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Down Range with the Editor

Once again it is time to elect some willing people to the MLA Council. It looks like we are going to be going through some personnel changes this year. We have had some quit and a few withdraw their names from the hat. With that said, it will be important for you to attend the General Membership Meeting at the Spring Shoot this year. We will be looking for some of you to fill out the council and we will be discussing the future of the MLA. It seems that we, as anchers and hunters, are facing a new challenge every time we turn around; what will the MLA's role be in the future of hunting and archery sports? Come on out and let us know how you feel and while you're at it let's fling a few arrows together.

Let's talk about StickTalk. Many of you have heard or read my "pleas" for more content from members like you. Well, here I am to say it again! Every three months I face the computer and try to fill out an issue of StickTalk. I try to make it as informative and relevant as possible but I always seem to struggle when it comes time to add pictures, especially for the cover. I know that you guys are out there snapping pictures when you shoot and hunt, so send em in. It doesn't have to be from an MLA event, we want to see pictures of our friends enjoying longbow archery. With that said however, when you do send your articles, photos and artwork they need to reach me by the issue deadline. I have, in the past, been very flexible with the deadline. This has resulted in StickTalk being delayed. I can't control the printing services and there is no way I can convince the Postal Service to speed up. I can however get each issue off my computer and out into the world as soon as possible, but again this comes back to those people sending material.

See you in May and don't forget that a shoot is a great time to bring me material for StickTalk.

Off the President's Shelf

It doesn't seem like winter is ever going to end. We have had more days below 20 degrees than I can remember. But, I guess the folks in Butte Montana probably think that we are crybabies. It will be sometime in April when you read this so I think I'll focus on that thought.

Except for the Big Game Banquet not much has been going on since our last issue of StickTalk. The Banquet was a big success. We had the largest crowd that we have had in several years. Our members were as generous as ever in donating items for our auction. The tood was good and the fellowship was even better. This being our 20th anniversary, we needed to do something special for this year's banquet. What could be better than having Ron LaClair as our Special Guest Speaker? Ron entertained us with his stories and poetry (I sure would like a copy of that poem). Ron also took us back a few years and a few pounds with a slide presentation of those early days of the MLA. To further commemorate our 20th anniversary we, the MLA, awarded Ron with a LifeTime Service Award. The MLA presented Ron with a fine hunting knife with his name and the MLA logo engraved on the blade. It was a great evening.

As I look ahead to the spring and warmer weather more that a few things run through my mind. The possibility of war with Iraq seems unavoidable. I pray that this does



-Tom



not happen but if it does I hope that our country will stand behind its leaders. It's difficult to talk about gathering in the spring for our annual membership meeting when the world is in such a state of turmoil. None the less, life does go on so we will be having our spring shoot at Land O Lakes in Fenton, May $2n\delta$ thru the 4^{th} . The general membership meeting is a great time for you as members to introduce new ideas to the council. To voice your concern or support about the direction the MLA is going. We'll also have a lot of fun shooting arrows. We may need a break from the real world by then.

If you haven't heard by now, yes we are moving the GLLI again. Not only has the location been changed but the date also has been moved into August. Charlton Park is the location and August 8, 9, & 10 are the dates. Be sure to mark your calendar. Bring your family and come and vacation with your MLA family at this beautiful park in Barry County.

As I said at the start of this article there has not been a lot going on in the MLA to write about. We could talk politics but that would just drag this article out forever. Let me end this by asking you to pray on a daily basis for your family, our President and the men and women that risk their lives to keep us free. God Bless you all and I'll see you in May.

Roving with the Vice President

Spring again and time for the annual Michigan Longbow Association Spring Shoot and General Membership meeting. All the details can be found elsewhere in this issue of StickTalk. I just want to remind you all it's one of the best shoots of the season! Try to make it to Land O Lakes and have some fun.

Since we're on the subject of having fun, My daughter Dana and myself recently returned from Texas where the fun was in abundant supply. I was allowed to accompany Dana on the PBS Youth Leadership Hunt as her mentor, (having kids pays off sometimes). In a nutshell, hunting pigs with my daughter was an experience neither of us will forget, fun in the first degree. I'll be sure to fill you in on the details in an upcoming issue of StickTalk.

Archery and times like the Spring Shoot have always been about having fun for me. Shooting longbows, camping, and general outdoor fun, these are the things I enjoy. So in an effort to continue to have access to that which I enjoy, I joined the MLA council. Not to be out in front, not to run things, just to keep the MLA going strong, taking my turn at being responsible. The work to be done quickly became part of the fun. During the time I've been on the council, we have made some mistakes, we've put on some good shoots and some not so good shoots. Even still we must be doing something right because the Spring Shoot seems more fun each year.

The Spring Shoot is also called the General Membership Meeting because it's an opportunity for the membership, that's you, to participate in the business of the MLA. Bring your suggestions and ideas, all MLA members are welcome to speak at the meeting. So come on out to the Spring Shoot and General Membership Meeting where you can speak your mind at an actual MLA meeting and "have fun fun fun 'till your daddy takes your longbow away"

Mike Hirzel

Carl Matthew 5:9





Archery Event Schedule 2003

*APRIL 5 MBH Awards Banquet Troy Elks Club Info Lou 586 983 3549 mqlou@aol.com

*APRIL 6 MBH Membership Meeting Troy Elks Club Info Dean 586 778 8879 DEHbowhunter@aol.com

**MAY 3-4 MLA Spring Shoot & Membership Meeting Land o Lakes Fenton Info Ken 248 634 0845 kens48@aol.com

MAY 3-4 Royal Oak Archers Traditional Weekend Info Doug 248 628 1076

*JUNE 7-8 Amy Pray B4K Huron Point 35800 28 mi.rd. Lenox 48048 Info Steve 810 387 0454 Info info@b4k.org

*JUNE 14-15 MBH Rendezvous Gladwin Fairgrounds Info Dean 586 778 8879 DEHbowhunter@aol.com

JUNE 20-21-22 Compton Berrien Springs Sportsmen's club

JUNE 28-29 MTB Jamboree Grayling Hanson Hills Info Mike 616 698 6134

JULY 12-13 Frankenmuth Archers Outdoor Longbow & Recurve 3D Championship Info Mike 810 564 1914 Don 989 297 7503

JULY 25-26-27 Tuscola County Archers Traditional Weekend Info Dave 989 691 5658

AUGUST 1-2-3 Elm Hall Pine River Rec. Club Info Brian 989 833 2430

**August 8-9-10 GLLI Hastings Charlton Park Info Ken 248 634 0845 kens48@aol.com

AUGUST 30-31 Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club Traditional Weekend Info John 810 793 4664 jdbagt@chartermi.net

*SEPTEMBER 13-14 MBH Fred Bear Memorial Broadhead Shoot Land O Lakes Fenton Info Dean 586 778 8879 DEHbowhunter@aol.com

* All archery equipment **Longbow only except youth





Notes from Dan

Well hunting season is over and I hope all members had a very enjoyable and fruitful season. Spring is here and it is that time of the year for the MLA Council to ask its member's for help. We have the Spring Membership meeting on May 3rd in the early afternoon being held this year at Land-O-Lakes Bowmen Club just south of Fenton, Michigan. This club has 80% of it's membership as Traditional Bowhunters and they have a very beautiful 44 Acres of hills and woods so please come out in the morning and shoot their 3-D range for FREE then attend the Membership Meeting in early afternoon. If you need directions contact any of the Council member's and I am sure they can help you out.

Now for the HELP we need from you! We need **Council Member's** we will being having some of the members of the council drop off and they need to be replaced. So please consider helping us out.

We also need to know how you feel about the things that are going on with the MLA. We can only do what we think is important to you so if there is something going on that you feel strongly about. Then please by all mean's contact one of us or better yet contact all of us. I short letter sent to one or all of us only cost's 37 cents and 5 minutes to write or even a phone call would work.

We are here "FOR YOU" and to promote shooting and hunting with the Longbow. By all means please plan on attending the membership meeting and I hope to see you there!

> Shoot'em Straight **Dan Spiece**

Thanks for the Donations

Here is a big hearty Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Banquet Raffle and Door Prizes.

Jim Reynolds—Youth Longbow Dan Spiece—Leather Longbow Case Dan Spiece-Bear Archery Sign Gene Hickey-Wooden Plate and stand Gene Hickey-Raccoon Wall Hanging Gene Hickey-Candle Basket Gene Hickey-Brass Ducks Mike Hirzel & Mark Detmer—Commemorative Banquet Arrows Tim Porter-MLA Arm Guard Jane Folske—baby hunting bib Jane Folske-Filet Knife Jane Folske—"Be a Kid Again" bag Jane Folske—coasters Ken Scollick-1 dozen Flu-Flu Arrows John Vasos—Ouiver & Kids Arrows Bruce Folske—Feather Chopper Dave Perkins—"Bringing Arrow Building Home" video tape MLA—XXL Vintage Sweatshirt MLA-Medium Vintage Sweatshirt

If anyone was missed you are appreciated all the same!





I still think the Michigan Longbow Association is the greatest club going, and longbows are still the most fun. So to perpetuate both I am asking to continue as a council member on your behalf. I've been on the council for four years, the first two years as the Recording Secretary, and the last two years as your Vice President.

I've been honored to represent the Michigan Longbow Association. I won't kid you there have been times I question why me? I'm sure a few of you are asking the same thing! As long as I can be of service to the MLA, I'll continue to give the sweat of my brow, the strength of my back, and what ever skill God has given me. As long as I am on the council I will do my best to help direct and guide as well. My only aim is to help preserve and promote the Michigan Longbow Association and longbows.

Mike Hirzel

Hello my name is Tim Porter. I am running for re-election to the council for a 2nd term. I would like to think I made a difference in my 1st term serving the MLA and hope to keep on trying to help this council and the MLA move forward in the next 2 years.

Thanks Tim

My name is Brian Carpenter and I would be very interested in a council position with the Michigan Longbow Association. I have been involved in Traditional archery since 1992. I was first introduced into traditional archery with the longbow and the GLLI. The GLLI was my first traditional event in 1992; it holds a special place in my heart. I also feel it's time to get more involved. I am a member of Michigan Bowhunters. I am also involved with the Michigan United Sportsman's Association, as a committee member. I would hope you would consider me for this position.

Brian

Hi, your friendly StickTalk Editor here to let you know that my time as a Council Member is coming due. I will however, be seeking one last term on the Council. I would like to see a complete different Council within the next four years. It is just that time, time for new faces, new ideas and new directions. We won't be having any kind of ballot again this year, but if you have any objections, complaints, praises, or want to be on the Council, come to the General Membership meeting in May. See you there.

Tom Parsons



Ed. Note: Paul Gasiorek also said that he would be interested in continuing on as a council member. However, Paul was injured pretty badly as a firefighter several months ago. Although is recovery is coming along, he did indicate that if someone else wanted a council position then he would gladly step aside until a later date when he is back on his feet.



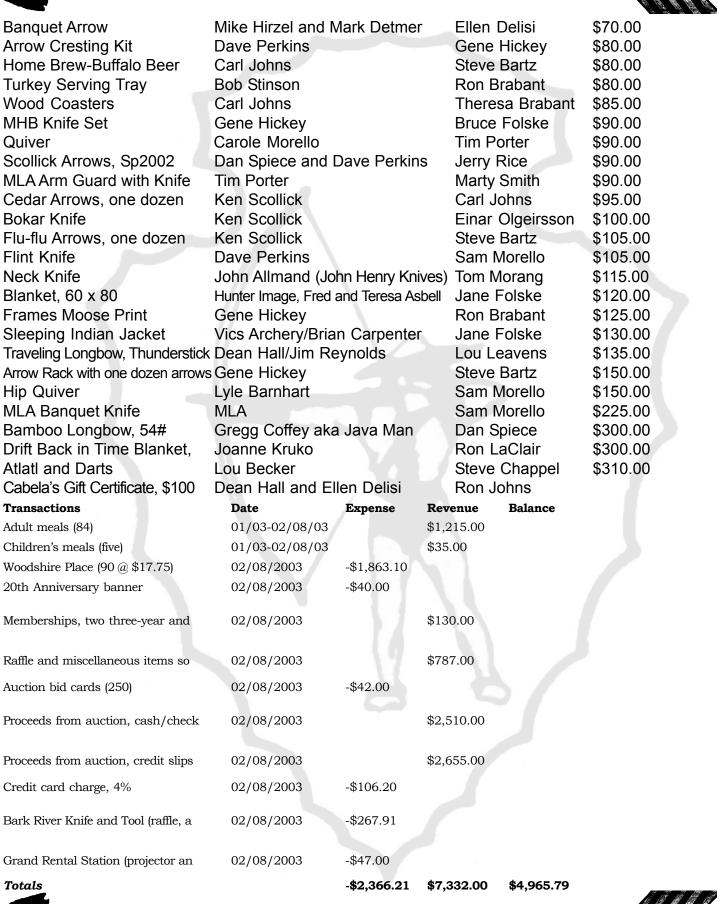


Auction Item Tip-up **Tree Steps** String Jig Bear Fiberglass take down **Fishnet Pillars** Glass Plates with stands Bear Clock Bow Glue Zeiss Shooting Glasses Book: Sleep Close to the Fire Jim Clark Kids' Arrows Arrows, 2115, dozen Flu-flu Arrows, one dozen Coaster Set Owen Pelham Back Quiver/Seat Gary VanRaemdonck Wingbone Turkey Call Whitetail Plate Women's Vest **Dip Tube Rack** GLLI XIII Medallion Youth Longbow, 20# Traditional Bowyers Bible, Vol 1/2 Ray Lyon GLLI Picture, 1985 Owen Pelham Back Pack Quiver Gary VanRaemdonck Traditional Bowhunter's Handbook Tom Parsons Youth Longbow, 21#, LH Standing Birdhouse GLLI Picture, 1985 No Parking Sign **GLLI XVIII Arrow** Longbow Sock **Banquet Arrow Banquet Arrow** Knives, boxed, three **Banquet Arrow** Tapered, 50-55 POA, 29", 425 gr Bruce Folske Ash Arrow, six Leather bow Case **Banquet Arrow** Flint Knapped Arrow Thunder Twig, 15#, RH **Banquet Arrow** Tapered Arrows, one dozen

Donated by Sam Morello Ron Brabant Gary VanRaemdonck Carl Johns Gene Hickey Gene Hickey Dan Spiece Frank Stevens Carl Johns Sam Morello Lou Leavens Dan Meier Bob Stinson Don Gilson Bob Stinson Jane Folske Ronald Koscielski Don Gilson Elk Ridge Archery Ron LaClair **Jim Reynolds** Gene Hickey Ron LaClair **Rich Focht** Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Jim Larsen Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Gene Hickey Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Sam Morello Dan Spiece Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Don Gilson Jim Reynolds Mike Hirzel and Mark Detmer Sam Morello

Won by Amount Frank Stevens \$5.00 \$10.00 Carl Johns \$20.00 Lou Leavens Lou Leavens \$20.00 Ken Scollick \$20.00 Sam Morello \$20.00 Gary Van \$20.00 Dan Spiece \$20.00 Tim Scheib \$30.00 Mark Blankenau \$30.00 Jim Larson \$30.00 Ron Koscielski \$35.00 Mark Blankenau \$35.00 \$40.00 Carl Johns Carl Johns \$40.00 Gene Hickey \$40.00 Denise Schelling \$40.00 Ron Johns \$40.00 Greg Galvan \$40.00 Elly Kruko \$40.00 Dan Meier \$40.00 Gene Hickey \$45.00 Dan Spiece \$45.00 Einar Olgeirsson \$45.00 Mark Blankenau \$45.00 Steve Bartz \$50.00 Ron Johns \$55.00 Brian Carpenter \$60.00 Ron Brabant \$60.00 Jim Larson \$60.00 Gregg Coffey \$60.00 Carl Johns \$65.00 Carl Johns \$65.00 Tim Scheib \$65.00 Sam Morello \$65.00 Brian Carpenter \$65.00 Denny Every \$65.00 David Johns \$65.00 Carl Johns \$70.00 Ken Scollick \$70.00 Frank Stevens \$70.00 Brian Carpenter \$70.00 **Denny Every** \$70.00









Membership/Treasury Update

As of this writing, we have 311 voting members on the MLA roster—269 members and 42 spouses. Twenty-six delinquent members with an expiration date of July, 2002, have been removed from the MLA roster. Fifty-two members have been coded "inactive"; they have an expiration date of January, 2003. They will not receive this issue of *StickTalk*. There is a membership report from a meeting in January printed in this *StickTalk*. There is also a new member list in this issue. Please welcome any new members who live in your town or nearby.

As of this writing, MLA's checking account stands at \$8,496.96. There is a treasurer's report in this issue of *StickTalk* from the Council's January meeting. Also printed in this issue of *StickTalk* is a Banquet 2003 treasurer's report. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations of raffle, door prize, and auction items and especially for digging into their pockets to buy raffle tickets and for bidding on auction items.

In January, we received a check from the Boy Scouts in the amount of \$413. The Boy Scouts owed us \$100 for a vendor check collected at the gate during GLLI, so the balance of \$313 is for the gate fees—\$1/ person to MLA (\$4/person to BSA) meaning that the BSA believes we had only 313 people attend the GLLI. I admit numbers were down but, in my opinion, I do not believe this is correct. The MLA made a major donation to the Boy Scouts of America this past year. That's OK. I hope our money has gone to good use. It would have been nice to have had a real accounting of activities at last year's GLLI. It would have been nice to know the real number of attendees to GLLI as well as the number of campers. (All camping fees went directly to BSA.) I am looking forward to next year's GLLI. Again, this year's GLLI will be held August 8, 9, and 10, at Charlton Park in Nashville, Michigan. We are still looking for clubs to help us out with 3D setup. Frankenmuth has agreed to travel across the state and setup a course. Here is the website for Charlton Park: http:// www.charltonpark.org/ This is sure to be an event for your entire family, lots for everyone to do whether they shoot a bow or not. Please be thinking about how you can help out during GLLI. We will need extra hands for setting up prior to August 8 (as early as August 6), during the shoot (behind the table, the kids' shooting area, etc.), and at the end of the weekend (taking down tables, etc.).

I hope to see lots of biographies in this issue of *StickTalk* from those of you interested in joining MLA's Council. We will have our Annual Membership Meeting during our spring shoot, Saturday, May 3. Votes for our new Council will be tallied. The Spring Gathering is May 2-4 at Land-O-Lakes Bowmen in Fenton. I hope to see many of you there around the campfire.

Jane Folske Membership Secretary/Treasurer Councilman





MICHIGAN LONGBOW ASSOCIATION Membership Report January 12, 2003

Since my last report of August 1, 2002, we have had 26 people either renew or join MLA. One-year Memberships Total of 18—six new (and one spouse) and 12 renewals (one spouse added) Three-year Memberships Total of five—all renewals Five-year Memberships Total of three—one new (Dennis Scollick, gift from his brother, Ken) and two renewals (Sara Scollick, gift from her Dad, and Jason Davie)

We currently have a total of 303 members and 42 spouses or 345 voting members.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Folske MLA Membership Secretary

New Member

Stewart, Mike (Bark River Knife & Tool)** Sanderson, Jim Howell, Robin Berkompas, Vic Saez, Antonio Clarady, Robert and Pam Gitre, Al Gilman, Joe Bickel, Ray* Hoikka, Jeff** Bortell, Kris Tkachik, Susan Oldich, Brent Rook, Hugh Asbell, G Fred and Teresa Scollick, Dennis** Hunter; Dale, Lucy, and Zachary Oakes, Larry Schreiber, Leo and Linda

From

Bark River, Michigan Blissfield, Michigan Brighton, Michigan Byron Center, Michigan Capac, Michigan Comstock Park, Michigan Fenton, Michigan Flint, Michigan Jones, Michigan Kalamazoo, Michigan Ludington, Michigan Marine City, Michigan Mesick, Michigan Southgate, Michigan Twin Lake, Michigan Warren, Michigan Williamsburg, Michigan Ypsilanti, Michigan Ypsilanti, Michigan

*MBH Rendezvous complimentary membership **Gift membership from Ken Scollick



	reasurer's Report			
Transactions	-	Expenses	Deposits	Balance
beginning balance from August 1, 2002, r			6883.78	
Membership supplies				
Postage	09/14&12/30/02	-232.30		
Kinko's: membership renewal, big/small ga	me apps, banquet			
flyer	12/19&30/02	-68.88		
500 red and green MLA pins	01/04/03	-376.00		
Total for membership supply expens	ses	-677.18	0.00	-677.18
Membership and miscellaneous item depo	osits			
Memberships, one-year	08/06/02-01/08/03		240.00	
Memberships, three-year	01/03&08/03		175.00	
Memberships, five-year	01/03&06/03		180.00	
Miscellaneous MLA items sold	08/14/02-01/08/03		32.00	
Fifteen GLLI sweatshirts acquired from Tom	T 08/04/02			
Eleven GLLI sweatshirts sold at Elm Hall at	\$158/04/02&01/04/03		165.00	
Total membership deposits		0.00	792.00	792.00
freasurer's supplies: none				0.00
StickTalk expenses				
October, 2002, StickTalk expenses	10/01 and 08/02	-300.00		
October, 2002, StickTalk postage	01/03/03			
October, 2002, StickTalk photo processing	01/03/03			
January, 2003, StickTalk expenses	01/03/03			
Total StickTalk expenses		-745.37	0.00	-745.37
Children's Bows and Supplies: none				0.00
Shoot Expenses and Revenue				
LLI electric board	06/24/02	-21.15		
LLI, postage for mailing flyers	06/13/02	-10.46		
LLI, postage for raffle item	08/15/02	-3.95		
Western Wayne CCA, three American round	12/19/02	-293.00		
		-328.56	0.00	-328.56

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				0.00
Advertising: no charges or deposits this period				0.00
Banquet				
Adult meals (count at 27, some paying at door, i	01/03-11/03		285.00	
Children's meals (two)	01/03/03		14.00	
Total for banquet		0.00	299.00	299.00
Donations:				
U S Sportsmen's Alliance, Bowhunter Defense	12/18/02	-500.00		-500.00
Awards: none				0.00
Miscellaneous:				
Flowers, Ken (Sara and Dennis) Scollick's Moth	06/01/02	-79.91		
Office supplies for general MLA event use	07/10/02	-14.68		
Canopy purchased by Ken Scollick Total Miscellaneous	08/21/02	-94.59	100.00 100.00	5.41
Bank Charges: Insufficient funds fee for return	07/16/02	-5.25		-5.25
Grand total of all expenses and revenue4	/02> 01/11/03	3-2350.95	1191.00	5723.83
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GLLI XVIII, 2002				
1 expenses and revenue; cost of GLLI XVIII, 2	As of 01/11/03 -	12659.37	10991.00	-1668.37

Note: The figures here are a grand total and, therefore, include figures in previous reports.

Pending: Gate fees collected (minus BSA's portion); last word was somewhere between 700 and 800 (most

recent word, 413).

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Folske, MLA Treasurer







Michigan Longbow Association

May 3 & 4 2003 Spring Shoot & General Membership Meeting

Hosted by Land o Lakes Bowmen Free Admission Free Shooting Free Camping

This is a perfect opportunity to come out and meet and shoot with other members in a relaxed atmosphere. It is also a great opportunity to bring along a friend or neighbor to experience the true spirit of archery. Our general membership meeting will be held Saturday afternoon and is a time to make your ideas and desires known, after the meeting will be a American Round, True 'Old Time Archery' In Addition to a really great 3d course there will be a Broadbead course open all weekend.

Take US 23 to exit 77 White Lake Rd. East on White Lake to Hartland Rd. Right on Hartland 1/4 mile to Land O Lakes club on left.















Michigan Longbow Association Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2003

Location: Carl Johns home, Ann Arbor, MI Meeting Date: January 12, 2003 Meeting called to order: 1:12 PM by Carl Johns

Council members present: 10 Carl Johns President, Mike Hirzel Vice President, Jane Folske Treasurer, Sam Morello Recording Secretary, Dan Spiece, Ken Scollick, Bruce Folske, John Vasos, Tom Parsons, and James Troupe Council members absent: 3 Tim Porter, Lyle Barnhart, Paul Gasiorek

Recording Secretary Report:

Dan Spiece made a motion to accept the recording secretary report as presented. Second by Jane Folske.

Motion Passed unanimously.

No additions or corrections made to the August 4 report.

Treasurer Report:

Jane Folske presented the treasurers' report. Ken Scollick made a motion to accept the report as written, Second by Carl Johns.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Membership Secretary Report:

Jane Folske presented Secretary Report membership. No additions or corrections made. The highlights of the report are:

• 345 members, 42 spouses

John Vasos made a motion to accept the report as written, Second by Sam Morello.

Motion Passed unanimously

Sticktalk Report:

Tom Parsons had no report.

Tom told the council that he would scan photo images and merchandise on our website. John Vasos volunteered to research additional MLA merchandise like embroidered wool hats. John will report on his findings at the next meeting.

Tom also noted that according to his records he has been Sticktalk editor for the most issues (16). Good Job Tom! Youth Programs:

Ken Scollick reported on the MLA youth programs.

- Saginaw Valley Region of Special Olympics asked for support from MLA. Ken will report later on this.
- B4K. MLA will need a better turnout at our Kids Shooting Area. The event will be held June 7 & 8 2003.
- MLA will continue to support Camp Wilderness. The camp will be held the second week in July. Ken Scollick made a motion to support Camp Wilderness by sponsoring 4 children age 12-14 (\$300.00). Second by Carl Johns.

Motion passed unanimously

- Dana Hirzel and Mike Hirzel will be going to PBS Youth Leadership Hunt this spring.
- Carl Johns will inform the council on a US Sportsmen's' Alliance & Boy Scouts of America archery video at the next meeting.

BANQUET 2003:





- February 8 2003
- Dan Spiece has donated the bow from Elk Ridge for the raffle.
- Ron LaClair will receive a Lifetime Service award at the Banquet
- Ron LaClair will be the guest speaker
- Ken Scollick made a motion to add a third knife made by Bark River to the auction. Second by Bruce Folske.

Motion passed unanimously

- Tom Parsons discussed the Editors Choice award. This award is given to a member who contributes articles to *Sticktalk*. The award is a custom pen. The 2003 award will go to Jim Larson.
- Carl Johns will purchase a 20th year banner for the banquet.
- Carl Johns will be the MC, Ron LeClaire will be the guest speaker, and Ken Scollick will run the auction.

GLLI 2002 Report:

Carl Johns gave an update of last year's event.

• We will be receiving our portion of the gate money in February. The scouts will be paying us \$413.00 for the gate.

GLLI 2003:

The council discussed the new site for the GLLI. The new site is Charlton Park in Barry County MLA needs to sign contract on January 23, 2003

- Ads will be purchased for Traditional BowHunter, MBH News letter, and MUCC
- Ken Scollick made a motion to spend \$3000.00 for advertisements. Second by Tom Parsons.

Motion passed unanimously

- Special events for 'Old Time Archery' will be a Clout Shoot, Shortened Silver Arrow, and Wand Shoot.
- This year's theme is "Return to Old-Time Archery"
- Paul Gasiorek, Mike Hirzel, and Tom Parsons will handle the press releases and advertisements.
- Ken Scollick will have the Vendor packages for the EXPO. Fees will be the same as the 2002 GLLI.
- Sam Morello will contact last year's Clubs and District 4 & 5 of MBH regarding 3D courses.

Old Business:

- The council discussed a letter to MBH regarding the Crossbow issue.
- Ken Scollick will contact J. Keck regarding the MLA MBH affiliation status. Ken will report his findings at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Stickbow & Internet, Carl Johns will be the official MLA spokesperson for all communications and official information.
- Ken Scollick made a motion to give MLA emblems free to those who donate items with the MLA emblem attached. Second by Jane Folske.

Motion passed unanimously

• Sam Morello made a motion to appoint a MLA council member to attend MBH meetings. Motion Tabled. Motion made by Carl Johns to adjourn, second by John Vasos.

Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sam Morello Recording Secretary Michigan Longbow Association







Turkeys & Ham

by Dennis Every

Draw, anchor, aim, release and another turkey goes down. Well figuratively speaking that is. Let me tell you about the turkeys. In this case the turkey target is an orange colored clay pigeon, held in place with a tension spring. The clay pigeon presents a full faced 4" diameter target. Anyone calling themselves an archer should be able to hit a 4" target at a shooting distance of only 10 yards almost every time. The clay pigeons have been made stationary and suspended 18 inches up from the ground. When the clay is shattered by the archer's arrow, the tension spring flips a plastic bottle (turkey) high into the air. The clay pigeon shatters easily when hit with an arrow. The only exception is when hit dead center, because it is possible to blow the middle right out of a clay



Sam takes the tough shot!

pigeon leaving a ring of orange still solidly in place.

So think now of a special archery event, a turkey shoot. It goes like this. The archer has three clay pigeon targets to shoot at. The bottles are connected to the clays but are hidden from the view of the archer. All three targets will flip a plastic bottle upward, but the archer can see only the clays and not the bottles (turkeys). One of the three targets has a bottle that is decorated with colorful streamers which denotes a handsome male (Tom Turkey). The others two plastic bottles are void of any bright colors. They are dull, drab, brown colored, heart throbs, hen turkeys.

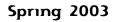
The archers goal is to break the correct clay pigeon, the one that flips the (Tom

Turkey) into the air. Keep in mind that it only takes one arrow if the archer is lucky and skillful at the same time. There is a special excitement that goes with the first shot. Along with an obvious skill requirement, without some luck the archer could break the clay only to discover that it was a dull drab hen. Should that be the case it's now a fifty-fifty chance to get the (Tom) with a skillful second arrow. But wait! Lets assume that the archer missed the clay with the first arrow. Now the challenge is even greater. With only two arrows left, which of the three targets is the (Tom Turkey).

Earlier on it was stated that anyone calling themselves an archer should be able to hit the clay pigeon most every time. Each shot in pursuit of the tom turkey involves some level of fun filled stress. But it's even more difficult when there are lots of people watching or perhaps friends are making catcalls of friendly harassment. There have been many times when the archer will get two turkeys but clutch on the third shot, knowing full well that it's the tom turkey. It's a condition called turkey jerky. Some archers become somewhat obsessed with the challenge of getting the tom turkey. They keep getting one or two turkeys and fail (without luck) to find the tom. Some individuals have tried nearly a dozen times to find the tom. That's well over 30 arrows shot and no luck.

All those who do get the tom turkey, have the privilege of seeing their names printed on a large display board. For having been successful, they are now eligible for an even more special event, a sudden death shoot

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off.

In sudden death no longer do the turkeys matter. It's the target - the clay pigeon that counts. If the archer misses the clay, it is over. That's it, sudden death, tough luck, you're out of the competition.

To start the shoot off the archers are all assembled and are called to the line one at a time, to shoot. A new twist or challenge of the moment is that the shooting positions are outside the normal shooting realm of most archers. Shooting from the knee, sitting, heels to the target over the shoulder shot, or the dreadful face down belly to the ground position. All the hits and misses lead to just one shooter who manages to be the best archer of the day.

The turkey shoot first appeared at the spring 2001 campout of the Michigan Longbow association. At that event Greg Denny won the sudden death shoot off with Jane Folske, and Sam Morello as runners up. It is especially noteworthy that Sam came back the next year to win the turkey shoot at the 2002 MLA spring campout.

The turkey shoot has been well received wherever it has appeared and it is becoming a growing event. A big thanks goes to Mark Detmer who has made commemorative arrows for several of these shoots. Mark applies to the arrow shaft the name of the event, the year and the name of the winning archer. Because he makes them so special it is indeed a wonderful trophy for the best archer of the day.

The title of this story is Turkeys and Ham. So what about the ham? Many Michigan Longbow members know Dan Spiece. Perhaps some of you remember Dan's story about his harrowing experiences while hunting ground moles. If not, no matter, you get the idea that Dan is a very colorful character. He has been a active participant in many of the turkey shoots these past couple years and he recently reminded me that he has been a finalist in all of them. If remembering correctly he even won a turkey shoot event at the Pine River Recreation Club at Elmhall in 2001. Dan applies a lot of focused attention to his shooting efforts. Watching him make ready for a shot at the turkey brings back some special memories that many of you can perhaps relate to. Remember the television sit-com the Honeymooners? It starred Jackie Gleason, (Ralph) and Art Carney, who played Ed



Norton. Often times Ed Norton would be about to perform a special task in the skit. He would greatly exaggerate his approach to the task at hand. It didn't matter if it was bowling, golfing or something as simple as putting a signature to a piece of paper. He would with a motion of hands, body gestures and an exasperating measure of time drive Ralph to the point of freaking out and he'd finally exclaim: would you just do it. Well be it known to all that Dan the man, would and could get the turkey most every time, while doing a real good imitation of Ed Norton.

The Michigan Longbow Association spring campout is a very special weekend for those who attend. The turkey shoot made its first

appearance there in 2001. It was there in 2002 and it will likely be there this year, 2003. Add to the pleasures of shooting bows and arrows, a campfire, good food and lot's friends, one can easily say, "the Giver Of Life is good". Hope you all will plan to attend the MLA spring campout.



NUTS FOR SQUIRRELS "

by Jim Larsen

Here in Michigan, small game season opens on September 15th. Why? I have no idea except must be someone with some pull with the DNR must have wanted it that way. I'm not complaining though. It gives me something to do when I'm scouting for deer. I know, you're thinking why start scouting for deer two weeks before opening day of bow season. I didn't say I just started scouting, it's a year round thing for me.

When I was a youngster my father used to allow me to miss school on the opening day of small game season. Dad loved to squirrel hunt and I tagged along and learned the art of patience. Back then season began some time in October. The leaves had turned color and many trees had already lost most of their leaves. I

marveled at the beauty of the woods this time of year and learned the names of some of the trees as well as the fruit that they bear. Dad would carry his trusty single shot .410 in pursuit of the furry rodents. I learned to shoot guns and bow at a very early age and I learned the importance of safety when handling such weapons. I would take turns with dad until we had taken our limit.



The times spent in the woods with my dad began a love affair of the outdoors that I will take to my grave. Sitting quietly on a tree stump, we patiently wait for the squirrels to return to their nest building and nut gathering after our entrance into the woods had spooked them. Whispered talks of school or life in general solved many

n problems and probably prevented many more as the close bond between father and child strengthened.

Many autumns have passed since my first trip to the woods and I had never considered using a bow and arrow for squirrels until fate played a part. I was 18 years old and was working full time for a landscaping company. Working six days a week from dawn to dusk had hampered my plans for some pre-season white tail scouting. October 1st, opening day of archery season fell on a Sunday that year. I knew most of the wood lots in my neighborhood like the back of my hand. With no stands in place or ground blinds built I decided to take my longbow with me shortly after daybreak to do some scouting.

I slipped along a fencerow dividing a large cornfield from a hardwood. I was walking on the cornfield side of the fence observing the many deer tracks, rubbed saplings, and the occasional halfhearted attempt at a scrape made by a buck. I heard something

> running through the woods nearby so I ducked my head under the large leaf covered branch that blocked my view into the woods. As I peered into the woods I saw a very large, fat squirrel scamper up the side of big white oak and stop about 5 feet off the ground. Instinctively I reached into my leather back quiver and withdrew a Zwickey tipped cedar shaft. I nocked the arrow on the string of my 58

lb. 68" LaClair Special Hunter longbow and once again leaned under the large branch. The squirrel was on the side of the tree perfectly broadside to me. With my longbow canted almost completely horizontal I slowly began my draw. The arrow covered the 10 yards so quickly that I was unsure of a hit. The squirrel flinched a little and scampered up to the safety of the leaves high above. My arrow sailed through the woods out of sight.







"Great" I said to myself, "There goes my arrow!" I climbed the fence and walked up to the big oak and peered further into the woods to see if I could spot my arrow. Suddenly I heard the rustling of leaves bout 25 feet above my head. As I looked up I was forced to jump out of the way of a falling squirrel! The fox squirrel hit the ground at my feet with a resounding "WHUMP!" My eyes widened as the gears began turning in my mind. A broad grin came across my face as I concluded that he didn't commit squirrelicide, I had actually taken him with my bow!

My worries of the lost arrow disappeared as I picked the squirrel up for further observation. The twoblade Zwickey broad head had cut a large slice right behind the squirrel's front legs. Since it did not center punch him and knock him off the tree, he was able to scamper to safety until he bled out. I was thrilled at the thought of sharing the adventure of my first bow-killed squirrel with my father when I got home. I now had another reason to take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and enjoy a walk in the woods with longbow in hand and squirrels on the menu.

MLA Scrapbook

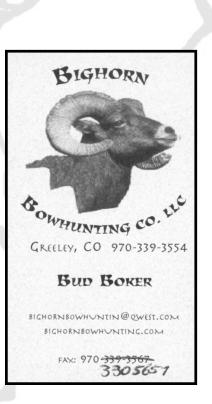
I am continuously taking donations for MLA's Scrapbook. In 2003, MLA will be celebrating its 20th year as an organization. It is great to have a book to reminisce with. The scrapbook will be brought to all MLA events. Send your donations via mail or e-mail. If you would like photos returned, I will make copies and return them to you. Simply include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photos.

Thank you!

Jane Folske Councilman I HAVE INCLUDED A RECIPE FOR SQUIRRELS THAT MY WIFE AND I ENJOY.

I REMOVE THE MEAT FROM THE LEGS AND ALONG THE BACK. THEN TRIM ANY FAT AND SILVER SKIN FROM THE MEAT. DICE THE MEAT INTO SMALL 1-INCH CHUNKS. DICE UP ¹/₄ ONION AND FRY ONIONS AND SQUIRREL CHUNKS ON HIGH IN BUTTER OR OLIVE OIL. FRY JUST LONG ENOUGH TO BROWN ALL OF THE MEAT. POUR MEAT AND ONIONS INTO CROCK-POT ADD CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE, AND GARLIC SALT.

SLOW COOK ON LOW FOR 3 HOURS, POUR OVER NOODLES OR RICE AND SERVE!







On Guard in Houghton County

Lately I have been so busy with work that the things that really matter to me have gone by the way side. I have been traveling to Spring Hill TN quite a bit the past few months. My job has me in a leadership role at a plant 500 or so miles from were I live. This is quite a task to say the least. I am also the Field Captain at a local archery club in Livingston County Land-O-Lakes Bowmen. Land-O-Lakes (LOL) has been awarded the MLA Spring Shoot this May. LOL has also been awarded the Fred Bear Shoot this September and the club needs to get ready for it. LOL will provide a challenging 3D course, broadhead course, and we will have an American Round after the General Membership Meeting. I would like to ask all of you considering attending the MLA spring shoot and council meeting to come and camp. This would be a great 'dry run' for LOL as it relates to the Fred Bear. LOL has enough camping areas to support the MLA's needs but we need to address expanding our campground. We are planning on having the improvements well underway by May. Bring your 5th wheel campers and all your stuff. The MLA weekend could illustrate some of the areas that need attention. This will help LOL get ready for the Fred Bear. Please come and camp.

Pick a spot & Keep them Sharp >>===>

Sam

P.S. I had a good time at our Banquet in February. By the looks of my checkbook I had a *real* good time. Thanks to all who donated to our auction.

The Expo Report

"Stampede!" was what I thought of when the doors opened at the Traditional Bowhunters' Expo in Kalamazoo and this is how people came in. Working the MLA youth shooting area is very rewarding. The facial expressions when the kids puncture a balloon with an arrow make it all worthwhile especially when it is their first time shooting a bow. We had a large number of kids stop by to shoot and that kept us exercising our lungs by keeping up a supply of inflated balloons. Anyone can help out working the booth for as little as an hour but, when you finish, you will have witnessed some of those big smiles. I won't mention the names of who helped out because I am sure I would leave someone out, a big thank you goes to all. Expo had a large turnout with some new bowyers selling bows as well as the old regulars. Jane was missed this year. She opted to attend a scrapbook weekend. She promises to attend next year's Expo.

> Bruce Folske Councilman

Use Your Stringer—Further Update

In the last issue of *StickTalk*, I gave you an update about my friend, Jenny, and how she was coming along following her injury while trying to string her bow without a stringer last July. Jenny's eyesight is slowly improving. She has been fitted with new glasses. Her vision is still blurry in her left eye but has improved. Thankfully her right eye is OK. She has kept good spirits during all of this. She strongly believes her faith in God has helped tremendously—prayers are always a good thing.

Again, I relay Jenny's simple message to everyone: "use your stringer."

Jane Folske Councilman





From the quiver of Ken Scollick

As most of you know last year was not a very good year for me. I want to thank all of you for the kind words, prayers and support. It did end on a high note, as I was able to put some venison in the freezer and all of the changes and adjustments seem to be working out well.

The Traditional Expo was a very good time helping many kids shoot some for the first time and seeing some that are very good shots. Also signed up a few new members and looking forward to seeing them at out events.

The banquet was again a huge success, seeing all of those old pictures from the founding days of the MLA were very interesting. The food, the company, and the auction was all first rate. The talent of our members never ceases to amaze me. Please take time to look over the events schedule and attend the MLA events this year.

Next up will be the Spring shoot at Land o lakes bowmen in Fenton Councilman Sam Morello is working to insure that this will be the best yet. In addition to a 3D course there will also be a broadhead course open all weekend. It is also the weekend of our General membership Meeting. Changes and improvements to your organization are only possible through your ideas and input.

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Men's Division:	
Don Sparks	455
Mike Hirzel	452
Sam Morello	450
Art Adkıns	441
Bruce Folske	430
Dan Noble	387
Paul Gasıorek	373
Marvın J. Rowan	356
Carl Johns	346
John Vasos	305
Eınar Olgeırsson	247
Mike	201
Lyle Barnhart	152
Women's Division:	
Denise Schelling	182
Carole Morello	124
Jane Folske	122

Michigan Longbow Association College Scholarship

The Michigan Longbow Association has decided to offer 2 scholarships this year. This is due in part to a very successful Awards banquet auction. So here goes.

- 1. The applicant must be a child of a current member
- 2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- 3. Application deadline is July 15, 2003
- 4. The application should include scholastic information as well as extracurricular activities.
- 5. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00

Please send tour applications to: Ken Scollick 3431 Old Creek Dr. Holly, Mi. 48442-9508 Or kens48@aol.com

Inquiries and questions are welcome and I can be contacted most days or via e-mail at. kens48@aol.com







Carl's Wild Game Kitchen

If you are anything like me, when I go to the freezer to get some venison I usually get some steaks or chops out. Sometimes I'll get a roast out if I have enough time to prepare it. When all that stuff is gone I'm usually left with just burger. If you still have some burger left from last fall's good fortune you should give this one a try.

Chateaubriand Butter with Venison Burger

- 1 cup white wine 1 cup chicken stock
- 3 shallots, chopped very fine

1 cup unsalted butter

- 1 handful of fresh parsley, chopped 2 pounds venison burger
- 1 teaspoon chervil

salt and pepper

1 teaspoon tarragon

In a small saucepan combine the wine, shallots, parsley, chervil and tarragon and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer very slowly until the liquid is reduced to half. Add the chicken stock and continue to reduce until about half a cup of liquid is left. Whip the butter until soft and add the cooked wine and stock mixture. Season with salt and pepper and wrap in a plastic wrap, shaping it into a log. Refrigerate at least one hour or overnight.

Form the venison burger into patties and cook rare to medium rare over a charcoal grill.

Slice several pats of the butter for each burger and serve on top. Enjoy.

Next time "Venison Fondue".

This recipe comes from the "Venison Cookbook" by Rebecca Gray.



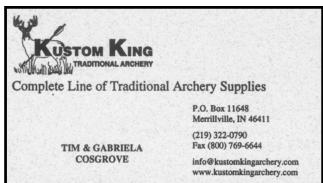


















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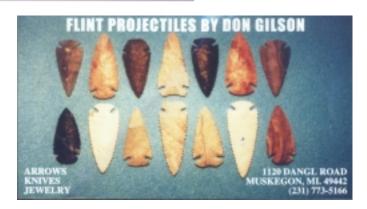
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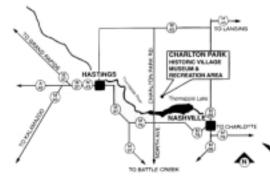
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Silver Arrow Tournament Battle Clout Shoot Three 3-D Animal Courses Traditional Vendors Late 19th Century Historic Village 300+ acres with open spaces and wooded trails Access to Thornapple Lake, fishing & swimming Food & Refreshments Plenty of room for camping Youth 16 & under get free addmission and shoot for free. Adults must shoot longbows and wood arrows!

For information on camping, shooting or vendor space contact the MLA 1211 Daisy Lane East Lansing, MI 48823 sticktalk@tds.net or Ken Scollick 248.634.0845

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This year's event will be held at Charlton Park in Barry County MI 2545 S. Charlton Park Road Histings, MI 49058 www.charltonpark.org



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