phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator, in a calm, soothing voice, says: "Just take it easy. First, let's make sure he's dead." There's silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says, "Okay, now what?"



## Work Hours

New members & prior members do not forget to fill out a slip recording your work hours. Whenever you work an event, it is best to fill out a work slip immediately at the conclusion of your work. Have the event chairpersons or a member of the board sign the slip and deposit the white copy in the work hour box.

## NASP - RMB

RMB is going to be starting a new approach to teaching archery to our youth. NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) is a very structured way to teach archery to youth and give them venues to participate in archery events.

The NASP program at RMB is going to be in more a support role of area schools, but we will also offer the structure when we run our youth archery event in late winter.

Currently RMB has been investing in Genesis bows for our youth program. This is perfect because this is the exact bow NASP requires us to use. There is still more equipment we need to purchase in order to be ready for this winter. We are very hopeful we can raise the money through donations versus our general operating budget. We already have tremendous support from the Wausau area that I will share at a later date.

Last year NASP held their state shoot in WI Rapids. 600 students shot this event. NASP is growing in the Wausau area and RMB is leading the effort. This fall RMB is going to be working with the Wausau School District solely to get NASP started and growing to every school in the district. RMB's role is twofold. We are going to be more of a support role and offer a place for students to practice when school is not in session. And, hopefully get archery even more engrained in the Wausau area. We are always looking for ways to grow/maintain our membership and this is just one of those ways we can shore up one of the areas most active and supportive memberships.

See page 6 of the Bowbunk for an article we found in the August issue of Archery Business Magazine. Thanks to Mark Melotik, Editor—*Archery Business*, for allowing us to reprint this article.

## Ready For A Challenge This Winter?

Last week, several of our members met with representatives from Antlers (Wisconsin Rapids), Black Hawk (Stevens Point) and the Marshfield Rod and Gun Club to come up with ideas for a winter competition between the four clubs. All of these clubs have indoor ranges so we can stay warm and shoot competitively indoors. As it stands now, this will be a spot event held in January and February with RMB hosting the championship shoot in March. Each club is planning to host a one day shoot at their facility. To qualify for the championship in March, an archer must shoot at a minimum of two clubs (one of which can be ours). The primary reason for this is to create some friendly competition as well as building a rapport with other local clubs. As of this point in time, we have not come up with a name for our collective group. What's at stake in this first, annual shoot? The traveling club trophy of course! This is a club event and we will be looking for all types of archers to participate in bringing this trophy home to RMB in the events inaugural year. Stay tuned to the Bowbunk for additional information

as we meet and finalize these events. We need our members to put their best foot forward as these clubs are very competitive spot shooters. Together, we can do this!

## Raffle Party Planning Started

It's that time of year again to start planning the raffle party for 2011. Our raffle party is the only fundraising we do for the entire year. In the near future we are going to be setting up a job list and starting to organize the raffles.

Now you ask **“What in the world could I possibly do to help out?”** The answer is, anything from behind the scenes, to running a side raffle, to help in selling raffle tickets, to helping get donation.

We are going to be forming a raffle committee and making some very fast decisions. If you would like to be part of the planning stages let Dennis Wendt know soon. Dennis can be reached at 715-573-7240

### Welcome New Members

**Paul and Brendan Lenzner**

## Meet the Rib Mountain Bowmen Board

Over the next few months we are going to feature two board members in each issue of the Bowbunk. This is a chance for you to get to know who we are.

Jack Parlier - Jack joined the club in the mid 1980s and has been a board member since 1991. He spent 5 of those years as the club's secretary. Jack has shot on many different club leagues including Spot League (300 club member), Broadhead, and Animal League. Jack has sold tickets and has worked the raffle party since the inception of the fundraiser. Jack enjoys working with the youth at our winter youth program.

To contact Jack please call him at 715-536-3777



Dave Slwicki - Dave is in his 3rd year as an RMB board member. Dave is a member of the building and grounds committee and is our beer master (in charge of making sure that we always have lots of cold beer) Dave also tends bar for us on Monday nights.



# Last Chance 3D Shoot

The Rib Mountain Bowmen finished up their summer shoots this past weekend, August 21-22, with the Last Chance 3D Shoot. There was a good turnout with seventy one shooters going out on the course. Many favorable comments were received about the course for its variety and challenges. Thanks can be given to Tom Steiber and the Traditional set up crew for the original course design, as the Last Chance set up crew just had to do some minor tweaking and add extra stakes.

## Last Chance 3D Shoot Continued

Event winners for the weekend were: Hunter Class, Steve Gee(288); Traditional Class, Dale Klug(247); Womens Class, Kim Check(217); Junior Class, Wyatt Mueller(270); and Cadet Class, Jacob Begrow(243) and Adam Krueger(243).

We would like to thanks all the club members that helped in some capacity during the weekend to make the Last Chance Shoot a successful event. These workers include: Bill, Kathy, and Jacob Begrow, Brand Windmiller, Tom Wood, Dale Engman, Paul Josiger, Al Sell, Frank Copenhaver, Bob Nystul, Rich McCullough, and the shoot chairmen, Tom Bartz and Mike Schueller. Complete results will be posted on our website.

## Club Officials

### **President**

Dennis Wendt –  
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### **Vice President**

Karl Hanke –  
715-573-2461

### **Treasurer**

Tom Bartz –  
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### **Secretary**

Irma Copenhaver -  
715- 675-2238

### **The Past President**

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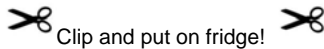
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## Summer 2010 RMB Events

**August 28<sup>th</sup> Youth Heritage Days**

(Wausau School Forest)

**September 8<sup>th</sup> WI Bear Opener**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – 7:00 start time**

*(All RMB members are welcome)*

**September 18<sup>th</sup> WI Archery Opener**



**MARK MELOTIK**  
Editor

# The Little Archery Program That Could

Looking for a way to ensure your shop numbers add up nicely for 2010—and beyond? It might be best to start small. Really small. As in, targeting youths ranging in ages from about 9 to 17—the core group of the widely popular National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

Once just a big dream with great promise, the program that began in 2002 has now hit its stride—with all kinds of numbers-heavy proof that spells sweet success for gear manufacturers and proactive pro shops everywhere. Already, many shops and companies have benefitted. But there is potential for more—so much more.

A whopping 6,784 students from 384 schools spanning 33 states (even Alaska!) recently returned from participating in the 2010 NASP National Tournament, held May 7 and 8 in Louisville, Kentucky—an event that's being called the "largest archery tournament in the world." Overall, 2010 will see an astounding 1.5 million students participate in NASP, hailing from nearly 7,400 different schools. 1.5 million! Need some perspective? The annual *Archery Business* Bowhunting License survey tells us about 3.5 million licenses are sold nationwide each year. And then there's Little League participation—an

institution that's been around for some 70 years. About 2.5 million youths tap into that sport. Did I mention NASP has been around just eight years? I did.

And while NASP officials say they may be maxing out the potential to grow its single, annual national tournament (if it gets any larger it will likely have to stretch to three days, which could create scheduling difficulties), the NASP program itself continues to grow at an astounding rate—with no signs of stopping.

"The neat thing about this year, we projected we would grow by about 1,000 schools, and we grew by more than 2,000 schools," said NASP's Tom Bennett.

"The program is just so consistent," he continued. "Basically, it teaches you to focus, concentrate, practice, and relax. If you do all those things, it's really a life skill. In this world of 'instant gratification'—of cell phones and iPods—I think the kids have been missing this basic premise. They're finding that if they do what we teach, they will be successful. I think that's why adults—why students and teachers alike—are so attracted to it."

What does it take to make your business prosper from an infusion of youth and

youth involvement? Certainly, it's much more than just flicking on the "Open" sign. You'll need motivation. A good dose of ambition. And a careful blend of business savvy and engaging people skills. In short, nothing successful shop owners don't already know.

"I think any archery shop owner who is a modest-to-good businessman will make a lot of progress by partnering with the NASP—and they will make customers for themselves for the long term," Bennett said. "It does take a person with some good skills and business sense, but if you find someone with those skills, and the ability to tap into that local fever, they will be very successful. We're very confident the NASP has positively affected the sale of archery equipment; with 1.5 million kids and almost 7,400 schools, that's not even a question."

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**This amazing shot—of an incredible 1,100 feet of youths simultaneously competing in the recent NASP national shoot—speaks volumes for the future of archery and bowhunting. Are you doing all you can to work with local youths involved in this and similar youth programs?**

For more info about NASP go to:  
[www.archeryintheschools.org](http://www.archeryintheschools.org)



# R.M.B. Jacket Order Form

It is time to order R.M.B. jackets. What a nice gift for anyone in the family. Joe Huber will be putting in an order on Oct.13 for jackets. Jacket must be paid for in full before he will order them. You can call Joe at 715-842-9501 or talk to him at the club. Here is a copy of the order form.

To see what these jackets look like stop up at the club and look in the RMB-ware cabinet.



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost - \$80.00**

**Sizes:** *(Circle one)*      **S**      **M**      **L**      **XL**

**Add \$ 3.00 for each additional size**      \_\_\_\_\_      **2XL**      **3XL**

**Add \$ 3.00 for tall size**      \_\_\_\_\_

**Add \$ 3.50 for embroidered name:**      \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_