

The following is a copy of an email from Dennis Ballard to webmaster@ColumbiaAreaArchers.com
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Kerwin?,

I think Rick told me the webmaster is Kerwin - if so, good morning!

Here are the two links I told Rick he may wish to post on the CAA web site:

www.nabowhuntingcoalition.com MBH, UBM, ABBM are all members
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The Missouri Bowhunting Council was established in '05 to be a single point of contact for bowhunting/archery issues in Missouri. Five members from each of the 3 orgs in Missouri represent their membership. All together, the Council represents all bowhunters in Missouri.

The North American Bowhunting Coalition was established in '05, as well, to represent all bowhunting organizations in North America. Presently, there are 83 such organizations in the NABC. We've held 4 national meetings already and have made major progress in giving bowhunting a voice. All three Missouri bowhunting organizations have been present at our national-level meetings.

The system works this way: Bowhunting Clubs (like the CAA) report to one or more Statewide Bowhunting Organizations (MBH, UBM, ABBM) who report to the NABC. The NABC can, will, has communicated certain concerns directly to the archery industry, state departments of natural resources, the media. This communication channel is open to all 83 member organizations. Included in our membership at NABC are the Pope & Young Club, PBS and Compton. Strength in Numbers.

The Missouri Bowhunting Council will meet with the MDC in Jeff City on May 22nd to discuss our Urban Bowhunting Specialist program. We've not yet partnered with the MDC on this project so it will be our first attempt to get them interested. We had a rough time getting it established last fall in the St. Louis urban zone, our pilot study area, because of the administrative requirements in each of the city's suburbs. "Got 'er done!", however. Once it was up and going our UBSs piled up the antlerless deer and pushed St. Louis County to the top archery harvest county in the state. We're looking to expand into Jackson County (K.C.) this fall.

I've contacted the City Manager's office in Columbia about this service but I'm not sure they perceive a deer problem in the city yet. Nevertheless, since there's no pressure to kill more deer in Columbia, it might be a perfect venue to set up a UBS program to train some "expert" deer removers. If the club is interested, let me know and we'll get you started. It's a great positive for bowhunting.

Hope to see you on Tuesday.

Denny
