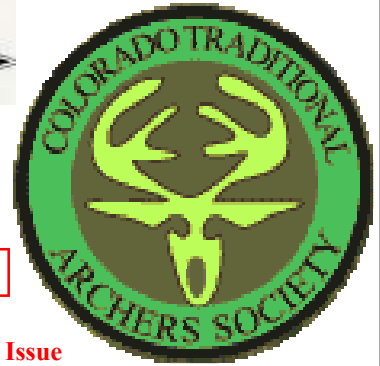




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Well it's about time to go afield again and I hope you guys and gals are all practiced up and ready for the challenge. If not, what the heck, just have fun. Having a good time is the most important thing to remember while hunting. I've had contact with many sheep hunters in the past for an example, and while talking to them I can tell that the pressure on them is huge and I often wonder when it's all over if they can look back to a great hunt regardless of whether they were able to take a sheep or not. I know that some of these hunters definitely did not have a good time just because of their mind-set. Try to have a good time out there and enjoy what everyone else in this country wished they had—the Rocky Mountains.



"Sage" @ 4 months old.-- keep your shoes on or your feet will get wet!!!!

Connie and I would like to apologize to everyone for not being able to spend more time helping out with the shoot.

I was able to get down to the vender area 3 times I think and only for an hour at a time at the most. I did get to wash pots and pans after the chili dinner for a while though. Connie was able to get down and shoot one round on Saturday evening and I did not get a chance to shoot a single arrow. The problem was the little guy pictured here. He is a new member of the Renfro family. Connie and I drove to Boise, Idaho in May to pick him up from Elk Run Kennels (look it up on line if you like). He is a Braque du Bourbonnais—a fairly unknown breed. He is a close cousin to a French pointer (Braque Francais). We have been working him on live birds and he is doing great. We weren't the only people with new pups at the shoot though, I think we met at least 3 other families with new pups. They were the cutest little things. After a 12 year sabbatical without a dog Connie and I took the plunge again. The one thing I have learned all over again in the last few months is whenever I walk past his dog dishes in my stocking feet they quickly feel like a walk in the rain. Got to love them little pups and slobbers....

I did get down there to see the last portion of Mike Hays and Scott Hargrove's shooting seminar. If everyone could shoot like those two guys we would lose the challenge in traditional archery that's for sure. Man can those guys shoot. I just happened to show up when Scott showed everyone what it was like to break an arrow on release at full draw and have the string smack his arm. He took it like a man but boy did it leave a mark and I'd bet it's still there today. Yeeeeoooouuuccchhhh!!!

Thanks to all that did pitch in and help out with the shoot. You are the people that make a difference. This year we tried out the blanket trading event and when I went down about a half an hour early to get things moving, I was pleasantly surprised to see a couple of guys already set up and ready to go. It was a smash hit and it may very well become the standard from now on. A great way to move your stuff. Kind of like an archery garage sale. I saw many things that were not archery related and until someone complains, I guess it's good to go. I talked to one of the venders and he said he was glad to see so many people gathering around the vender area. I'm sure that people ended up buying things after it was over with. We certainly don't want to cause a conflict with their business.

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Chairman's Column.....Dean Derby

Hello to you all. Is it just me or do you feel its way past time to head up to the high country with broadheads in our quivers? I know I'm looking forward to a very successful season. To me a successful season is one filled with memories and adventure. Both are totally up to me. See, I believe that the hunt is in the journey, not just in the score. My hunt is what I make of it and I choose success. I hope each and every one has the same good times and success.

With hunting season upon us I was glad for my early season warm up-HIGH COUNTRY. It was awesome! Great targets, food, vendors - if you missed this year's H/C you really missed out! Don't miss next year's blowout.

On behalf of the CTAS and personally I would like to thank all involved with making this year's one of the best: Mike and Betty Koenig spent the entire week before getting everything ready - even though they weren't in charge of the shoot this year!

Everyone who helped the weekend before and those who stayed up all week long.

Larry and his kitchen crew did an awesome job, as always.

There were many people who helped with the raffles, registration and the store.

Each of the vendors that were there donated to the raffle. We should all remember to support these vendors whenever we can as they have supported us.

To the Board of CTAS for all their hard work to make sure all the events of High Country come together.

Vic Girardi stores our trailers and makes sure they are on site for us every year.

My wife and daughter who had to put up with me all year. (As some of you know - it's a big job!) And every member who attended, making this one of the best High Country Shoots ever.

There were people from France, Germany and Italy at our shoot this year and many states were represented as well.

By the time you receive this newsletter, CTAS will have filed its application for the 501C-3. This has been a long process taking a lot of legal work. I thank Nathan Andersohn for all his hard work on this matter.

I hope everyone has success this hunting season. Shoot straight and be safe.—Dean



Dean with a beautiful 2011 black bear

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Felix Dazza from Italy won the award for traveling the longest distance to attend the shoot. I bet you were tired after that long of a drive Felix — haha!!!

We have some new board members and they are fired up and ready to pitch in with their sleeves rolled up for CTAS. This is what we like to see from people. Jump in and get after it at full tilt. You can read a letter that Brad Parkhill sent in for the newsletter on page 5 about some of the new ideas.

I recently received my Kansas outdoors magazine and read that new laws pertaining to crossbows had passed. It states that people over the age of 55 can use crossbows in archery season (wow, I wished they could do something like that for retirement). That's bad enough but the kicker part of the article states that kids can use them also. Now this is a new turn for me. The crossbow folks are now targeting the kids. Getting them used to it while young and what the heck in 20 years they may have a craving to use them again. The problem is that the law states only kids and folks over 55. The dilemma for these folks is that they are now bummed out because they are not kids anymore nor are they 55 yet. Hey I know, lets change the law where we can use them at any age in any season.—get my drift here?

I have lived here in unit S32 for about 45 years and have hunted, photographed, and just set and watched our bighorn sheep for most of this time. I have been noticing a change for the last few years. It seems to me that we have a large drop in population. Sheep are cyclic anyway so it may not be a big deal. I have often thought about how lonely it would be if they were gone. They are very entertaining. I have asked Janet George if she would be interested in talking to us a little bit during the banquet and share what she knows about the sheep around here. She said she would so stay tuned.

It has been just a little over a year since CTAS member Jeff Lampe passed away. For those of you that do not or did not know Jeff, yell at me during the banquet this next year and I will point him out to you on the CTAS photo loop.—Great guy and we still miss him. With that being said, this next banquet's guest speaker is Darren Haverstick. Darren has written stories for TBM on several occasions and most if not all are humorous in nature. I call him the "word man" because he is a very clever guy with his writing. We will have more info about Darren in the December issue.

I want to take a moment and tell you about these two photos at the top, except one of them is not a photo. One of them is a painting that was done for Connie and me a year or so ago by artist, Joe Todd and his wife Sharon, from Ohio. It looks even better in real life. It was given to us at the Missouri bowhunters banquet. I guess he does this quite often for them. Ironically when we picked up our pup in Boise, we stayed a night with Larry and Belinda Fischer from TBM and I commented on a painting that Joe did for him and his Canadian Moose he took a few years ago. It looked great.

The reason I am showing you this is to let you know that if you have that special hunting photograph that you might want to have a painting made from it, give Joe a call. Joe doesn't have a computer so the phone is about the only way you will be able to contact him. The painting is acrylic paint and walnut framed. I do not know what he and his wife Sharon charge to do these but I'm sure you will not be disappointed. Tell them I sent you. You can contact Joe/Sharon at 1-419-983-2709.

Good luck out there this fall.-----GARY/CONNIE



The Old Timer's Corner.....by Ted Grover

As you might remember I just returned from my month long trip to Alaska. That is too long to be gone away from home. The trip was fantastic and I was able to kill a black bear at 10 yards with my homemade long-bow. There was a guy named John, sitting with me in case I needed help. John had never seen anything killed with a longbow. After tracking and packing it out he was impressed. I used a snuffer 3 blade broadhead and the hole it cuts, you could put 3 fingers in it. I have been impressed ever since I started using them. The key seems to be getting the angle on the blade as you would a two blade. I made a sharpener that seems to do just that. This bear died from a flesh wound. Shooting from a tree stand, the arrow entered the back part of the shoulder and angled down into the bris-ket. It never entered the chest cavity. Had I not been elevated in a stand the arrow would have went level into the heart/lung area. Over the years have killed a half a dozen black bears on the ground, shooting level and never lost one of them. I can't say that about shooting from a tree stand.



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The unit we hunted is designated as a predation area which means the Alaska Fish and Game Department wants to harvest as many Black and Brown bears as possible. There is no closed season and a 3 Black Bear limit. It used to be a resident could only kill a Brown/Grizzly bear every four years and that has changed to one bear every year. Also, they have opened it up for trapping of Black Bears and are doing some aerial gunning. They are concerned with the moose population as the bears are preying on the moose calves.

**Ted with his Alaskan Black Bear—
Congrats again TED.** ➤➤➤

We didn't have any problems with bears at the cabin we stayed in. A loaded shotgun was at a convenient location just in case. We were in the bush a total of three weeks, with another week taking care of rounding up food and bait. You might think we were isolated but there was a lot of people coming and going by, either by air or boat. We were one and a half to two hours by boat from the landing. The boat was 22 feet long with an inboard motor and jet drive.

We did some fishing for king salmon. I caught two but neither was big enough to keep. Roger Stewart caught one about twenty five or thirty pounds and by the time we got to Spokane, where he lives the baggage handlers helped themselves to all but two frozen filets that we had vacuum packed. Roger filed a complaint and claim so we'll see what happens.

Now comes the 2012 hunting season here at home. When I got home I found out I drew everything I put in for (deer, antelope, elk, and bear). Needless to say, I will be busy doing a lot of hunting beginning August 15th.

I hope everyone got their tags that they wanted and good luck for a successful and safe hunting season.-----TED



Hello All,

I have recently joined the CTAS Board of directors and have been eager and busy assisting the board with projects and ideas. Maybe things are just going along like normal, as they have over the decades, and I was just not aware of it but to me there is a fresh sense of excitement.

It seems to me we have lots of momentum, energy and a ton of good stuff going on right now in the CTAS. Things like a 501-c designation for our organization, a new design and focus on the website and a grass roots membership drive.

The new website design will create a broader awareness of the CTAS outside of Colorado and out there in cyber space. It should be a great tool to drive more people to our website for information and events.

There are several new members that have joined and there are more to come. I have expectations of having several new people at the upcoming banquet and want to make sure we all make an effort to welcome them. Basically we need to acknowledge their presence at the banquet. Lets make them feel welcome and convince them to actually pay their annual dues when they come up for renewal.

I would like to see every member get on the band wagon and get inspired to invite their archery friends and neighbors to join us at the banquet as a guest this year. If necessary maybe even pay for their guests admission to the banquet.

I think we should capitalize on the energy that we are gaining and get our membership to be more aggressive in recruiting traditional archers into the CTAS. Inviting someone to our banquet is every bit as important as inviting someone to the shoot.

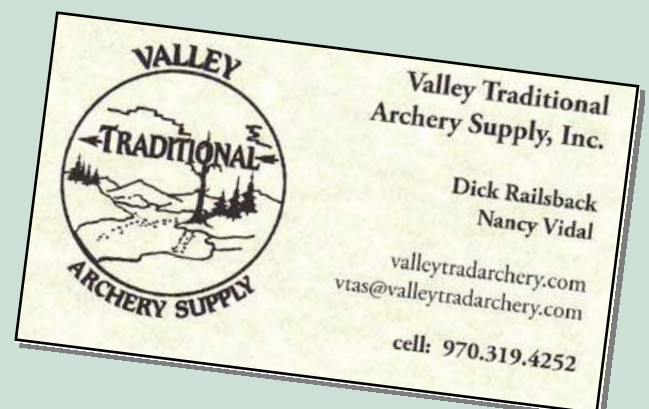
These new people will want to join (if they haven't already) when they see how much fun we have and what a great bunch of people that are involved. We certainly don't need to make them buy a membership to come have a meal with us and experience our club first hand. Then it will be up to all of us to make them feel welcome and come to the summer shoot and become members.

Maybe we can dangle a carrot to the membership that if you invite and bring a guest/non member to the banquet that you will receive a gift for your efforts. The additional money raised for the paid meal ticket, raffle ticket sales and auction items will more than pay for the promotion...

This newsletter is the perfect place to request that you get on board, right now, for the upcoming banquet. Lets get fired up and invite people, pay for your guests if necessary and bring good people to our CTAS banquet. Lets not let the energy wane and lets make the banquet as big a success as the annual shoot.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation,

With kind regards, Brad Parkhill



New CTAS Buckle is now available



Jim Hatelty from Ft. Collins has approached CTAS offering to build belt buckles for us with the CTAS logo on it. Jim became interested in traditional archery with some help/prodding from fellow CTAS members from northern Colorado several years ago. Jim was gracious enough to offer to build these buckles for us at a minimal charge (thanks Jim). These are heavy duty, long lasting buckles. There are currently 25 slots left on his first run of these buckles. It is important to note here that this first run of buckles will be numbered. So if you're interested in obtaining one of these numbered buckles as a collectors item, you might want to order yours soon. All of the following runs of buckles that he will be making, will not be numbered. Jim has agreed to build a smaller version for woman/guys that would like to have the same buckle but in a smaller version. This smaller version will not be available probably until the banquet or on into next summer.

If you're interested in ordering one of these first run, numbered buckles, contact Mark Kadnuck The cost of these numbered buckles is \$75. His e-mail address/contact information is on page 3 in the sidebar.

High Country Shoot Contest Winners



Pee wee boys
 1st Mason Allen
 2nd Marley Tameler
 3rd Cody Dade



Pee wee girls—Sydney Silzell
 (a little camera shy, but that will probably change)



Cubs—
 1st Andy Kracht
 2nd Zach Hamilton
 3rd Joe Williams



Cubs –girls, Sarah Kracht



Youth—1st Dillion Silzell,
 2nd Nathan Williams
 3rd Nathan Rogers



Youth—girls —1st Greta Van Calchar
 2nd Sophia Gamba
 3rd Eve Roberts



Young adult
 1st Isaac Evans
 2nd Sanders MacGregor
 3rd Travis MacGregor



Young adult Girls—
 1st Grace Gamba
 2nd Dakota Ahlstrom



3 Arrow
 Mike Gunderson
 Not pictured Kim Young
 (women)



Iron Man Kenny Canterbury
 Not pictured is Heidi Nelson (women)



Fred Bear Round
 Phillip Day
 Marie Langness

High Country Shoot Snap Shots

Photos compliments of Mike and Betty Koenig



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