

IDAHO TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS

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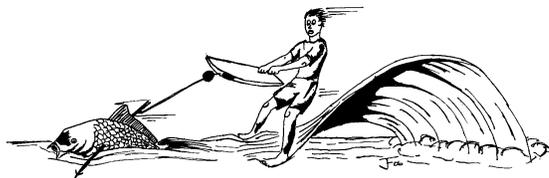


CARPE DIEM, 2006 JUNE 24TH, 2006, LAKE LOWELL

What else should we be doing on a hot summer day, but roaming around the cool waters of the lake and shooting our bows? The first annual Idaho Traditional Bowhunters Carpe Diem "Seize the Fish" summer shoot was a great success. Many arrows were flung and to our dismay some of us even hit where we were aiming (slightly low for water diffraction).

I would again like to thank our sponsors Muzzy, Cajun Archery, and Camp Chef for the many donations, nobody went home empty handed from this event. We had a quick check-in and Bar-B-Q lunch and then hit the water for one last chance at the elusive carp. Collectively we put a dent into the carp population, but probably not enough for anybody to notice, especially the carp (see photos on back of shoot flyer).

We had a clear winner, Pat Delay from Nampa. I believe all the fish hunters had a



"THESE CARP GET BIGGER EVERY YEAR!!"

great time and I heard many excited squeals and yelps as the fishing line played out from the reels after each shot. This was a fun day and a great excuse to get out and shoot our bows when you normally wouldn't think about hunting. Most of us had simple bow fishing reels and arrows. If you haven't tried bowfishing, you can get set up for a minimal investment, and the fun of shooting fish will make sure you get your money's worth. We had several bowfishers from as far away a Logan, Utah that made the pilgrimage up for a day of fun.

We are looking to make this an annual event so get some bowfishing gear and we'll see you on the lake next year.

—Blake Fischer

THE JOYS OF STUMP SHOOTING

With the fall season quickly coming up I can feel my neck starting to swell, along with a burning in my legs. Hunting season is almost

here and like most of you, I find myself trying to get in a few more workouts to make sure that I can climb that last hill in pursuit of that bugling bull.

With the hot days of August still in front of us, getting outside and practicing with our bows becomes more and more difficult. No one wants to go out and shoot in 100-degree heat. However, when the moment arrives, we owe it to ourselves and the animals we pursue to ensure a quick and proper ending. The most enjoyable way to stay on top of my form and escape the heat is to grab some buddies, my bow, some judo arrows, and head off into the woods. Nothing is more fun than roaming the woods, stump shooting whatever my heart desires.

A group of us recently headed to the hills to do a little stump shooting. The quick drive up to Crouch provided us with some great scenery as well as some excitement. We were able to observe two helicopters and a retardant plane fighting a small blaze across the Middle Fork of the Payette. It is amazing how much effort is put into containing these blazes and ensuring the safety of the surrounding inhabitants. My hat is off to those men and women fire fighters.

We arrived at our destination, unloaded our bows, and already had our first target in site, a small "rabbit" in the middle of the trail. For the next hour we shot numerous "bear," "elk," "antelope," etc. We ribbed each other when an arrow missed its mark, and congratulated each other when we connected perfectly. Darkness eventually fell upon us and we ended our hunt with a few less judos due to some of those rock-hard animals.

Stump shooting could be the best form of practice to get you in shape for your fall hunt. It provides you with realistic shot opportunities from different angles, yardages, up and downhill, between limbs, etc. The only limitation to your shot and target is your imagination. Not only is the practice alone worth a short drive, but also escaping the heat is pure bliss. So grab your friends, your bows, some judo arrows, and go find that next trophy stump. Good luck.

—Jeff Fealko

LIGHTNING CREEK TRADITIONAL ARCHERY BIATHLON 2006

This is something that I have been thinking about doing for a long time. After watching the winter Olympics and seeing the ski and shoot biathlon event, I got thinking about it more. So I propose we start an archery and run biathlon in the summer. It's a good excuse to shoot your bow and a good excuse to get into better shape for hunting season. At the August summer shoot at Lightning Creek (A.K.A. the *Last Chance Traditional Tune-Up*), among other events we are also hosting the 1st Annual Summer Archery Biathlon. This will be somewhat of a test run to see if there are any kinks and to get them worked out so that we can make this an annual event and get more people invited. So when you come to the shoot, bring your running shoes and participate. And if your not a runner come out to cheer everybody on or heckle. I have made an attempt at some rules as follows:

Description: This event combines trail running with target archery. Participants complete multiple laps on foot, pausing to shoot a bow and arrows at targets between laps in both standing and kneeling postures. This is a timed



Tracy Hinton's 2005 bull. She shot this nice 6x6 with a 52-pound longbow right after it finished fighting a smaller 5x5—which she graciously let her husband shoot. The bulls were killed within three minutes of each other. Quite a morning!

endurance event, and penalties are assessed for missed shots. Participants do not have to carry archery equipment while running. Bows and arrows are stationed in the shooting range. Prior archery experience is not required to participate; however, those who have never participated in a prior archery biathlon are required to attend one of the free orientation clinics prior to the event. Idaho Traditional Bowhunters provide loaner equipment for both the clinics and competition.

Format: This is an interval start event. Targets are block "hit or miss" style spots. A 30 second penalty is assessed for each missed shot. The total number of penalty seconds is added to the overall elapsed time for each participant.

The fastest elapsed time, including penalty seconds wins.

I think that this is going to be a really fun event and that the distance will not be too far for anybody of even average ability to run in. So come out and give it a try, and I'll see you there.
—Blake Fischer

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