



Preserving and Promoting Traditional Bowhunting In Idaho



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Monthly Meeting

ITBers, we need to get more of you involved in the club, so we have proposed a monthly meeting. Starting in September, the second Wednesday of every month we will be meeting at the Falcon Tavern at 6pm. The Falcon is located at 780 W. Idaho St. in downtown Boise. This was the location of our winter game feed last year and will probably be the location of our winter game feed this year. So we'll see you on September 12.

Cabin Fever/Summer Rendezvous (Tune Up Shoot)

The Cabin Fever Shoot held on March 10 in New Plymouth was a lot of work. I know that we actually had a pretty decent

turn out of participants, but we didn't have much help. I hope that everyone who came had a great time and enjoyed shooting. We are looking to make this an annual event, but are going to need some help to make this a better shoot and help the club grow.

We had also planned to hold a Summer Shoot, I would like to write about this shoot; however, we cancelled it. I apologize for cancelling it, since I know we had a successful shoot last year, and we were looking to build upon that. We ended up canceling the summer shoot this year because of lack of involvement from the members. With that being said, I think that the problem is the officers not asking for help. I know that you don't get it if you don't ask—so here goes, *please help!*

Along with trying to get people involved we have decided to start shooting every Tuesday at Bogus Basin, and meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Hopefully, this will engage more members and open up a dialogue that will get this club to grow in membership and events.

ITB Website

Members, check out our website:
www.idahotraditionalbowhunters.com

This is a great resource for us and a great way to get information out. If you are not on our e-mail list please send your email address to one of the officers and we will add you to our list.

Winter Game Feed

This year's winter game feed was great. Going potluck style brought out some amazing dishes. I would like to thank the Falcon Tavern for accommodating us. This year's winter game feed will be again at the Falcon Tavern, probably in February, stay tuned for the exact date.

2007 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup

—By Jeff Fealko

As the snow receded into the hills and deep, cool draws, I knew spring time was upon us. March kicked off with the Traditional Bowhunters Expo, which joined with the Idaho Sportsmen's Show this year in Boise. During these four days we signed up many new members, and also renewed some of our long-time faithful members. The year was getting off to a great start, and to say the least I was excited for the upcoming year.

Before I knew it the middle of April had caught up with me, and it was time for the Idaho Traditional Bowhunters annual litter



The Cabin Fever Shoot in New Plymouth was a great way to limber up the bow muscles and shed that cabin fever!



Well, for recurve guys, their form isn't too bad. The longbow guys will have to show them how to "really" do it next year!

pickup. As I am sure most of you know ITB has maintained a two-mile section of Highway 55 north of Horseshoe Bend for many years. It is along a scenic section of road that gets seen by thousands of drivers every weekend—a great spot to get our name out and give back to our environment and what nature has provided for us.

The early morning crowd for the litter pick up was amazing, especially compared to last year. We had a total of 13 people show up to help maintain our section of roadway.



Another great shot by one of the Clean-Up Crew.

The attendance was over twice the amount of people who showed up last year. We quickly broke up into teams of three or four and scattered ourselves along the serpentine road that follows the Payette River. Each team had a half-mile stretch to cover and our job was done before we knew it. Over 25 garbage bags full of road-side trash were ready for pick up, and the stretch of highway had a new shine to it. The tough part of the day was over and the fun was about to begin.

Once the troops were rallied we were on our way to the top of Horseshoe Bend Hill to shoot at some flying targets and cook up some chorizos. When we arrived at the shooting site we were surprised. People had scattered trash throughout the hillside. So we put on the gloves and quickly picked up the majority of trash before we ran out of bags. Before we knew it foam was flying and our arrows were en-route.

We took turns shooting, retrieving, and tossing. Credit has to go out to the throwers who were able to get those targets in front of the arrows. It truly takes talent to hit an arrow in mid flight!

By the day's end we had missed more targets than we had hit, but it was still a victorious afternoon of shooting bow birds, and every body walked away with a smile. The world was truly a better place after that day. I just hope next year we double our attendance again, and maybe hit a few more targets. I want to thank all of the volunteers

who showed up that morning and came out to help us pick up trash, it wouldn't have been possible without you.

2007 Summer Carp-e-Diem Carp Shoot

—By Jeff Fealko

Hearing rumors of large, smelly, thick scaled fish cruising the shore lines of CJ Strike Reservoir was all it took to convince me to move the annual Carp-e-Diem Carp shoot from Lake Lowell where it was last year over to CJ Strike. The morning of the carp shoot found me at the meeting spot an hour before the shoot actually started. I thought I would be the only one there at that time, and I would be able to get in some scouting, but ITB members are tough to trick and there were already members there listening to the big boys rolling out in the weeds.

The carp shoot attendance was a little lack luster, but what we lacked in people we made up for in carp. Over 32 carp were taken between the eight people that showed up to try their hand at shooting the over-grown gold fish. Carp were shot on a steady rhythm throughout the day and the race for the prize fish came down to the wire.

The majority of people shooting were out on boats where the extra mobility let them get countless opportunities at passing fish. Two of us were stuck on the ground and cruised the shallows with great success. It was the first time I had seen drive tactics work on carp. I would have Hunter "Moose" Hancock flush a



"Moose" Hancock holds up a whopper carp for the camera.

shallow strip of water surrounded by weeds while I sat at the exit armed and loaded flailing this way and that as carp torpedoed by. I even managed to loose an arrow at them a time or two.

By the end of the afternoon a tired group of bowfishers met up for the final tally. Pat DeLay, last year's returning champion had a great afternoon and landed seven fish, but it was new comer Chuck Sundby who had the sniper's eye for the day and landed 13 fish. The prized White Whale Trophy was presented to our winner and other prizes were handed out with no one walking away empty handed.

As you can see from the pictures, the carp were large and plentiful. We will be having the shoot at the same location next year, so sharpen those points, and get those polarized glasses ready, because next year only promises to be better than the year before. And if you haven't shot carp before come on out because a blind man can hit some of these monsters. As my buddy Moose said over and over that day, "shooting carp is so much fun it should be illegal." Hopefully we will see you out there next June.



This year's Carp-e-Dium Shoot was timed perfectly. The carp were active, the weather was just right, and the arrows were finding their marks. Big smiles tell the story. . .

HELP!

We could use help in so many things. Please contact one of the officers, come to a meeting, shoot on Tuesdays with us, get involved. There are so many Traditional Archers in Idaho, we need to take the Idaho Traditional Bowhunters to the next level.

ELECTIONS

ITB officer elections will be held at this years Traditional Banquet. If you are interested in giving something back, or are dissatisfied with the current leadership, please

consider running for office. Prospective candidates need to submit a written nomination to any of the current ITB officers so we can print ballots in time for the banquet. Please see the website for additional information:

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ITB needs your help to make this club stronger and more productive. If you'd rather not run for an official post, please consider volunteering your energy to host a new event or help with an existing one. We need your help and your commitment in

order to continue providing the type of events our membership enjoys. Thanks in advance for your selfless contribution time and energy.

—Chad Fealko, ITB President



—Last-Minute Addition:

We invite you to join us at Bogus Basin in the coming weeks. Some of members will be heading up to Bogus Basin every Tuesday evening through September and possibly October for some stump shooting and tall tales as we shake that last bit off dust off our bows during the early seasons. We meet at the Mormon church parking lot just north of Ridley's on Bogus Basin Road at 6:00 p.m. Vehicles will be leaving at 6:15. We Hope to see you there!



ITB MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Please Print)

Name: _____ Address: _____

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I have enclosed: () \$10 for a one-year membership () \$20 for a two-year membership

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