



## **MBA 2009 Banquet Hunts for Awards/Auction/Card Raffle**

The following are hunts that are anticipated to be available for auction at the MBA Annual Awards Banquet for Saturday, March 7, 2009 along with the contact information for each hunt.

### **1. Tara Wildlife (Willow Point):**

The Tara Wildlife (Willow Point) Youth hunt will be a 6 session/3 day hunt valued at \$1500. Tara is located in the Eagle Lake community about 30 minutes northwest of historic Vicksburg, Mississippi and 72 miles west of Jackson. With 12 miles of Mississippi River frontage and 17,200 acres of oxbow lakes and bottomland hardwood forests, Tara is one the nation's ultimate destinations for deer and turkey hunting. The age limit for the Youth participant is 12-16 years of age. The Parent/Father/Mother/Adult guardian is welcome to attend and accompany the Youth in a stand or stay at the camp. The adult has the option of hunting with the youth by paying \$1500. The hunt will be coordinated with the available hunt dates at Tara Wildlife/Willow Point between October 1st and Thanksgiving, 2009. The value of this Parent/Youth hunt is \$1500.

Contact Information:

Tara Wildlife

6791 Eagle Lake Shore Road

Vicksburg, MS 39183

Phone: 601/279-4261

E-mail: [tara@tarawildlife.com](mailto:tara@tarawildlife.com)

### **2. Giles Island Bowhunt:**

The management and staff at Giles Island offer a 3 day/6 sessions hunt scheduled between Oct. 1 and before Thanksgiving, 2009. Giles Island is located at Ferriday, La. and honors both LA and MS license holders. The 2006-2007 season produced 94 buck kills: 25 bucks were over 130 B&C/P&Y, 13 scored over 140 B&C/P&Y and 6 scored over 150 B&C/P&Y. The 2008-2009 season was as good or better. Since 1992 Giles Island has been intensely managed with one major goal in mind. To produce trophy whitetail bucks. They have achieved a buck to doe ratio better than one to one, and increased their average Boone & Crockett score from 120 B&C to 140 B&C. The value of this hunt is \$1,500.

Contact Information:

Giles Island

449 Old River Boat Camp Road

Ferriday, LA 71337

1-877-944-5374

[sue@gilesisland.com](mailto:sue@gilesisland.com)

<http://www.gilesisland.com/Index.html>

### **3. Snag Lake Hunting Club (Texas Island):**

The Texas Island Hunt, near Tunica, MS, is donated by Billy Mohead and is open for a single hunter for 2 days or a Parent/Youth hunt for 2 days. The property is located in NW Miss. in Coahoma County and consists of 5000 acres of prime Mississippi Delta farm land including 600 acres along the Mississippi River. The property contains oak flats, persimmon groves and many huntable food plots specifically designed for bowhunter success. The club is a low pressure hunting area where the members are all true sportsmen who enjoy the sport of bowhunting. The property has been under strict quality management for the past 10 years. All room, board and meals are included. Billy will serve as the guide for this hunt. The value of this hunt is \$1,000.

Contact Information:

Billy Mohead

304 Mary Ann Drive

Memphis, TN 38117

901-767-2133

[billy\\_popcfish@yahoo.com](mailto:billy_popcfish@yahoo.com)

### **4. Big Buck Award:**

For the lucky member that has harvested the best scoring Mississippi buck in the 2007-2008 season, a very special hunt awaits the winner. Transportation and license will be the winner's responsibility. The hunt takes place during the 2009-2010 season and should the winner not be able to go, the first runner-up will be the alternate winner of this hunt. The winner of this hunt will be the recipient of a 3 day, (6 hunt sessions) at Lee's Bend Hunting Club in Pickens County, Alabama. Lee's Bend is a 3000 acre parcel bordered by the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. This special hunt will be hosted and guided by MBA Web Master Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D. All entries which qualify are also eligible for the Mississippi Bowhunting Record book. Be sure to get your entry to the MBA Secretary (Joel Cunningham, P.O. Box 6, Inverness, MS 38753) who will forward the information to the MBA Official Scorer, Corey Neill.

Contact Information:

Joe R. Bumgardner, M.D.

8 Countryside Road

Starkville, MS 39759

662-323-1514

[bowdoc1@bellsouth.net](mailto:bowdoc1@bellsouth.net)

### **5. Dark Timber Outfitters:**

Formerly Hyatt Outfitters of Colorado, Rick Webb will be donating a hunt to go to the 'MBA Bowhunter of the Year' recipient. Dark Timber Outfitting specializes in Deer-Elk hunts in Unit 61 and 62. This is excellent hunting with rifle and bow. This Outfitter is located in Montrose, Colorado. Rick Web is the owner/contact person.

Contact Information:

DARK TIMBER LODGE:

Attention: Rick Webb

236 South 3rd Street, Box 224

Montrose, CO 81401

(970) 325-7268 or (970) 275-5047

[info@darktimberlodge.com](mailto:info@darktimberlodge.com)

## **6. The Mesquite Bowhunting Hunt:**

This hunt is being donated by Gerard Garrett of Pearsall, TX. Mesquite Bowhunting is located near Pearsall, Texas. Mesquite Bowhunting is designed for the true bowhunter at heart. We provide year-round access to one of the most prolific game-managed regions in South Texas. This is a 2 day ram and hog hunt valued at \$400.00. It will be offered as a chance on a card raffle.

Contact Information:

Mesquite Bowhunting

Attention: Gerald Garrett

P.O. Box 670 Pearsall, TX 78061

(830) 334-3138

[mesquite@prontonet.net](mailto:mesquite@prontonet.net)

## **7. Noxubee County Bowhunt for Whitetails and Wild Hogs (Father/daughter or son):**

This 3 day/5 hunt sessions bowhunt was donated by MBA Life member Wayne Stewart, Jr. of Macon, MS. This bowhunt has full accommodations and will be personally guided by Wayne Stewart, Jr. himself. The hunt will be on his property and will be for 2 bowhunters (i.e. Father and daughter/or son). Hogs are plentiful on his Noxubee County property and you may shoot an unlimited number of wild hogs. The hunt date options for the 2009-2010 deer season will be coordinated with the hunt donor and the winner of this hunt. The value of this hunt is ~\$2,000.00.

Contact Information:

Wayne Stewart, Jr.

P.O. Box 511

Macon, MS 39341

(662) 361-7833

[africanbowhunter@wildblue.net](mailto:africanbowhunter@wildblue.net)

## **8. Ellislie Plantation Hunt:**

This is a 4 day/8 hunt sessions hunt at Sibley, MS. (near Natchez, MS in Adams County.) This bowhunt has been donated by owner/manager, J.H. James. This hunt allows 2 management bucks and 3 does. All accommodations are included. The landowner has preferred to have this hunt in the month of January during the primitive weapon season (during the last 10 days of the January season).

Here are the guidelines for what we will try to harvest:

Bucks 5.5 years old, 8 points or less, less than 140" gross

Bucks 3.5 years old or older with less than 8 points

Your guide will make the call on all shots & you will be allowed to harvest 2 bucks & 3 does. Value of this hunt is \$2,000.00.

Contact Information:

J.H. James

P.O. Box 470338, Fort Worth, TX 76147

(817) 271-7025

[jhames@ellislieplantation.com](mailto:jhames@ellislieplantation.com)

## **9. Matlabas Game Hunter's:**

This hunt consists of a seven day plains game compound bow hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in the malaria-free Bushveldt region, Limpopo province, South Africa. It includes trophy fees for one impala or one warthog at the election of the hunter. It is a compound bow hunt and may be upgraded to take additional species or extended for a longer period as per current price list, which is published on the website. Additional hunters are \$300 per day (two on one) and non-hunters \$150 per day. A maximum of 8 bow hunters will be accommodated at any one time. Species that may be taken during this hunt include impala , kudu , waterbuck , nyala , gemsbok , eland , duiker , steenbok , warthog , zebra , red hartebeest , giraffe , black backed jackal , caracal , chacma baboon and vervet monkey. This hunt is available in 2008 on dates to be agreed between 31 March and 31 October. This is one of South Africa's prime bow hunting destinations; the success rate is very high and the trophy quality is outstanding. Matlabas Game Hunters is one of only a few African outfitters that specialize in bow hunting exclusively. There are no licenses or permits required unless a species is taken which requires a CITES permit. Transportation to/from Johannesburg International Airport is included (Approximately 4 hour drive). Hunting takes place from elevated blinds, pit blinds, tree stands or by means of "walk-and-stalk". Accommodation is provided at Matlabas Game Lodge. The meals are mostly traditional South African Bushveldt cuisine and venison is regularly served. Other features include a separate lounge with satellite TV, a unique wildlife and natural history video library, swimming pool, fully equipped kitchen, daily cleaning services and a laundry service.

Excursions and other activities for non-hunters as well as tours and/or photographic safaris at the end of the hunting safari are also available. This is a 100% donation to Mississippi Bowhunters Association. The value of this hunt is \$3925.00

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<http://www.matlabas.co.za/hunting/>

## **10. Ash Creek Outfitters:**

Ash Creek Outfitters operates on 200,000 private acres at 3 locations in Nebraska and South Dakota, offering a wide variety of game in combination hunts on multiple species using bow, muzzleloader or rifle. Ash Creek Outfitters in Chadron, Nebraska has agreed to donate a 5-day, 6-night Pronghorn bow hunt for the 2009 banquet auction. Lodging, meals, guide, and transportation to blinds are included. John Loper and Dwayne Ensign have hunted whitetails there the past two years and had great success and a wonderful time. Boone Huffman is the owner and operator of Ash Creek Outfitters. His website is [www.ashcreekoutfitters.com](http://www.ashcreekoutfitters.com). Email is [boone@ashcreekoutfitters.com](mailto:boone@ashcreekoutfitters.com). Approximate value of this antelope hunt is \$1750. Archery tags and license are sold over-the-counter in Nebraska, or online.

Available dates for the antelope hunt are August 20 through September 19. All dates are subject to availability.

Contact Information:

Boone Huffman, Ash Creek Outfitters, 450 Morehead, Chadron, NE 69337

Phone: (308) 432-3885

[boone@ashcreekoutfitters.com](mailto:boone@ashcreekoutfitters.com)

[www.ashcreekoutfitters.com](http://www.ashcreekoutfitters.com)

## 11. Bent Creek Lodge (Bowhunt and Bowhunting School)

This is a 3 day (6 hunt sessions) bowhunt at Bent Creek Lodge in Jachin, Alabama. This bowhunt was donated by the Bent Creek Hunting Lodge co-owners, Leo Allen and Johnny Lanier. The dates for this 'buddy' hunt and Bowhunting School are October 30, through November 1, 2009. It is for 1 bowhunter and this special hunt will be held in conjunction with the well known annual bowhunting school featuring noted instructor Robert Sheppard, M.D. 'Dr. Bob' has many years of hunting experience and has developed a method to harvest that trophy buck. Even seasoned hunters will profit from his hunting tips.

School Format: Arrive before lunch on Thursday-afternoon hunt. Friday and Saturday- morning and afternoon hunts. Sunday- morning hunt and depart after lunch.

Value of this bowhunt and Bowhunting School: \$1,050.

The cost of this bowhunt and bow school includes instruction, ground transportation, three nights lodging, all meals, and cleaning and quartering deer.

Contact Information:

Bent Creek Lodge, Inc.

(205) 398-3040

[bentcreeklodge@tds.net](mailto:bentcreeklodge@tds.net)

Dr. John Lanier

(205) 459-3065 (day)

(205) 459-3975 (night)

## 12. The Texas 'S' Bowhunting Ranch

Rex Bannister (owner/manager of The Texas 'S' Bowhunting Ranch (Clarksville, TX) donated a wild hog bowhunt for the Banquet's live auction. The URL for the Texas 'S' Bowhunting Ranch is: [http://www.texas-sbowhunting.com/price\\_list.htm](http://www.texas-sbowhunting.com/price_list.htm).

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Texas 'S' Bowhunting Ranch is located at 1633 Co. Rd. 1345, Clarksville, Texas 75426 has agreed to donate a 3 day hog bowhunt at his Texas lease. He also has a Michigan lease. The U.S. postal address of his Texas lease and his Michigan lease are as below:

Texas 'S' Bowhunting Ranch 1633 Co. Rd. 1345 Clarksville, Texas 75426 PH: (231) 675-8234	Rex Bannister 2495 Maple Hill Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713 <a href="mailto:rexbannister@wildblue.net">rexbannister@wildblue.net</a>
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~WILD HOGS~

\$150.00 a Day

On a 1 day hunt you are allowed 1 hog.

On a 2 day hunt you are allowed 2 hogs.

On a 3 day hunt you are allowed 3 hogs. \$100.00 Trophy Fee 170 lbs. and over for first trophy hog, \$125.00 Trophy Fee 170 lbs. and over for second trophy hog, same hunter.

\$125.00 trophy fee for hogs 170lbs. and over, Skinning & or Quartering ----- \$25.00

Cape & or Quartering ---- \$35.00

### **13. Bozeman Farms Bowhunt**

MBA Members Harvey and D. R. Bozeman have agreed to donate a bow hunt for the banquet's live auction. It will be a one day hunt for one person and they will be allowed to harvest one buck and one doe. There is no restriction on the buck. They can shoot whatever makes them happy, but they only get one. We have never given a hunt during bow season but we can do that if you want to. The only time that we will not be able to do a hunt is the opening weekend of any season.

Contact Information:

Bozeman Farms

Attention: Harvey Bozeman/D.R. Bozeman

P.O. Box 270 • Flora, MS 39071

601.879-8547

Email: [h@bozemanfarms.com](mailto:h@bozemanfarms.com) or [dr@bozemanfarms.com](mailto:dr@bozemanfarms.com)

Web Site: <http://www.bozemanfarms.com/index.html>

### **14. "Canaan-The Promised Land" 6 session-3 night hunt on the Mississippi River**

Six session-three night hunt on the Mississippi River "Canaan-The Promised Land"

Come to Greenville, ride over the property, select your stand, hunt the first afternoon, and then get ready for two more full days plus a third morning hunt on this 1500+ acre private, managed property. Over two miles of frontage on the Mississippi River make this place worth a visit. Accommodations are on the protected side of the levee on a paved road so you can come in your car. MBA Member (Bucky Murphy), one of the landowners will take you over the levee in a golf cart and put you on a stand of your choice, cook your meals and clean your deer. Take a buck and a doe plus all the hogs you can shoot. You pick the dates anytime during the season except October 15-18. This bowhunt is valued @ \$1,500.

Contact Information:

Bucky Murphy

14 Montgomery Lane, Canton, MS 39046

(601) 955-8591

[bmurphy@crm-ms.com](mailto:bmurphy@crm-ms.com)

### **15. Illinois Xtreme Whitetails-(Pike, Adams and Brown counties in Illinois)**

Illinois Xtreme Whitetails has graciously donated a five (5) day rut hunt for us to auction off at our banquet. This hunt will take place during the first week of November 2009 (approx.). Illinois Xtreme Whitetails has over 6,000 acres located in Pike, Adams and Brown counties in the Golden Triangle region of West Central Illinois. They were the Host of last year's Versus Whitetail Challenge with hosts David Morris and Jeff Foxworthy. This outfitter has produced many pope and young whitetails in the last few years. Their web site is [www.illinoisxtreme.com](http://www.illinoisxtreme.com).

Contact Information:

Illinois Xtreme Whitetails

Located in Pike, Adams & Brown counties in Illinois, over 6,000 acres

Owner Carol Berry- 601-260-7329 or Nathan Caldwell-662-809-0224

[www.illinoisxtreme.com](http://www.illinoisxtreme.com)

## **16. BowhuntingWhitetails.com - (Illinois, Iowa & Ohio Trophy Hunts)**

BowhuntingWhitetails.com has graciously donated a five (5) day Semi-Guided rut hunt in West-Central Illinois and you can stay in their new 5-star, 6000 sq. ft hunting Lodge. This hunt will take place during the first week of November 2009 and includes low pressure hunting property, upscale lodging, meals and treestands. BowhuntingWhitetails.com has over 10,000 total acres located in Illinois, Iowa & Ohio. They were the Host of last year's Mossy Oak Productions film crew for the TV show Mossy Oak Obsessions Revealed. This outfitter produced several trophy whitetails over 160 inches last year and one Iowa Giant over 180 inches! This hunt location is transferrable to Ohio or Iowa (if you get drawn) and want to trade. The Illinois bowhunt is valued and advertised on [www.bowhuntingwhitetails.com](http://www.bowhuntingwhitetails.com) website for \$2200 and the Ohio and Iowa hunts are \$2000 for this year. Their web site is [www.bowhuntingwhitetails.com](http://www.bowhuntingwhitetails.com).

Contact Information:

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