

# Baltimore Bowmen

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## Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 @ 7:30PM in the Bowmen Clubhouse.

## Message From The President:

Greetings fellow members: The summer is moving right along and we have experienced great weather for our Monday night 3D fun shoots. The number of shooters has been good and all have expressed how much they are enjoying the shoot. If you haven't come out yet you owe it to yourself to do so as it not only is a lot of fun, but also a great way to sharpen your shooting skills for the upcoming hunting season. As I write this message we are preparing for the upcoming "Hunt of a Lifetime" benefit shoot on the weekend of July 18th and 19th. I hope to see you there for this worthy cause.

Plans continue to move forward for the construction of a pole building which would house our tractor, 3D targets, and other items. We will need the approval of the State and are in the process of preparing plans to provide to them. Also, we have met with representatives from the Boy Scouts of America and have voted to sponsor a "Venture" group in which the Bowmen would hold the charter. It is my belief this is another very positive thing for our club.

On a sad note, I learned that "Big" Charlie Cook has passed away in the past couple of months. Charlie, at a very young age (50s), had suffered from Alzheimer's disease, but it was cancer that finally took his life. Those who remember Charlie know he was a very dedicated field captain and with his single lifestyle seemed to live at the Bowmen. He was responsible for starting the weekly "bowhunter league" which has turned into our Monday night 3D shoots. Now that his suffering is over, I can just picture Charlie in the Happy Hunting Grounds, full of youth, fresh from the gym, heading out to chase those whitetails and giving advice to any who will listen. Happy trails my friend.

Take Care,

Jeff McCormack

## A note about Charlie:

Charlie was a member of Old Field Sportsman Club when he and several other members of Old Field joined BB. Old Field was having their own club shoots on the same days that BB was having ours and the board members told them that we wanted Old Field to be active at BB and that we

didn't want a club inside of our club. That is when Charlie started being active in BB, replacing me as field captain, a position that I held for many years.

Charlie started the Monday night shoots. Our first so called 3-D targets was deer silhouettes layered with 5 or 6 sheets of cardboard wired between two poles. When McKenzie started to make targets we were the first club in the state to have them. The Monday shoots grew and every night we would have 80 to 120 shooters. I started setting out the targets, then it was Buck and I working together, then Buck did it alone.

Charlie was a hard worker as well as hard headed. We drank a lot of beer together! He also organized several bear hunts to Quebec.

Sorry to here he has passed away.

Jerry Dewese

## Old Business:

Jeff spoke to DNR about a new storage building and they asked us to submit a site plan to be sent to Annapolis for approval. The new doors were ordered for the clubhouse and were expected to arrive any day now.

## New Business:

A motion was made and approved to obtain a charter for a Venturing Crew. This is a scout sponsored program for 14-21 year-olds who would like to expand their outdoor experiences. SCA will submit a sketch of a proposed replacement for their current storage shed.

## New Members:

We'd like to welcome Trey Settle, Allen Jacobs, and Robert Arnold to our club.

## Upcoming Events:

June 1 thru Sept. 14 - Summer / Monday 3-D Shoots - 4:30 PM - Dusk

## RANGE CLOSURES

Whenever there is an event being held at the club, members who want to shoot must pay the required fee to participate. The practice targets are considered part of any shoot being held. Please also remember that the range is closed if there is a work party in progress.

Respectfully, John Bogdan



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