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Hello CTAS, I would like to start out by introducing myself, David Hoff, as the new editor of Sticks and Strings. Although this publication has passed through different hands over the years, I would like to thank most recently Jim Shanks for his volunteer work editing and publishing the last several newsletters.

For many of you, my name may sound unfamiliar as I have recently joined the CTAS board this past spring. The community that we enjoy as traditional archers is infectious. I felt the need to find my place within the community and spread our traditions to those young and old, new and seasoned. Admittedly, I have only shot and hunted traditional for three seasons, which many is the blink of an eye. In that short period of time, however, I have found the passion to enjoy the journey and learn from those before me, gauging my success by the time spent in the woods. Throughout



my entrance into the community I have seen first hand the unprecedented kindness and knowledge this group of archers embraces. That said, I will attempt to step in the shoes of those before me and work to bring you the most recent news and stories of our traditional society in Colorado. Let's share with the rest of the hunting and outdoor community who we are and what is possible with a TRUE stick and string.

Upcoming Events to note — I must mention, this February will be our annual banquet. I encourage everyone to come out and not only attend but participate in the event. It is a great time of year for everyone to share a few stories from the fall season and raise some money to keep our organization alive and well. Details and registration forms are on page 4.

Additional information for the annual High Country Shoot will be published next newsletter, but save the date for June 22-25, 2017!

Good Luck and Shoot Straight - David Hoff, Stick and String Editor

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Chairman's Column

Hello my bow bending friends. Hope your hunting season has become one to remember. Mine was, but not the way I would have dreamed it. I'm getting my shoulder back to hunting bow strength but it's a painful slow process when season is fast approaching and the darn thing isn't up to the challenge. The physical pain is fairly easy to deal with compared to mental anguish of missing something that has always been a staple activity in my life. To say I have been a bit of a bear to live with (poor Karen) is an understatement. It wasn't until our grandson came and stayed for a while that I started to realize that even though I wasn't able to do my dearly beloved hunt right then, life was still just as precious. He and I went fishing and he practiced his bow while I coached, we built stuff and played ball. We did granddad and grandson things, important things.

This story is important too because sometimes we get way too caught up in ourselves and struggle to see what's right in front of us. Luckily I learned this lesson many years ago but obviously need a refresher course. Thank you little guy.

I hope all of you make the rabbit hunt and you absolutely have to make plans for the Banquet. I believe Sadie Jo is cooking up an awesome weekend. DON'T MISS IT.

Last but not least I want to thank all of the members, especially the Board Members that I have had the honor and privilege to work with as your Chairman. If not for all of you there would be no CTAS. Thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. This year is the last year that I'll be your chairman. You will elect a new one in February. So you folks be nice to him/her and don't scare or tease them more than what's justified. They will not be as slow minded as your previous Chairman and might easily be frightened by all the "What the hell do we do now questions." I jest as this is a tremendous organization with unbelievable members. Things will be just fine. I'm not going anywhere. I'll still be in the trenches, as a lot of you will, making sure things get done.

Everyone take care and be safe and thanks again for all your support.

Dean

Growing our Roots—Youth Hunt 2016

Sometimes you get the opportunity to take part in something really amazing. This year's CTAS Youth Hunt exemplified such an event. I know – I say that every year, but I believe this is truly one of the best experiences for everyone involved.

Our hunters came from all over the state this year. Kevin and Kathryn Walsh came with their amazing family from Denver. Zach Hamilton and his dad, Scott, came from Delta. Flint Oulton traveled from Gunnison. Finn McComb and his dad, Trent, drove up from Grand Junction. Lane Carlson and his dad, Kevin, came over from Rangely.

The hunt took place, once again, at Mike Lawson's beautiful ranch on Glade Park, just west of The Colorado National Monument. The weather was perfect and the game was plentiful with deer, elk, and coyotes frequenting the property. All of the hunters had close encounters and Lane was able to harvest a beautiful doe. He and his family will be eating well this year!

Hunter recruitment is a difficult subject as of late, let alone for our method of traditional archery. It is without doubt that if we do not engage our youth in positive hunting experiences that our passion will dwindle with the years. Opportunities such as this hunt are critical to the survival of our tradition. This hunt couldn't take place without the help of the volunteers, parents, and mentors. The kids and I appreciate the dedication and participation of this organization, members and all. A special thanks to Steve and Simonne Shuey, Mark Kadnuck, Phil Belcher, Denny Behrens and Dean Derby for their contributions to such an amazing experience for our youth.

If you know of a youth who would be interested in going on the hunt next year, or would like to help out, please let me know. Until then, happy hunting!

- Karen Derby



Lane Carlson on the CTAS Youth Hunt



The Crew!

2017 Rabbit Hunt



Came you feel it? The anticipation creeping up? The snow is coming which means the rabbit hunt will be soon!!

Mark your calendars for January 21 and 22, 2017 to come enjoy a fun filled, snow trekking, arrow flinging, chili eating, camp fire sitting, story telling weekend!

This exciting weekend starts at 6am at the Main Street Coffee house in Rangely, CO. It is located at 124 w Main Street. This will give us time to grab a bite to eat while all the archers arrive! We leave from there to the rabbit fields where a nice homemade chili lunch will be served with a warm camp fire! Later that night, we will meet at 6:30 pm at the Giovanni's restaurant located at 855 E Main where the stories will flow free and the traveling trophy will be awarded. Wonder which archer will get it for 2017???

If a hotel is needed, the Budget Host is right across the street from the coffee house and their phone number is 970-675-8461. The other hotel in town is the Blue Mountain Inn at 970-676-8888. Please join us!

Call **Bobbie Fiscus at 970-629-0039** or **Daniel Fiscus at 970-629-3946** with questions!

2017 Banquet

Come out and join the CTAS organization for our yearly banquet gathering to share tall tales, view each others successes of the year, and enjoy the comradery that has fueled this community for decades.

We will have live and silent auctions, a guest speaker (TBA), trophy display, photo contests, and more. A delectable dinner will be provided with your admission and beverages will be available for purchase.

We encourage everyone to participate in the trophy display, photo contest, arrow building contest, and bow building contest. The more participation in these contests, the more engaging and exciting the event will be!



CTAS Annual Banquet February 4, 2017

Held at the Holiday Inn: 7390 W Hampden Ave. Lakewood, CO 80227 (285/Hampden and Wadsworth)

If you would like to make a reservation, call 303-980-9200. \$79.00 Room Rate (Mention CTAS)

Also join us Friday the 3rd for social hour starting at 4pm - ???

PLEASE RETURN PRIOR TO JANUARY 21ST 2017

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

_____ Prime Rib Dinner - \$35.00

_____ Chicken Parmesan Dinner - \$35.00

_____ Grilled Halibut Dinner - \$35.00

_____ Kid meal, Chicken fingers with fries - \$10.00

Email or Telephone for Confirmation of Your Payment: _____

Cocktails start at 4pm

Dinner starts at 5:30pm

You can receive your tickets early by checking in with Sadie Jo Accashian on Friday evening

Make checks payable to CTAS and send to:

Sadie Jo Accashian

Pine Valley Rd.

Pine, CO 80470

Success Photos



Scott Hargrove's High Country Buck



Scott Hargrove's Pronghorn



David Hoff's Colorado Cow



Zach Gulliksen's, age 12, First Harvest



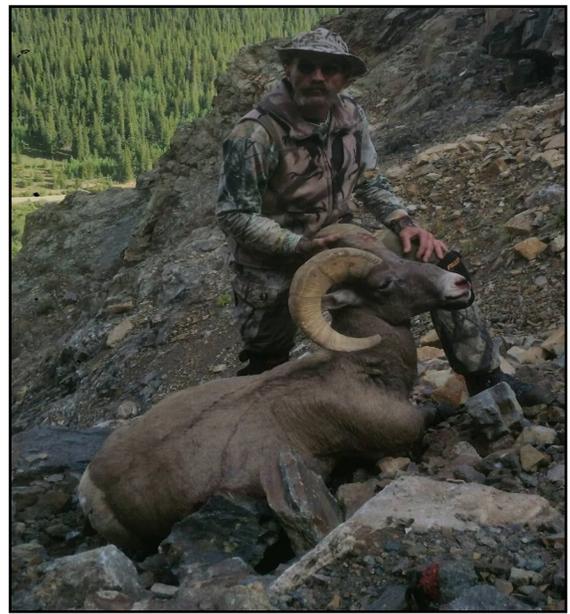
Eric Sawyer's Colorado Antelope



Eric Sawyer's Colorado Bear



Zach Larsen's Buck, Taken with Juniper Selfbow



Tim Lawrence's 2016 Ram



Hannah Hoff's KS Whitetail



Steve Shuey's 2016 Buck



Tom Clum's Wyoming Bull



Tim Johnson's NE Whitetail

CTAS Membership Form: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ Individual \$35/yr ___ Family \$35/yr
 (Family members must reside in the same home and/or Children 18 years of age and under)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City _____
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(By providing your email address you are authorizing us to send you CTAS related emails even if you receive your newsletter by mail instead of email)

Do you want to receive your newsletter via email? Yes ___ No ___

Additional Family Members:

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