

## LODGING IN GRENADA

### Americas Best Value Inn

1750 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-6666  
www.americasbestvalueinn.com

### Holiday Inn Express & Suites

1540 Sunset Drive  
662-229-9595  
www.hiexpress.com

### Budget Inn Express

1673 Sundown Rd.  
662-227-0169

### Jameson Inn

1575 Jameson Drive  
662-226-9897  
www.jamesoninns.com

### Comfort Inn

1552 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-1683  
www.comfortinn.com

### Knights Inn

1632 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-8888  
www.knightsinn.com

### Country Inn & Suites

255 SW Frontage Rd.  
662-227-8444  
www.countryinns.com

### Numbers 8 Motel

22295 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-8337

### Days Inn

1796 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-2851  
www.daysinn.com

### Quality/Grenada Inn

1622 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-226-5555  
www.qualityinn.com

### Econo Lodge

234 NW Frontage Rd.  
662-226-1111  
www.choicehotels.com

### Super 8 Motel

1451 Sunset Dr. Hwy 8  
662-294-3202  
www.super8.com

### Hampton Inn & Suites

1545 Jameson Drive  
662-294-0945  
hamptoninn1.hilton.com

## BANQUET TICKET DETAILS

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 per person for adults and \$15 each for children age 15 and under. Each admission includes a buffet meal. You are encouraged to purchase tickets at least two weeks in advance because seating is limited. All pre-banquet ticket purchases will be available for pick-up the night of the banquet at the sign-in/registration desk.

### Directions to Banquet

From Interstate 55:

Take Exit #206/GRENADA/GREENWOOD onto Sunset Drive (MS-333N) – Go 1.6 miles

Turn Right onto WOODED DRIVE – Go 0.6 miles

Turn Left onto W. MONROE STREET – Go 0.2 miles

Turn Right onto JK AVENT DRIVE – Go 0.3 miles

Arrive at Holmes CC – Follow signs to banquet.

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### MISSISSIPPI BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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# MISSISSIPPI BOWHUNTER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for the honor of serving as president of the Mississippi Bowhunters Association for the next two years. I assure you that we now have a fine group of officers, committees and representatives assembled to work tirelessly to protect the interests of the bowhunters of our state. I feel we are heading in the right direction.

I have been involved with the MBA for fourteen years now. During that time span, I have worked with several past presidents to implement various goals. Many were successful, but some were not. I have chosen as my top goal one that has been among the few failures, and that is increasing our membership. We have tried to entice new members with free hunts, raffles, gifts, etc., but still our numbers stay the same. I would love to see 2,000 members on the roster, but for now, it would be great to have 1,000 ACTIVE members.

What could we accomplish with active members? First, if half of the members would attend the annual fundraising banquet, we would raise \$17,500 at the door. Our regional 3D shoots and the two-day state shoot would have more participation, meaning more and better targets, and a better overall experience for all. More participants would mean more revenue for the host archery clubs, which would give them all a much needed boost. All I'm asking is that each of you mark your calendar as each of this year's scheduled events are announced, and make it a priority to attend. Your support is much needed and appreciated. Besides that, you will have a fantastic time. I realize we are all limited with our time and resources. However, I'm confident that if we all make a conscious effort to attend the banquet, and as many other events as possible, we all will begin to see our organization making a larger positive impact on bowhunting related issues in our state.

Our 2009 banquet is scheduled for March 7, 2009 in Grenada, Mississippi. Michael Waddell will be our featured speaker. What can you as an active member do to help make the banquet a success? Buy your tickets early. This helps with planning an accurate head-count so we don't over or under order from our caterer. It also assures that we don't waste money on food. You can commit to bring a friend that is not currently a member. The banquet is our most important event of the year, so please make every effort to attend.

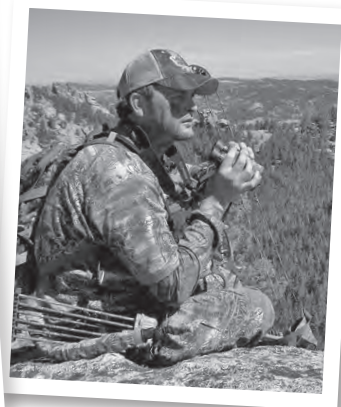
In our spring magazine, I would like to talk about our 3-D season and what you as active members can do to help. I hope you will be an active member and represent our MBA like it needs to be represented.

Thanks,  
Steve



## MICHAEL WADDELL

For the past fourteen years, Michael Waddell has been a key member of the Realtree Outdoor Productions staff. Michael joined Realtree in 1994 as a cameraman and producer for the popular "Monster Bucks" and "All Stars of Spring" videos. Michael spends much of his time hunting for the Realtree cameras and hosting "Realtree Road Trips". Michael is currently in the process of developing a new show on the Outdoor Channel called "Bone Collectors," created and produced by Surf & Turf Entertainment. Michael grew up hunting and fishing with his father. After graduating from high school, he started competing - and winning - turkey calling contests on a regular basis. Michael gained recognition as one of the nation's top callers, and in 1993 he won the Realtree Grand America Turkey Calling Contest in Perry, Georgia. His performance caught the attention of Bill Jordan and earned Michael a spot on the Realtree Advisory Staff. His big break came while guiding an outdoor writers' hunt in Pine Mountain, Georgia. After showing David Blanton of Realtree some footage that he and his brother-in-law shot while hunting deer and turkey, Michael was hired as a freelance cameraman. Currently Michael is hosting Realtree Roadtrips, a fast paced, reality-based hunting show that premiered in July 2003 on the Outdoor Channel. It has won a record-breaking seven Golden Moose awards over the last four years, three of which were the coveted fan favorite hunting show award in '05, '07 and '08. In 2007, Michael joined the Gander Mountain elite pro-staff and hosted Gander's "We Live Outdoors" Television show. He is also a part of Thompson Center's Pro Staff and appears on "Thompson Center's Game Trails" Television Show. Both shows can be seen on The Outdoor Channel. Michael's resume continued to expand in 2008 as he became the official celebrity spokesperson for The Outdoor Channel, was elected to serve as chair of the National Hunting and Fishing Outdoors Day and was named the official spokesperson for National Wildlife and Turkey Federation. Michael's down-home country boy image along with his humor and natural-born hunting ability has led him to be one of the most sought after hunting personalities in the hunting industry today. Michael loves to hunt and spend time with his wife Ashley and his three boys, Mason (8), Meyer (4) and the twins, Macoy (19 mo.) and daddy's little girl, Addie (19 mo.).



## EDITOR'S NOTES

I can't believe another deer season is winding down. We anxiously anticipate that first hunt each fall, and once it finally arrives, it seems that time shifts into high gear during the four months of open season. After deer season closes on January 31, we still have some outdoor opportunities, like pulling stands, scouting for next season, looking for sheds, small game hunting, and weekend get-aways with our family, just to name a few. Some of us look forward to the spring turkey season. But in reality, many of us begin looking forward to next fall the day after the season closes.



I have good news. On Saturday, March 7, 2009 the annual MBA banquet will be held at the Holmes Community College Forum building on the campus of the Grenada branch of Holmes CC. For those of you that have never attended an MBA banquet, you don't realize what you've been missing. This year will be no exception. What can you expect at the banquet?

If you haven't already heard our special guest and featured speaker will be none other than Michael Waddell. Michael is a well-known celebrity on outdoor TV, yet he's remained humble through all of his successes as a hunter and a TV personality. Come early and enjoy meeting and visiting with Michael.

During the day on Saturday, a 3D shoot is being planned. Details are not yet complete, but will be posted at [www.mississippibowhunters.com](http://www.mississippibowhunters.com) when finalized. The range is located on the North End of Grenada Lake. To get to the range, take Hwy. 8 off of Interstate 55, go East approximately 3 miles to the intersection of Scenic Loop 333 and Hwy 8. Lakeway Archery is located at the intersection. From there, follow Scenic Loop 333 to the lake, cross the dam to the North side of the lake, then follow the signs to the range.

Banquet festivities begin at 4:30 PM with the silent auction and social time. There will be many fine items available at the auction donated by the many friends of the MBA. The social time will be a great time to meet other bowhunters from across the state. A fine southern buffet dinner will begin at 5:30 PM. At 6:30 PM, Mr. Waddell will make his presentation. Finally, many guided hunts, bows, tree stands, and other interesting items will be auctioned. You won't believe the bargains available on quality hunts and merchandise.

A list of local hotels is provided in this newsletter for your convenience. I suggest you plan to bring your family and enjoy the whole weekend. But please don't wait until the last minute to buy your tickets. If you pre-purchase your tickets, you are guaranteed a seat. The best way to obtain tickets is online ([www.mississippibowhunters.com](http://www.mississippibowhunters.com)). Click on Spring 2009 Banquet at the top of the Home page, then click on Banquet Ticket purchase/order form. You can also reserve tickets by calling Joel Cunningham at 662-265-5958, or email [joelbc3@yahoo.com](mailto:joelbc3@yahoo.com).

I look forward to visiting with old friends and making new ones. I'll see you there.

Dwayne Ensign  
MBA magazine editor

## Spring 2009 Magazine

Don't forget to send your photos of successful bow hunts for print in the Spring magazine Trophy board. If you harvested it legally with a bow, it's a trophy and we want to see it. Also, if you have a story idea for a future publication, please submit them also. Please contact the editor to discuss.

Submit all material via email to [dwayneensign@eaton.com](mailto:dwayneensign@eaton.com). You may also submit via snail-mail to:

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