



# Preserving and Promoting Traditional Bowhunting In Idaho



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### President's Report

by Jeff Fealko

Fall approached this last year and new snow began blanketing the mountains in a fresh sheet of white. After a busy year it seems like it also covered and muted the activity of the Idaho Traditional Bowhunters. It has been far too long since a newsletter has been sent out to our loyal group. Hopefully this finds you well and feasting on your harvested bounty of last fall. With the addition of a new mouth to feed in my house this past May my season afield was limited to a handful of fouled stalks, missed shots, and a freezer full of chicken from the store. I am sure you fared better than I. How can it get better than having a kid?

2012 was a great year for the ITB, we hosted 6 different events, including the North American Longbow Safari, Ryan Garner Cabin Fever Shoot, Litter Pick Up Bow Birds, CARPe DIEm, and our Fall Tune Up. Currently we are sitting on over \$10,000 in the bank, and have a trailer full of new targets. This club has come a long way from 2006 when we had \$600. After the successful harvest this year, the club has caught itself sitting back enjoying the rewards of a fruitful year.

This year the Idaho Traditional Bowhunters have decided to combine Traditional Day with another great organization that will be

having their National Rendezvous in Boise this year. The Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) is an organization that we should all be members of, as they are fighting to protect the wildlands that we hunt in every year. Their mission is to ensure America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting, through education and work on behalf of wild public lands and waters. Not a small task, but definitely a worthwhile one. Not to mention 65% of their members are also traditional bowhunters.

The BHA Rendezvous will be March 22-24, 2013 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center in Boise, Idaho, just north of the airport on Vista and features a Friday dinner, open vendors Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, a full complement of speakers, with the main dinner on Saturday night. This will allow others traveling from out of town to combine two great events within one week-end. We have sent our vendors notification and we have encouraged them to reserve a booth at the Rendezvous to display for all. The main dinner on Saturday will feature guest speaker Jason Hairston, a passionate backcountry outdoorsman, founder of Kuiu and Sitka Gear, and of course a traditional bowhunter. Seminars include turkey calling, traditional archery, and traditional bowbuilding just to name a few. We have attached a registration sheet and schedule of events for the BHA Rendezvous, or you can register online at [www.backcountryhunters.org](http://www.backcountryhunters.org). We hope to see you there. The Idaho Traditional Bowhunters will have a general meeting on Saturday 23, 2013 at the Boise Hotel at 4:00pm prior to the Saturday dinner.

In preparation of the upcoming year we will be having a meeting on February 12, 2013 at 6:00pm at Dead On Archery off of Franklin Road in Meridian. This will be our only meeting prior to our annual Ryan Garner Cabin Fever Shoot on March 9, 2013 just north of New Plymouth. At this meeting we will be soliciting nominations for officers. We need to elect an entire new executive

committee as our members have decided to step down after many years of faithful service. We are seeking a new president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and newsletter chairperson. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please let me know. Elections will be held at the Cabin Fever shoot at noon. If you can't be at the Cabin Fever shoot and would like to vote, I will accept votes via email. We need members to step up and reactivate this great organization. I will volunteer to stay on as past president to ease the transition. I feel as though I am turning over an organization at the height of its power, and I cannot wait to see where the next group takes it.

The ITB is a great group to join and meet new people that share an interest in what we do. But in order to meet these people, you have to get involved. Nothing bonds like setting up targets, picking up garbage, or coming to a meeting.

Again I hope to see you in February at our meeting and again in March at our cabin fever shoot and BHA Rendezvous. Shoot straight.



Archer's take aim at our annual bow birds and litter pickup in April.

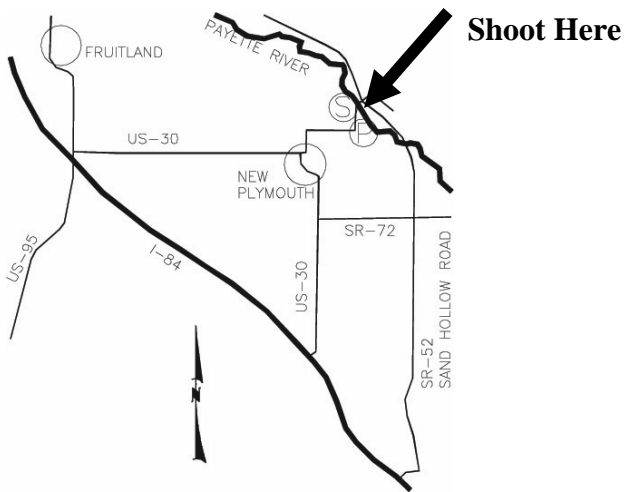
# Annual Ryan Garner Cabin Fever Shoot



Saturday March 9th  
New Plymouth, Idaho  
Shooting Starts at 9:30am



Members \$5, Non-Members \$15, Kids Shoot Free!



**From Boise:** Take I-84 Exit 13 (Stinker truck Stop). Turn right 1/2 mile to stop sign, turn left on Sand Hollow Rd., go north five miles to flashing red light, go straight thru (now headed toward Payette on Hwy 52) for three miles until you cross the river. Watch for sportsman access/New Plymouth signs, turn left and cross yellow concrete bridge to south side parking lot.

**From Oregon:** Travel east out of Ontario across the Snake River into Idaho, take first exit (#3). Turn left over overpass and then right at Shell station onto Hwy 30, go east four miles to New Plymouth. When you come into town go straight from the corner at Todd's Burger Den to stop sign, turn left onto Holly, go north 3/4 mile until you come to a four-way crossing with an automatic right turn (NW 1st. Ave.), turn right. Go 1.5 miles east, then north 1/2 mile to the bridge.

If you have any questions, call **Jeff Fealko** at (208) 866-8753

# IDAHO TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## February 12th—Monthly Meeting

- 6:00pm Dead On Archery, Meridian, Idaho

## March 9th—Cabin Fever Shoot

- New Plymouth, Idaho

## March 22nd-24th—BHA Rendezvous/Traditional Day

- Boise Hotel and Convention Center, Boise, Idaho

## May 23rd-25th—Western States Traditional Rendezvous

- Washington

## Call for Photos and Articles:

We are always looking for photos of your harvests along with any written stories for inclusion into the newsletter. Please send them to [idthradbow@gmail.com](mailto:idthradbow@gmail.com) or contact Jeff Fealko at 208-866-8753

## ITB Membership Dues:

A reminder to everyone, ITB memberships are per calendar year.

All memberships expired on December 31, 2012. Please send in your membership dues as soon as possible to the address listed below, or bring your dues to our monthly meetings which have moved to the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at Dead On Archery in Meridian.

## Mail your dues to:

Idaho Traditional Bowhunters  
c/o Jeff Fealko  
3824 S. North Church Pl.  
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## ITB Monthly Meeting:

Our monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Meetings will be held at Dead On Archery in Meridian. We will try and have a short meeting which will provide us with time to shoot our bows or discuss other traditional archery related topics. So bring your bows, arrows, and stories. Maybe a dollar or two if things get competitive.

See the newsletter in color at:  
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## ITB MEMBERSHIP FORM (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail to reduce ITB's postage costs  Yes  No

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

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## **KEY ACTION ITEMS FOR MEMBERS:**

- SEND IN MEMBERSHIP DUES (**DUE NOW**)
- ATTEND MEETING 02/12/13 AT 6:00PM
- ATTEND CABIN FEVER SHOOT 03/09/13
- REGISTER FOR BHA RENDEZVOUS (**DUE 03/04/13**)
- GET INVOLVED!

