



Welcome to the December 2016 edition of the Idaho State Bowhunter's Newsletter.

Mission Statement: The Idaho State Bowhunters, Inc. (ISB) is a non-profit organization of sportsmen and women, and affiliated bowhunting clubs dedicated to protecting and improving Idaho's wildlife heritage of bowhunting for present and future generations. ISB provides an organization where Idaho's bowhunters and bowhunting clubs can come together and to seek consensus on issues important to bowhunting. The ISB provides education to the Idaho sportsman's organizations, legislative bodies and other governmental entities on bowhunting issues,

From the President—Tad Sherman



After a long stretch of not having a newsletter editor we are back on track to get out the news of what is happening with Idaho State Bowhunters. First off we have been doing a lot of work not only on F&G issues but legislative as well. Over the last few years working with F&G we have been able to gain a few new hunts for bowhunters around the state. Elk;

we have gained a few controlled hunts a couple deer hunts and a couple youth hunts as well.

Last year F&G came under attack from legislators and private interest trying to change how we hunt. Some of the things they wanted are Bonus points, guaranteed landowner tags and auction tags. As a board we have voted against bonus points as it is only a perceived better chance. If you follow our FB page we have provided a lot of info on how they really don't help your odds and will hurt the kids and they get too far behind to actually go for a tag.

The landowner tags would mean that all of the landowners in a unit with a full section (640 acres) would get a tag, in some units there are more landowners than tags allowed already.

From the President (cont.)

So this would actually take away all of our tags and we would not be hunting those units (ex. 54,45,40)

Auction tags, while the sheep tag has proven to be a good source of funding for sheep research, we can not know what will be the end of the road if legislators are able to force 12 tags to auction. The hard part of this is that while the F&G "random" survey showed an almost even split, the online survey showed a much different story and the in person comments even more against them(99%). The legislators and private parties pushing for these have publically said they would like to make Idaho's hunting model the same as Utah's. First off the commission was created so that it could keep politics out of wildlife management. That is the biggest issue we have to face right now, Legislators with personal interest wanting to change our hunting.

Please make sure to follow updates on our FB page or in organizational updates on our web page. We have done a fantastic job at holding back the wolves and thank you to everyone that has taken time to write/call your legislators, commissioners or even the governor.

We also hear of new things people want and will be discussing some again at our winter meeting in January. If you have any input or questions please feel free to call me.

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Region 3 Director—Scott Bodle

So here is an update on myself as the new Region 3 Director. I am a Wildlife Biologist with the Forest Service and a Wildland Firefighter. Its already been about 4 months and in that time I spent just over half working on the Pioneer fire and not doing anything associated with the club other than sending on information concerning the attacks on our current hunting system. The rest of the time has been spent focused on catching up with my regular job, spending time with the family and doing a little elk hunting. I also got my 10 year old daughter ready for rifle deer season where she harvested her first deer. As the new Director my goals are to meet with all the clubs and get a feel for what their primary issues are within the state. I will continue the fight against changes to our hunting regulations, draw systems and the take over of public lands. I will be manning the ISB booth at the Sportsman's Show this year as well. I am hoping my relationship with IDFG will help in working towards bowhunter's interests but must balance between my professional relationship and personal interests. One of the first steps I will be doing is trying to revitalize the Sagebrush Archers club which is on the edge of disbanding. I am hoping I can spread the word about the group and get some new blood interested and active within the club. I have been bowhunting for twenty years exactly and have hunted in multiple states but primarily Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. My passions is September elk hunting but about every other year I seem to miss the season because of wildfires. Following elk rut would be the mule deer rut in the late 39 archery hunt which is when most of my hunting is done. I became active in ISB a couple years ago when a proposal to close all the Dan-skins was put forward by IDFG. I used my knowledge of the amount and type of ownership to show that would effectively close 120,000 acres of public land to hunting because of a few private land owners down on the flats. Thanks to meetings between IDFG, myself, Gene Briggs and the land owners we were able to stop that closure. Since that time I have been active in representing my passion for bowhunting and public lands to stop any threats to either.

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Jerry Holton—Region 4 Director

Hi my name is Jerry and I am addicted to hunting. I took over the Region 4 director position this year and I am still trying to figure out what I am doing here. Been involved with ISB for around 13 or so yrs. I really enjoy helping out at the Jamboree each year; it is the most enjoyable part of the year for me and the family. Love going up there for 8 or 9 days. So finally stepped up to take this position. Any advice from former or other directors to make this region better feel free to contact me. Will be trying to set up an ISB 3D shoot the end of April or the first of May. If anyone has any suggestions on where, I am open to them. Been bow hunting for 15 yrs. Have been pretty successful thanks to my awesome family and wife for putting up with this addiction. My favorite is spring bear hunting. I feel blessed to have my life with as much hunting as I get to do. With hunting season wrapping up for some and some are just getting ready to rut hunt the mulies. My mule deer hunt is just starting also. I hope everyone stays safe and has fun. But like I said, if anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to email, call, or text me. Open to any suggestions anyone has. Been talking to a lot of youngsters and trying to get others involved in ISB. Hoping I can get some membership up for Jamboree.



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Amber Crapo—Region 6 Director

I hope the fall hunts are treating all of you well. I've enjoyed seeing the harvest pictures up on social media.

Region 6's Jamboree was very successful. It was held Father's Day weekend at Steel Creek outside of Kilgore, ID. After a rainy, cold setup, the weather turned around and was nice for us for the most part. We had a great turnout of shooters, and we hope they enjoyed the shoot. The local clubs (Upper Snake River Bowmen, South Fork Archers, and Blackfoot River Bowmen) were generous with their time and the use of their targets, and we had dozens of big game animals on three courses. I want to

thank those who were able to come early or stay late to help with the setup and tear down. It went quickly thanks to many hands.

Next year's Jamboree will also be held Father's Day weekend at Steel Creek. We are looking for a caterer or food truck for that weekend, so if you know of someone who would be interested, please send them my way.

Annual year-end banquets for the clubs in Region 6 are as follows:

USRB: February 4, 2017

BRB: February 11, 2017

SFA: No date set yet.

For more information on these clubs or their events, contact me or look them up on Facebook or the Internet.

I will have the shoot cards with the dates for all the 3D shoots in the region ready and available at the banquets and shoots.

Part of my responsibility as your Region Director is to be an advocate for hunting rights. As such, if you have something you'd like to discuss, feel free to drop me an email with your questions or concerns. Along those lines, I plan to attend the IDFG meetings in our area this winter and spring. I will post the dates and times of the meetings on the Region 6 Jamboree page and encourage each of you to also attend those meetings so that your opinion is heard.

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