



PROFESSIONAL BOWHUNTERS SOCIETY  
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Part 1

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

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

Home Phone: Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been an Associate Member of P.B.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever previously applied for Regular Membership? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Office held in above, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

I have seriously hunted with a bow and arrow for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

What year did you purchase your first bowhunting license? \_\_\_\_\_ What State? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many states, provinces, and foreign countries have you bowhunted? What do you have planned for the next couple of years? \_\_\_\_\_

How many big game animals have you taken with a firearm in the last five years? If any, explain when do you put aside your bow and hunt with a gun and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 2

Approximately how many big game animals have you taken with a bow and arrow? Which one or two are the most meaningful to you and why? \_\_\_\_\_

List animals by species: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you substantiate these kills by photos, witnesses, tags, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_ Attach photos if available.

How many animals classified as small game have you taken while bowhunting? \_\_\_\_\_

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List animals by species: \_\_\_\_\_

List any animals taken on game preserves. (This total should not include game listed in two previous questions) \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3

The P.B.S. takes pride in its membership, possibly more so than any other organization in bowhunting history. We have been criticized at times of being discriminatory. Let it be stated here that it is by no means discrimination. We are simply selective in our membership. We are no more an 'elitist' organization than any sports team or profession that recognizes achievement, proficiency, and experience in a given field of expertise. In short, Qualified Regular Members of P.B.S are some of the best bowhunters on earth and should be proud of it!

In applying for Regular Membership, you too are seeking this level of achievement through acceptance and proof of your seriousness in this sport. Your application will be reviewed by the Executive Council of P.B.S. Keep in mind that your answers to the following questions are often the sole means by which the Executive Council can get to know you. We rely on these answers as a means of judging your qualifications and commitment. We firmly believe that everyone is not cut out to be a Regular Member of P.B.S., nor is everyone cut out to be a bowhunter. Just because you meet the minimum requirements does not necessarily mean you will be accepted into the ranks of Regular Membership.

If your application is rejected, please do not feel turned down. Knowledge comes through experience. Often all that is needed is a few more seasons under your belt to refine your skills. Feel free to re-apply at a future date.

Please answer the following questions on separate sheets of paper. Attach them to this form and return to the address provided below. Keeping in mind the reason for this application, we wish you good luck and good bowhunting.

1. Give a broad summary of your bowhunting and other hunting (rifle, pistol, shotgun, etc.) experience.
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or any type of game violation? If so, please explain in detail. No
3. Describe your favorite hunting bow(s) in detail.
4. Describe the bowhunting equipment you were hunting with ten years ago. Five years ago? How and when has your equipment changed over the past ten years and why did you make these changes?
5. Do you feel your equipment makes you a better bowhunter? Explain in detail.
6. Describe your hunting arrows in detail.
7. Describe how you practice so you will be an effective bowhunter?
8. How do you sharpen your broadheads and test them for sharpness?
9. Briefly explain your feelings about the use of crossbows during bow season?
10. Explain your personal concept of fair chase and how this affects your conduct while in the field.
11. What is your maximum 95% effective bowhunting range? \_\_\_\_\_ What methods do you use to practice in the off season? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Describe various methods you use when hunting big game.
13. What do you do to minimize the chance of wounding an animal?
14. Describe your methods to recover wounded game including specific examples.

15. Have you participated in a PBS Forum discussion on our website professionalbowhunters.org? In no, are you a registered on the site?
16. Have you ever mentored another bowhunter and if so, describe that experience?
17. Have you ever attended a PBS Group Hunt, Odd-Year Gathering, or Biennial Gathering?
18. Have you ever published an article in the PBS Magazine or sent in an item for a PBS Email Blast?
19. What prompted you to apply for QRM status at this time and what do you offer PBS as a Qualified Regular Member?
20. Are you in full accord with the Constitution and by-laws of P.B.S.?
21. What do you feel is the number one concern regarding the future of P.B.S.?
22. What is your number one concern regarding the future of bowhunting in general?
23. Tell us your personal feelings about the bowhunting lifestyle and what it takes to be a good bowhunter?
24. What have you done and are currently doing to promote and protect bowhunting?
25. Tell us about yourself, your family, and your lifestyle.
26. One of the most important responsibilities of a Qualified Regular Member is to vote in elections. Do you agree that QRMs not voting in two subsequent elections without a valid explanation could result in the suspension of that members voting privileges and they would have to be reinstated by a vote of Council?
27. If approved for Regular Membership, P.B.S. has my permission to publish my name in the Regular Member roster to be published in P.B.S. Magazine.  Yes  No
28. Please add any other comments that you feel Council might want to know while considering your application.

I am sponsored and endorsed by the following Regular P.B.S. Member:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

A letter from your sponsoring regular, outlining their relationship with you (as a hunting partner, club member); how long they have known you must be included with this application.

Please list four bowhunting friends as references:

Name	Phone	Email

I swear that I have personally answered all the questions of this application for Regular Membership to the Professional Bowhunters Society. All answers are true to the best of my knowledge. Bowhunting is my primary archery and hunting interest.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor)

I certify that I have examined this application and documents as completed by the applicant that I am satisfied by virtue of personal or first hand knowledge that the applicant named herein meets all the requirements for qualified Regular Membership in P.B.S. and hereby recommend him/her for such status.

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact P.B.S. home office for Regular Members in your area. Do not attach any fees until you have been advised that your application has been accepted.

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