
Columbia Area Archers



Newsletter

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Next meeting agenda, Thursday, October 2, 2003 7:00 p.m.:

- ❖ The next meeting will be at the Downtown Optimist Clubhouse.
- ❖ Scott Rice, the new Boone Co Conservation Agent will be attending this meeting.

Minutes of last meeting, September 4, 2003:

- ❖ Treasury Report \$484.54
- ❖ Discussion of possible Bowhunter Safety Instructor class on Sept 27th. At this writing, it looks like the program will be tabled for awhile. Details to follow when available.
- ❖ Allen reported he is still working with the City to receive payment for the kid's archery class we conducted back on May 10th of this year.
- ❖ Guest speaker was Dave Murphy, the new director of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.
 - Dave, a former executive with the National Wild Turkey Federation, is taking over the position vacated by our own Denny Ballard. Denny has accepted a job as Director of the newly formed Land Learning Foundation, which teaches youths, women, and the disabled to hunt, fish, trap and shoot.
 - Dave spoke of his goals within CFM, one being the Share the Harvest program. Possible enhancements to be made in the next few weeks will assist in reaching even higher amounts of venison being put on the tables of needy families. Dave wants to prove to the MDC that Share the Harvest is indeed a management tool.
 - With the very liberal tags for antlerless deer, let's do all we can to "fill the pot", so to speak.
 - Dave made club members present an offer. If they would join CFM that night at the meeting, they would receive a Charles Schwartz print and in addition, one lucky new member, by drawing from a hat, would receive a signed print also. Kelly Veach is always the lucky one!
- ❖ Eric Kurzejeski of the MDC and friend of the CAA club spoke of CWD issues, the MDC Commission discussion of possible deer herd management tools of the future and the crossbow issue, which is seriously being considered again.
 - A Deer Regulations Task Force advisory committee to the Missouri Department of Conservation recently voted in favor to liberalize crossbow hunting opportunities during archery season.
 - Crossbow manufacturers and their lobbyists are working very hard to infringe upon "vertical bowhunters" and the character and quality of the bowhunting experience WE cherish so much. Current regulations allow use of a crossbow for disabled hunters with a permit during any portion of the archery season and all hunters during firearms season.
 - It is the duty of all bowhunters to convey their feelings concerning the crossbow issue.
 - It is the CAA's position along with the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Missouri Bowhunters and the United Bowhunters of Missouri to **OPPOSE** the MDC change to allow crossbows for ALL hunters to use during the ARCHERY SEASON! Current regulations are fine as they are now.

- Please take the time to write a letter to: John Hoskins, Director MDC; P.O. Box 180; Jefferson City, MO 65102
- ❖ The meeting was finished off with members viewing a 14 minute video tape of the CFM highlighting the organization's views, their mission of conservation and enjoyment of Missouri's rich resources.
- ❖ Submitted by Allen Bock Secy/Treas



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Opening MO Archery Deer
 CAA meeting
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October 1st.
 October 2nd. 7pm
 November 6th. 7pm
 December 4th. 7pm
 January 1st. 7pm

State Wide
 Optimist Clubhouse - Columbia, MO.
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