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**Rib Mountain
Bowmen**

Gary Stanton, 15 years as RMB Treasurer

For the past 15 years Gary Stanton has been RMB's treasure. About a month ago Gary and his wife Loretta have reached a new level in their lives called retirement.



Many of you know Gary Stanton as a fellow archer. All of us know him as a friend. Gary has devoted a lot of time to RMB as the treasurer for the past 15 years and even longer as a member.

In 1995, Gary was elected to the treasurer position. It is because of his efforts that RMB is in the Great financial shape we currently enjoy.

We all owe Gary a huge thank you for his many years of dedication and service.

When asked what he was going to do with all of his free time now that he is retired, Gary thought for a minute then said, "Chase Loretta around the house and go fishing."



Thank You Gary for your years of dedication and support of Rib Mountain Bowmen

Annual Meeting Report

The 2010 annual meeting was a huge success this year with almost a ¼ of the membership turning out for the election.

Joe and Jan Huber prepared the food and as always it turned out fabulous. Thank you Joe and Jan for preparing the food again this year.

Some of the highlights are;

- It was reported that 79 new members joined RMB this year.
- Spot League handed out their trophies
- Youth program had 142 youth participate this past winter.
- Monday Night League attendance was up from last year by about 12 archers.
- Spot League had 5 more teams then last year.

Raffle Party

The 2010 Raffle Party was again a successful event. We would like to give a general thanks to those individuals and businesses who made donations to our side raffles, & door prizes. It is because of these donations, that we are able to have a premier event. If you were fortunate to win one of these donated items, please give thanks to those businesses or individuals for their support when the opportunity presents itself.

RMB would like to also thank those individuals who bought tickets to the various raffles that we had going on that day. Without this great support, it obviously would not have been as successful.

In addition, RMB would like to thank the club members who volunteered to work at part or all of the raffle events, from Saturday's setup to Sunday's evening tear down.

Raffle Party Continued

Finally, the RMB would like to thank those that brought in the food pantry items. We had approximately 700 items turned in that day and those items were delivered to the Neighbor's Place the following Monday.

GREAT JOB FOLKS!

700 non perishable items donated to the Neighbors Place.

Pictured, is Karl Hanke and Gary Stanton.



Summer Broadhead League To Start Soon

The summer Broadhead League startup is right around the corner. This is one of the best leagues because it is outdoors and all summer long.

The Broadhead league dates are;

- June 14th, 21st, & 28th
- July 12th, 19th, & 26th
- August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

League fees are \$30.00 or \$4.00 per evening.

This is an individual league with no teams required.

End of year party is on August 23rd.

If you have a chance to participate you will not be disappointed in the comradery and fun of this Monday night league. Another way to get some work hours in is to help run this league. Bill Steines is always looking for help setting the course. Bill can be reached at (715) 845-5339 if you are interested.

RMB Members Summer shoot results request

If you go to any other archery shoots around the area we want to know how you do and will place the results in the Bowbunk. Photos and a short story would be helpful.

Club reserved for Private use.

RMB buildings and ground have been reserved and will not be available for members use during the following dates.

- May 14th – 12:00-3:00
- May 15th – 9:00-3:00
- May 16th – 10:00-2:00
- June 26th – All Day
- July 30th- August 1st – All day, every day

Election Results

The election this year was very exciting because of the interest by our new members. Elected directors for a 3 year term were:

Bill Begrow

Frank Copenhagen

Lindsay Kalenske

Tom Stieber

Brad Thompson

Elected directors for a 1 year term were :

Brian Jablonski

Brian Larson

Bob Nystul

Elected Officers

- President** – Dennis Wendt
- Vice Pres** – Karl Hanke
- Treasurer** – Tom Bartz
- Secretary** – Irma Copenhagen

Work Party Planned

The first work party for 2010 is set for
May 26th -5:00 until ?
June 12th – 9:00a.m. until ?

Work planned;

- Split and stack wood.
- Clean behind the clubhouse.
- Install back stops on the Broadhead course.
- Clean the back room and install some shelving.
- Outdoor range repairs.

The work parties are organized efforts to complete larger projects as a group. If you can stop out to help we guarantee one of the most fun ways to get in some work hours.

Work Party Planned continued

If you have any equipment that would help with any of the above jobs please bring it;

- Rakes
- Shovels
- Most any hand tools for the outside work.
- Gloves
- Safety Glasses

Some special equipment needed for these work parties;
Brush cutter, Wheelbarrows, Four wheelers,
Call Dennis Wendt if you questions
715-573-7240

Seeking Committee Members

The RMB Board of Directors is looking for club members to serve on the Building and Grounds Committee, the By-laws Committee, and the Membership Committee. The Building and Grounds Committee will be involved in future improvements at the club. The By-laws Committee will be gathering historical items and updating our current by-laws. The Membership Committee will deal with club promotion and public relations. If you have interest in one of these committees contact:

- Building and Grounds Committee**
Frank Copenhagen - 675-2238
- By-Laws Committee**
Joe Huber - 845-9501
- Membership Committee**
Dennis Wendt - 573-7240

RMB Bowfishing Tournament



RMB is planning our first ever **Bowfishing Tournament** for **Saturday June 19th**

on Lake Wausau.

If you are a RMB member and want to participate fill out the last page of this Bowbunk and send in your registration fee by June 12th.

For our first ever event we want to keep it small and offer it to only our membership.

Buildings And Grounds Looking For Ideas

RMB is looking for some ideas from our membership for any improvements that you see around the clubhouse or grounds. We will be collecting these ideas and compiling a list for review by the Buildings and Ground Committee. Do you have some ideas of how RMB can improve our facilities? Call Frank Copenhagen to get your idea on the list.

Frank Copenhagen 715-675-2238

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 at all interested in helping out to any capacity in 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

The Buildings and Ground Committee is going to be in charge of advising the board of general repairs of the club. Now that spring is here we will be able to do more outside.

Contact **Frank Copenhaver at 675-2238** to see what kind of projects they have in their sights.

By-laws Committee

The By-laws committee has recently finished updating the Article of Incorporation and is making great progress on the clubs by-laws. The goal is to have updates through 2010 and to distribute a copy to all of our members. We are on track for this to happen on time. When the documents are completed they will also be posted on our web site.

Membership Committee

The membership committee has been very busy this year. Our main plan was to get RMB in front of our community and promote archery in the Wausau area.

Work Hour Opportunities

Grass cutting-5 hours each time. We need folks to cut the grass during the summer. You will need to bring your own equipment. I



suggest a riding mower and weed wacker. Here are the dates:

Week of : May 16th
 June 6th
 June 21st
 July 5th
 July 18th
 Aug. 8th
 Aug. 29th

To sign up call Frank Copenhaver-675-2238

Big Tom Contest

Turkey hunters! There is an award given each year for the biggest Tom. Any club member who shoots a Tom with a bow can enter. The award is based on weight, beard length, and spur length. After you have harvested

your bird, you will need to contact

Frank Copenhaver at 675-2238, to verify and register your turkey's score.

Welcome New members

**Arick Bushar
 Mark Cagle
 Nate Gruber
 Allen Luebbe
 Rick Tobalsky
 Andy Baker**

Board Meetings

RMB conducts our board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. Members are invited to attend all of the board meetings. The meetings start at 7:00 pm sharp and typically adjourn about 2 hours later.

RMB 2010 Membership Drive – We need your help!

If you introduced a new member to RMB please call or e-mail Dennis Wendt and let him know. We need to get you credit for your efforts. Read below

1st new member – 2 work hour credits

2nd new member – 2 more work hour credits and a RMB window logo for your vehicle.

3rd new member – 2 more work hour credits and a long sleeve RMB t-shirt.

Hunters Saftey Offering?

There seems to be some interest in starting some Hunter Safety Education classes at Rib Mountain Bowmen to educate those that fall into the following category," Any person born on or after January 1, 1973, is required to be certified in either basic Hunter Education or Bow Hunter Education before purchasing any hunting license, including an archery license and show the certificate to purchase any hunting license in Wisconsin". In addition, "Wisconsin law requires anyone under the age of 16 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 while hunting or using a firearm for any purpose. However, young people who complete the hunter education course and receive a certificate are eligible to hunt and use firearms without supervision at age 14."



This topic, Hunter Safety education, was brought up at our annual Voter's meeting and there was no decision made, either way, whether we should offer Hunter Safety classes (firearms). This is a subject that would need to be brought up, and approved, at one of the board meetings prior to taking it to the next level. There are some capital costs that would most likely be incurred to adequately teach a class such as this. Primarily, it would entail an expense to purchase a projection screen to be used

in conjunction with the power point materials supplied by the Department of Natural Resources which is typically run off of a lap top computer. In addition, it would be beneficial to have a larger television as there are typically several DVD's shown in the process of teaching the class.

The length of the class, as mandated by the DNR, is a minimum of 10 instructional hours, and once the student has successfully completed the class, the Hunter education graduate receive a certificate that is accepted in every state, Canadian Province, and Mexico. Another aspect of the class, as well as a very practical experience, is the field day at the conclusion of the class. As this would be a firearms related exercise, we would have to work with one of the local gun/trap clubs to utilize their facility for hands on experience of shooting a firearm (usually a modified round of trap).

Wisconsin does not currently have a law requiring archers to have completed a bow hunter safety course to hunt with a bow. It should be noted that many states DO have this requirement and that it would not be a stretch of the imagination that, at some point in time in the future, the State adopts something along these lines. Wisconsin has adopted the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's (NBEF) International Bowhunter Education Program which is acknowledged and accepted worldwide. The Wisconsin

Bowhunter education course is NBEF approved and graduates receive a certificate that is accepted everywhere Bowhunter certification is required. The length of the class is the same as that of the firearms class, a minimum of 10 classroom hours. So what does all this mean to those of us that participate in archery hunting? It means that if you are planning to go out West to hunt in certain states with a bow, you need to have completed, and passed this class prior to the purchase of a license. We are fortunate to have a very nice facility in which to hold bow hunter education classes. We have the indoor range, the outdoor range, a large meeting place and a group of ready-made assistants.



The only thing holding us back would be a list of current members that are DNR certified as instructors for Hunter Safety, or certified as Bow Hunter Safety instructors. **In order to take this to a next level, if you are currently certified as an instructor in either of these areas, and are interested in helping to teach these classes, please contact Tom Bartz (tc521@chater.net).**

This way, we can see what kind of interest there would be in conducting one, or both, of these classes. For all of those that are certified instructors who would be interested in this, we could get together and discuss these opportunities to come up with a more formalized plan that could be taken to the board for approval. Thank you for considering this invitation to educate others.

Summer 2010 RMB Events

May 26 th	Work Party – 5:00 until ?
June 12 th	Work Party – 9:00a.m. until ?
June 14 th	Summer Broadhead League Starts
June 19 th	RMB Bowfishing Tournament (Lake Wausau)
July 10	WBH Benefit Shoot
July 24	Archery Swap
July 24-25	Triple Crown 2 nd Leg
August 14-15	Traditional 3D Shoot
August 21-22	Last Chance 3D shoot
August 28 th	Youth Heritage Days (Wausau School Forest)

Club Officials

President

Dennis Wendt – 573-7240

Vice President

Karl Hanke - 573-2461

Treasurer

Tom Bartz - 845-1748

Secretary

Irma Copenhaver 675-2238

Past President

Mike Schueller – 370-7780

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bill Begrow – 845-4217

Bob Nystul - 675-5540

Brad Thompson - 675-5315

Brian Jablonski – 539-9749

Brian Larson – 321-0402

Dave Sliwicki - 842-5095

Frank Copenhaver 675-2238

Jack Parlier - 536-3777

Joe Huber - 842-9501

Lindsay Kalenske 693-2263

Marcell Wieloch - 693-4449

Sam Lockhart - 842-0207

Tim Woller - 842-0964

Tom Stieber - 581-5573

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.

Boyscout's To Visit RMB

Boyscout Troop 465 is going to be having a camping/archery weekend at RMB July 30th through august 1st. and they are going to be needing some help with some setup. If you are interested in helping them please call Bill Begrow at 715-845-4217

Free Archery Equipment Available

As you all know youth tend to grow out of their archery equipment very fast. RMB has available about 12 compound bows that are **free** to any persons that may need a bow. None of these bows are new but they have lots of bull's-eyes left in them. They will be free to a good home on a first come first serve basis.

They would make very nice Bowfishing bows...

Please call Dennis Wendt for more information. Dennis can be reached at 715-573-7240

RMB Bowfishing Tournament



Must be a RMB member to participate.

When; June 19th

Where; Lake Wausau – Gulliver’s Landing

Finances;

Preregistration on or before June 12th.

\$20.00 per person

\$25.00 after June 12th

Mail to: Send money and a copy of this form signed to

Dennis Wendt
813 Chicago Ave
Wausau WI 54403

100% Pay out; base on per shooter registered.

\$5.00 - Largest Fish - by weight.

\$5.00 - Most Fish - per person.

\$5.00 - Small Fish - by weight

\$5.00 - After Event Social at RMB

- Includes two drinks and meal.
- Please bring a dish to pass.
- Spouses/guests are welcome at the social - \$10.00 for two drinks and meal.

\$10.00 after June 12th goes to event social

Awards will be handed out after weigh in is completed on the day of this event.

Rules;

- Registration starts at 7:00a.m. orientation at 7:15, boat departure at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Must be registered before 8:00 a.m.
- At 8:00a.m., boats will be allowed to leave by registration number at 20 second intervals.
- Lake Wausau and connecting rivers only, no trailering.
- No spectators allowed on boats during the tournament.
- No Gaffs longer then 5’ allowed on the boats.
- No Dip nets allowed on the boats.
- Decisions by tournament officials are final.
- No baiting or chumming allowed.
- All team members must be ashore at 6:00 p.m. and at the start/finish line.
- Every minute late you are penalized by one fish per minute up to 15 minutes. After 6:15 p.m. you will be disqualified.
- Legal archery weapons allowed for the tournament: – Recurve, Long bow, Compounds and single point arrow.
- Any boat that does not shoot any fish, buy’s a round of drinks at the after event social.
- Legal fish for the tournament are:– Carp, Suckers, Bowfish, and Buffalo
- No alcohol on boats during the tournament.
- Fishing license required.
- Boat must meet Coast Guard requirements
- Ties in number of fish will be broken be heaviest fish.
- Minimum of 50 yards between boats during the tournament. Exception is when landing your boat at the end of the day.
- One container per boat, per shooter, for fish harvested.

RMB assumes no liability while you are participating in this event (RMB Bowfishing Tournament).
By signing below you agree to all of these terms.

Name _____ Date _____

Disclaimer - Any bitching, you can run it next year.