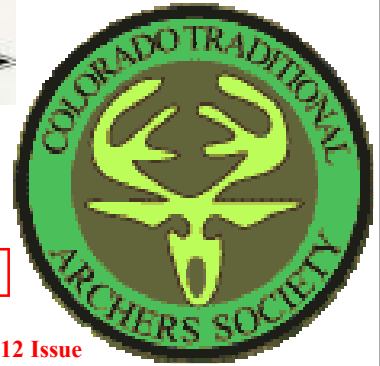




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Hello everyone, hope your time in the field went well this fall. This newsletter is a bit late but it's here now so not to worry. It's banquet time again and all of the information to attend is in this newsletter. Our guest speaker this year is Darren Haverstick from Missouri. You can read more about him and the show on page 8.

The photo to the right is our new pup, Sage. If you remember from the last newsletter we posted a photo of him at 4 months of age. We have been working him with a remote controlled bird launcher and live pigeons. He is a natural on the birds and we are enjoying him very much. We have yet to go on a real hunt but there is still time. We are a little Leary because we haven't worked him much with the noise of a gun. A gun shy dog is tough to work with so the next step will be slow.



"Sage" @ 8 1/2 months old.-- still getting wet feet when we walk around his food/water bowl though!!!

This year CTAS combined the youth hunt with new program called "Ladies on the hunt" set up by the Mule deer foundation. They have been a huge help with the youth hunt all along, Just for your information, the youth hunt (either sex) age bracket ends at age 17. The "Ladies in the hunt" starts at age 18 and above. CTAS will be raising money for not only the youth hunt but also the ladies hunt. You can read more about it throughout the newsletter.

CTAS will again co-sponsor a shoot in May on the East slope at the American Bowmans club range. Look for more info in the next newsletter.

The Web page will be taken over by Dirk Dieterich and Todd Brickel. So any info/photos or input of any kind should go to them. Dirk's contact info is on page 3.

The High Country Shoot is tentatively scheduled for June 21-23. We will just have to wait until the March newsletter for conformation. We are looking for someone to be the leader this year. Are you ready to give back to this organization? If so this is a great place to start. Contact Dean Derby and tell him you are interested. You will have an army of help so don't think you will be stuck holding the bag. The shoot the size we put on takes a lot of people and every year members from all across the state pitch in and make it happen. If the shoot is not your forte than perhaps you can take over the Shoot pre-registration spot from Steve Shuey. Steve has moved over to the Treasurer's position so we are looking for someone to take his place. Steve will guide you through the process. You will gather all the membership info that comes in from the shoot registration. You will need to make a list of paid shooters, compile names and pas it on to Scott and Kristi Hargrove (membership chairperson's) etc.. How about it?

At the banquet we will have the normal contests. Arrow building, bow building, along with 3 different photo contests—Bowhunter scene, wildlife scene and Scenic. Don't forget to enter your Crazy Hunt of the year story if you have one. These have been pretty fun for the last year or two so send your entry to us (our contact info on pg. 3).

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Chairman's Column.....Dean Derby

Hello everyone, hope all of you had a safe and successful hunting season. I know I did. By safe I mean I didn't kill myself or injure others and by successful I mean I had enough room on my credit cards to pay for all the stuff I broke. I know it's a small battle but you have to take big fun where you can get it. Actually many memories were made this year as it always has in the past. Hunting as well as life is what you make it. I had a great time this year even though some of the hunts didn't turn out like expected. But I noticed some of the hunters around me could not or would not see the adventure that was all around them.

We talk a lot about getting it shape physically for a hunt, but our attitude is equally as important. A non-hunting and young hunting world is watching and what we say and do reflects on all of us. Next time you or someone around you takes the avenue most traveled, try to keep yourself and them in touch with why we hunt.

I say this because I had the privilege of helping with our youth hunts again this year. By the way, THANK all of you who were there both staff and hunters. It was a huge success., Many opportunities became available and the harvests of two deer to show for it. These young hunters are like sponges and what we show them, is what they think is acceptable. This philosophy has no weapon preference and applies to all hunting methods. It's about the experience and the journey. Have fun, enjoy the moment and tell others to do the same.

While we are on the subject of CTAS hunts, your organization helped with a new program started this year called Ladies on the Hunt. This was a deer hunt in unit 62 South of Grand Junction. Like our youth hunt we partnered up with the Mule Deer Association. Both traditional and compound shooting ladies were on this hunt. At first we weren't sure that the mix would work, but it was great. Most of the compound ladies wanted to try a traditional bow. Will they switch, I don't know, but at least they know there is another way to "bow hunt". Thank you Denny Behrens for putting that all together.

It's time to start thinking about the banquet. You have to make plans to attend. I can promise you a good time will be had Thanks to Larry Alma and his crew. If you have been to one you know what I'm talking about. We will need fundraising items and I hope all of you can help out. Your CTAS needs help in other ways like a shoot chair next year and there are some Board positions that are coming up. So get involved. Be one of the people that help traditional archery stay alive. If you would like to be active in the club let me or any Board member know.

Before I sign off, I want to personally THANK all our donors. Without you the shoot, youth hunt, the banquet, the ladies hunt. None of these programs would be possible.

Last and anything but least is our vendors. These folks have supported us with time and donations. Next time at shoot or at our banquet walk up to them and tell them how much they are appreciated and when you're looking into all the stuff that makes us archers remember who supports us. **See you all at the banquet.....Dean**



L to R-Anne Silva, Ciera Clyncke, JaCee Apple, Ann Lawrence, Kelly Madrid --- "Ladies on the Hunt"

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A couple of other things about the banquet. Let Phil Belchar (left column) know if you have something that you would like to donate for our raffles. It doesn't have to be archery related so think a minute about what you may have and bring it to the event for the fund raiser. CTAS does a large portion of its yearly fund raising at the banquet so any help is appreciated. Also, Janet George will be attending the banquet to talk about population trends for the sheep in unit S-32. Todd Hill will explain about how to reface your old bows and Mike Moore will show his flint knapping skills to everyone and Connie will put on a fletch splicing seminar for those that have missed it in the past. Bring your antlers/horns if you would like them measured. Ron Rockwell, Scott Hargrove, Marv, and Barry will do this duty. This will all happen between 1:00 and 3:30 on Saturday. Also, of great importance to our vendors. Larry Alma has asked you to contact him if you would be interested in setting up a small table to sell your wares. It is at no cost to you. So get a hold of Larry if you think this is something you would like to do.

The Board meeting will take place on Saturday morning from 8:00am-11:30 am, We will need a couple new people to become board members, so please attend and make yourself known. We are always looking for new people to help guide this organization.

As you may remember, CTAS has filed for a 501-c designation with the IRS. The lawyers have submitted paper work and things are still in the works but we should know within the next couple of months whether or not we will become a non profit organization. If and when this goes through, donors will be able to better write off their contributions to CTAS. Stay tuned.

This year the board has made a couple banquet dinner tickets available for a non-member couple that has taken his/her first animal with traditional equipment. In the future, if you know of someone that qualifies for free tickets, yell at Dean and we will get them set up. If more than one entry is submitted, we will draw names.

We lost a long time CTAS member, Jim Hammer from Kremmling. He was a great guy and a fantastic shot. He was always a winner or runner up for trophies back when we were awarding trophies to those that could/or would compete. We will all miss you Jim.....

I couldn't get close to a deer this fall while hunting in Kansas. Connie took a huge doe and she is very proud to be the only bowhunter in the family that filled the freezer. Yep she has a fat head now! I did however take my first coyote with my selfbow and a stone point. That in itself made my season a success (especially since Connie was successful). I would also like to say congratulations to our son Dereck. He took his first deer with a stone point this fall. He did it while hunting off the ground. He had complete penetration with it. He was floating high in the clouds that day. He said that 4 doe were walking past his ground blind (self made from natural material) and he took one of the smaller doe out of the bunch. When I asked him why he shot the small one, he said, "because she was the closest" HA!!!— Good answer.

See ya at the Banquet everyone.....**GARY/CONNIE**

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

As the 2012 hunting seasons here in Colorado wind down my mind flashes forward and application time for 2013 will be here before we know it. Where does the time go? I hope everyone had an enjoyable archery season. The weather was to nice for hunting but beautiful for being outdoors. The schedule for hunting seasons put us in the early slot this year and I heard a lot of complaints about it being to hot, to early, and ending early. Years ago I complained to the Colorado division of Wildlife to have the archery elk season run September 1st through the 30th. The feed back I got was they didn't want the season to start in the middle of the week because it wasn't fair to the working person who could only go on the weekends. That's kind of hypocritical knowing the Archery antelope and Bear seasons start and end by "dates" and not by weekends.

Anyway I look at it, I still get to hunt quite a few days compared to the weekend hunter. The last week in September has always been prime time for elk in the rut for me. This year we didn't have the pleasure though. I think next year it's going to be better.

Recently I have been contemplating advancing my membership in Pope and Young from "Associate" to "Regular Member" status. One issue of the "Pope and Young" magazine had an article titled "Pages From The Past". On June 5th 1963, the pope and young club was formally incorporated with a limit of 100 regular members. Associate members were on the seniority basis and moved up to regular membership when they qualified by taking 3 big game species and one of which had to qualify for the record book. At that time there were 83 members and 37 of them were regular members. Just to show how much it has grown, as of summer of 2011 there are 6834 associate members, 171 regular members and 434 senior members. As far as big game entries are concerned, in 1965 there were 409 entries into the records that were being kept (Note: no record book was available at that time) Today there are 88,985 total entries and during the 27th recording period there were 8,717 new entries. I'm not a mathematician but the growth rate has to be phenomenal.

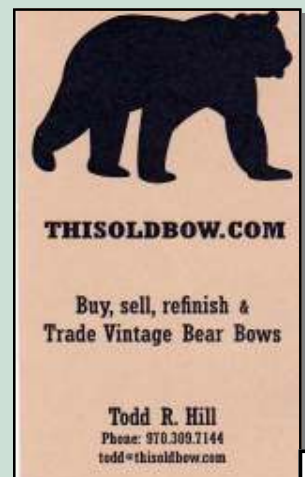
My point on the statistics, is when I was young and starting to bowhunt, I thought it was a real big deal to become a regular member in the brotherhood (as Fred Bear called it) of bowhunters.

Now I'm happy contributing to all the sportsman groups I can because being a number in such a big organization is just what it is—A NUMBER!. I'll be happy knowing I could have been a senior member had I chose to pursue it. CTAS and the camaraderie with the people I'm around and seeing the dedication to this organization, more than makes up for what I might leave on the table.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet and I did miss the High Country Shoot in more ways than one!!!—TED



Ted with his Colorado 2012 Antelope. Congrats again TED.



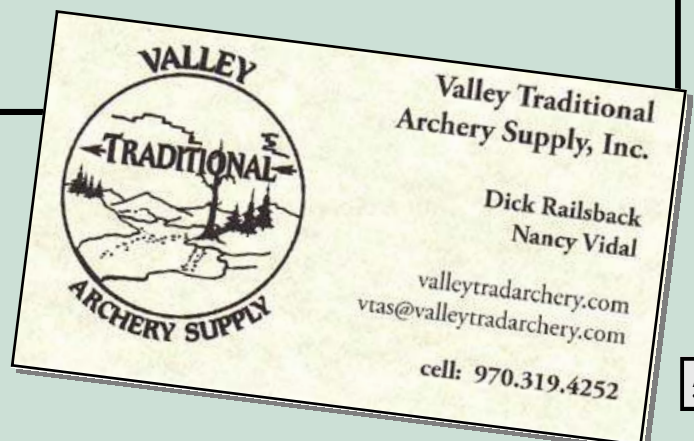
New CTAS Buckle is now available



Jim Hatley from Ft. Collins has picked up the CTAS buckle order. He has shipped the buckles that were ordered at the High Country Shoot. These were the first 50 numbered series. #1 will be auctioned off at the Banquet and #2 through #29 and #45 have sold. So buckles from #30 through #44 and #46 through #50 are still available for folks that want one. Jim also had the casting company make 50 of the smaller "dress buckles" and they will be available at the Banquet.

If you are interested in owning one of these numbered buckles, Contact Mark Kadnuck. The cost of these numbered buckles is \$75. Mark's e-mail address/contact information is on page 3 in the sidebar, or see him at the banquet.

If you get a chance to see Jim at the banquet, tell him thanks for all of his hard work. He is only charging CTAS for the "cost" of making them. Jim has been a traditional shooter forever as he says. Thanks Jim we appreciate it very much.



2012 CMDA Youth Archery Hunt

The 2012 Youth Archery Hunts had great news and bad news, the bad news first. Thirteen youth ages ranging from 12 to 16 were drawn for two different hunts, six traditionalist and seven compound shooters. The hunts were scheduled for the 27th thru the 30th of September. Again these hunts were sponsored by the Colorado Traditional Archers Society and the Colorado Mule deer Association. Mike Lawson, of Trophy Outfitters again, generously hosted the traditional hunt, while Reed and Ryan Koenke of the 96 Ranch offered to host the compound hunters.

Plans were made, insurance was procured. Mentors were lined up for both hunts and food was being purchased, but the weekend before the hunt we lost 7 of the young hunters due to school conflicts, football, track, Lacrosse and band. So plans had to be changed and we held only one hunt on the Lawson Ranch. This was going to be a combination of traditionalist and compound hunters. The weather was perfect, fall colors and cool mornings and deer were in abundance. As the hunters and parents arrived in camp on Thursday evening they were greeted by their Mentors and a traditional campsite of wall tents. It was exciting to see these young hunters mess around together and encourage one another while they practiced shooting 3-D Targets. Friday morning's hunt had some shots but no kills. But the young hunters took heart in the excitement of seeing deer, turkeys and elk. Friday's noon meal is always a time of presentations and a talk by the local wildlife officer, Ty Smith. This is part of our educational program of the hunt. Friday night produce more shots but still no kills. The intensity was building and you could see it eyes of each hunter. Saturday morning one hunter scored on his first deer. That really got the camp fired up. Saturday night, more shots and one more kill. That night at dinner the young hunters were on cloud nine. After dinner, Frank Adams gave an enlightening presentation on the history of the bow, Ishi's journey, and the path to modern bowhunting. This is really a highlight of the hunt. Sunday morning had more close encounters and more missed shots. The hunt was a huge success and from the smiles on all the young hunters faces, they read, "Today I am a Bowhunter".

All the hunters had opportunities. But as this old Bowhunter knows, "Sometimes you sin, (you miss the mark)". From the Turkeys passing by the blinds at 5 yards, to the Elk bugling all night long, and onto the handshakes and hugs of goodbye, it was one memorable hunt. Mike Lawson has invited us back again next year. If you're an experienced Bowhunter, and you want to help pass on our hunting heritage, come join us as a mentor. You can contact us at coloradomuley@optimum.net. Or Dean Derby at deanderby@bresnan.net. We want to thank the Colorado Parks & Wildlife and Ty Smith for procuring the licenses and joining us on the hunt. Also for speaking to the young hunters about the importance of wildlife management. It's a great partnership that fosters our Hunting Heritage.

Denny C. Behrens



L to R-Bradden Chadd, Konnor Doaney, Brianna Miller Dalton Giraedi, Mitch Foust, Garrod Fisqus.



Denny Behrens, Dalton Giraedi and Frank Adams. Denny and Frank are trying to pick up a few pointers from Dalton. Congrats to you Dalton.

"Ladies on the Hunt"

It was still plenty dark when the two Bowhunters climbed into the back seat. Colton Husky, one of our mentors, jumped in the front. We headed down the mountain to the hay fields and pastures west of Montrose. I have been mentoring archery hunts for fourteen years, but this one was different. They were Lady first timers. And they were pumped and ready to hunt.

A year ago, Kathleen Tadvick, Hunter Outreach Coordinator for the Northwest region of the Colorado Parks & Wildlife, asked the Colorado Mule Deer Association if we would be interested in hosting a ladies hunt. With the participation by women in our Mule Deer 101 classes it was an easy decision to make. We had sign up sheets at both of our Mule Deer 101 classes, The CTAS High Country Shoot, Cabela's and at Sportsmen's Warehouse. Nine Ladies signed up and we drew six names. You never heard so much enthusiasm on the phone.

At the CMDA Banquet in August, we announced to the members that we were going to Co-host with CTAS, a Ladies First Timers Archery Deer Hunt. Ray David, Southwest Regional for the Colorado Outfitters Association was present and said that he wanted to help host the hunt. So Camp David Outfitting of Montrose was the third partner. This was going to be an ideal setup for the Ladies. Sleeping in cabins with soft beds, indoor plumbing, hot showers and hunting on private property.

The two weeks before the hunt, my e-mails from the Gals were screaming with anticipation. This was going to be a combination of traditional and compound hunters. The week before the hunt, Dean Derby, CMDA Chairman Opie Johnson and myself headed to Montrose to hookup with Ray David to get the lay of the land. There was going to be a lot of spot and stalk style hunting.

After arriving in camp on Thursday, dinner and a mentor orientation, the ladies settled down to sleep in the warm cabins. And so the hunt began. As we drove down the mountain Friday morning the anticipation was mounting. Daybreak found our two hunters over looking cornfields and hayfields. By noon, two other ladies had shots and they were all seeing a lot of deer. Ciera Clyncke's mentor was Dean Derby. Now Dean is one hell-of-a-guide, but after seven bucks at 10- 15 yards, one, pushing the 180 class, she was getting a little concerned because this was doe hunt, COME ON MAN! All the Ladies were seeing some nice bucks. By the end of the first day, three of the Ladies had taken shots.

At the evening's dinner, it was all about all the missed shots and how to stop this from happening. The Ladies were excited and ready for the next morning's hunt. The air was a bit cooler on Saturday and the deer were moving around all of the hunters. Ann Lawrence and I set up in a patch of Russian Olives. We watched deer move into the pastures and bed down. One doe stood for a long time next to a single Olive tree before she finally bedded at 350Yards. The grass was almost 2 feet high. I told Ann that we needed to belly crawl in order to get a shot. She told me that she was going to have knee surgery in November but she was game to give it a try. At 45 yards we slowed the pace way down. There was a small bush 15 yards in front of us. That would be the place Ann would draw and I would bleat like a fawn and get the doe to stand. But at that moment the wind blew up our backs and the doe was up and gone. Ann said she thought she could make that shot. I was watching closely when she shot but no arrow hit the deer and off she went. Ann said the arrow flew wide left. As we started back across the field Ann noticed that the nock was still on the string. That would account for the arrow's poor flight. Opie Johnson, CMDA Chairman, was working his way toward us and waved at us to join him. He had spotted two does just over a dike some 225 yards off. Locating them with our binos, Ann and I planned another belly crawl stalk. Her knee was bothering her some, but she was on for the stalk. We could just see the ears of one doe, which made me think she was standing some distance beyond the dike. At 60 yards I told Ann she would need to make the last 30 yards on her own. She needed to crawl to our left and get two large rocks between her and the deer. I watch her crawl as if she had done this before. When she reached the rocks, I could see her take a very deep breath. After about 30 seconds she drew and rose up. I heard the arrow hit the deer. I was up and running to see where the doe was headed. I could see the doe running out about 60 yards, stumble and fall. We both stood staring at the spot she dropped. "Way to go Ann", she made a perfect heart shot. I said a prayer, it was a prayer of thanksgiving. What a blessing. It didn't take long for some of the other members of the hunting party to gather around. It was time for pictures and to retell the hunt.

All the other Ladies had numerous shots, though no other deer were taken. But, by all accounts, for our first Ladies Hunt, it was a huge success. I have never guided a group of hunters with so much drive and encouragement for each other. All the mentors said, "the Ladies listen to what you asked them to do and they did it." There were no egos on this hunt, just great Lady Hunters. We want to say a special thanks to Ray and Beth David for their hospitality.

We look forward to next year's "Ladies On the Hunt"

Any Ladies out there that would want to sign up for the "Ladies On The Hunt" Drawing, can contact us at coloradomuleuley@optimum.net or Contact Dean Derby @ deanderby@bresnan.net ---Denny C. Behrens



L to R-Anne Silva, Ciera Clyncke, JaCee Apple, Ann Lawrence, Kelly Madrid



Darren Haverstick

Join CTAS for their annual banquet along with guest speaker Darren Haverstick Saturday February 16th 2013.

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No, boys and girls, the circus is not coming to town! However, you may disagree after you've spent the evening with Darren Haverstick as he shares his unique blend of homespun humor and Ozarks wisdom. A native son of south-central Missouri, Darren learned his ABC's at the age of twenty-seven and has went on to become a renowned writer for such publications as "Good Outhousekeeping", "Traditional Bowhunter" and the monthly catalog for Ed's Bait Shop and Muffler Supply. Please join him at the CTAS Banquet as he addresses the crowd about a serious affliction sweeping the hunting community known as "Hunting Gear Syndrome".

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Pheasant Hunt at the Valhalla-Bayou Hunt Club located in Bennett, CO February 15, 2013

CTAS will again sponsor a pheasant hunt this year prior to the banquet. There will be time slots to fill the first one starting in the morning and the second in the afternoon. Each time slot is filled with a group of 10 hunters maximum so contact Marv Clyncke to reserve your slot. No license required.

\$65.00 per hunter and a customary \$10.00 tip for the dog handler.

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