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It's the beginning of summer again and time to get ready for the High Country Shoot. You will find your **pre-registration on page 11**, so do not delay, get it filled out and get ready for the season by attending the biggest gathering of traditional archers in the state. You will save money by pre-registering.

We have several things to talk about here so I'm going to get right after it. We'll start with something CTAS has been working on for a couple of years now.

Read on page 8, a letter from our President, Dean Derby. It is a letter to the membership asking you to vote on an issue that is critical to us becoming a 501 (C)(3) Non-Profit organization. To break it down in layman terms, we need to amend one of our bylaws that will allow the CTAS board of directors to amend any additional bylaws as necessary to work through future IRS hoops. This will move CTAS forward to attaining the Non-Profit status much faster.

For the folks that receive this newsletter **online**, you need only send a reply to us (Gary/Connie) with a yes vote or a no vote. No personal information will be stored, but the votes will be compiled by our secretary (Mike Koenig) for IRS records.

The folks that have requested a **hard copy** of this newsletter can fill out the form below Deans letter (page 8) and mail it to the address on the bottom of the form.

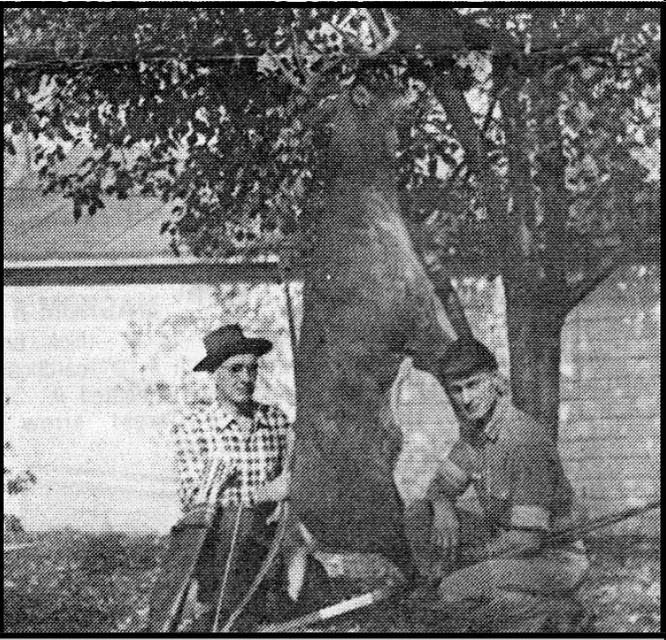
If the membership passes the amendment, the Board will then meet to amend any other amendments as suggested by CTAS'S lawyers in order to submit paperwork for the Non-profit status to the IRS. All of this stuff is going to take lots of time to accomplish and this is why we are pushing forward to get things done. All members can go to CTAS'S website www.colotradarchers.com and read the Lawyers additional recommended bylaw changes (3-4 pages) these are changes the board will need to work on later, but first we need to pass the amendment located on page 8 that will allow us to do so.

Here is the deal, by giving the board the power to amend bylaws as needed, the board will be taking care of any issues that the IRS requires. Otherwise each and every time the IRS finds something they don't like, we will have to go back to the membership asking for a new vote on a new subject. If this is the case, we may have to do this a couple of dozen times before we make them happy. Give Dean a call if you have more questions on the matter but please vote one way or the other.

Now lets talk about the High Country Shoot a little more. For the first time ever CTAS will be trying out a new event for the members at the shoot called "**Blanket Trading**". Connie and I saw this for the first time a few years ago while attending the Compton get-together. What it is, is a chance to bring a tarp, blanket, or something along those lines and spread it out on the tables, or ground and sell any used items that you may want to sell. This event will only last 1 hour beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday. We will do it in the commons/registration area. So If you have something to sell, bundle it up and bring it on down. We will try and have the Renfro's gathering at the same time, so bring your new handmade bows, arrows, or whatever for show and tell during that time.

One other note to mention is that Mike Hays will be bringing another 4-5 kids bows to CTAS. He will make a couple of left handed bows this year and they all will be a little stouter than the batch he brought last year. They will be hunting weight bows so any of the kids in the youth hunt that is not prepared with a heavy enough bow, we will have them covered. Thanks again Mike.

If you look at the photo on the top of the page you will notice that it looks like a photo from yester-year and it is. Connie and I are working on a new DVD on sharpening broadheads.



Cliff Zwickey on the left and his son John with a big 10-point buck that John shot at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, in 1955

High Country Shoot info...

CTAS 20th Annual High Country Shoot

June 22, 23 & 24, 2012

It's about time to gather our camping gear and all meet at this year's 20th annual High Country Shoot. Make a point of inviting your friends, family and anyone that likes to have a good time to share what we think is the best shoot of the summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody again this year. I know where two or more traditional archers meet a good times will be had by all. So that's why we need to spread the word and make this 20th High Country the biggest blowout ever.

We will be on Forest Road 860 above New Castle, same as two years ago. The site is off of Forest Road 245 in the White River National Forest. Its 3.2 miles

past the gravel pit site. (See map) As always the club will have portable toilets on site. There is no

water hook ups so self-contained campers or tents are the best. The road is usually in good shape and we have a semi-trailer come up so trailers are not normally a problem. With the lack of snow this year we should not have to move back to last year's spot (gravel pit), we'll see. Watch for signage on your way up. -----**Continued next pg.**



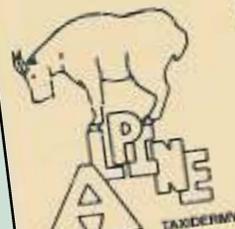
Dean with a beautiful 2011 black bear

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We have 4 main theme ranges with 12 Rhinehart targets each, and if you want a little more competition, you can score two more full 12 target ranges on the Fred Bear or Three Arrow Challenge. At all 6 ranges you can shoot as much as you want during the shoot. Youth can also shoot the main ranges for competition. There's Novelty's

planned: Like the Iron Man, Long Range, American Round, Battle Clout, Water Balloon and Running Bear Marble shoot and as many more as we can get setup. If you have an idea or own a novelty target, let me know. These are always big hits. Of course we will have our Dino Range for the pee-wees. Scott Hargrove has generously volunteered to put on a shooting seminar Saturday afternoon. Mix in a free chili and hot dog dinner Saturday night, lots of stuff to win in the fundraisers, prizes for the kids, vendors, all in a beautiful mountain setting with good friends. Can it get any better than that?

We will need you to help make all of this possible. Volunteer to help. We need folks on the weekend before for range set up as well as setting up of the booths and common area. During the shoot all the booths will need folks in them and at the end, everything has to go back in the trailer. This year don't just come, become a working part of the CTAS. You might find out how much the experience enhances the whole weekend. For all of you that help every year the club Thanks you for your time.

The kitchen will serve breakfast and lunch ONLY on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. For the volunteers on Thursday and Sunday a free lunch will be provided. Larry and the crew always do an amazing job but they too need help. From serving the food to clean up, especially during the chili dinner. Again I ask for your help.

Please leave your ATV at home and remember pets are not allowed in the commons areas or on the ranges. We have a volunteer sign-up sheet so please call, 970-245-8859 or e-mail me at deanderby@bresnan.net and we can get you involved in the future of CTAS. One last thing - you might throw in bug spray - you never know.

I'll leave the weekend before and may not be back to phone service till after the shoot so make all contact before that.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Take care and shoot straight...

Dean



Dean getting practice lessons for the High Country Shoot from his grand children, Sidney and Brayden. (Do it like this Gramps)

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

Licenses will soon be in the mail and planning will get underway for this years hunting adventures. I for one think the preference point system is a shame. I know of several instances where people received a license with very few points compared to most of the other applicants. For instance, a couple of years ago a 14 year old boy got a moose license with 3 points. I know half a dozen people with 3 plus 10-12 weighted points. How is that fair? The DOW has created a monster. I've seen it in other species as well. The brain that came up with that one is probably gone or retired. Thanks for the unsolvable situation we are in whoever you are!



Ted with his CO Moose from a few years back, ——— Congrat's Ted

Turkey season is on and I know there are lots of bowhunters trying there luck at getting one. I know it's not easy and I have never gotten one. I've had shots and got feathers but it never got a hold of me like hunting black bear or elk.

I mentioned last issue I was heading to Alaska the month of June. My friend Roger Stewart and I will be fishing for salmon.

I've never fished for salmon before so that makes the anticipation higher looking forward to a new experience. Trips like this are harder on us old folks than they once were. With age comes wisdom and with youth comes enthusiasm.

I am somewhat depressed that I won't be at the High Country Shoot this year. I've always looked forward to socializing with my kind of people while there.

Remember the three "P's" in bowhunting —Practice, Patience, and Persistence. Until next issue, enjoy the shoot.—**Ted.**

(editors note: It is frustrating with the point system as Ted relates. We will look into these allegations a little more and see what we can find. If there is a reason for this to take place we need to know about it. It could be the random numbers that are assigned. We will report what we find in the next issue, if anything.)



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It was supposed to be finished by now, but you know what they say about the best laid plans. It is coming along though. Anyway, I contacted John Zwickey with a letter (he has no computer and all communication is either phone or snail mail) about the project and he graciously sent many boxes of samples of the different Zwickey heads for us to use including the original re-introduced Black Diamond head that he talks about in the story. One of the Diamonds he sent was nickel plated with Cliff's name on it. It was one of many the John made for the last P&Y biennial banquet. He also sent a clipping of a story that he wrote back in 1985 for the late Doug Walkers "Western Bowhunter Newspaper/ Magazine". We really liked his story and the fantastic bits of archery history that came with it. After calling him on the phone I asked him for permission to use it in our newsletter. "Sure" he said, so here it is and we hope you enjoy it as much as we did. I guarantee you will learn something while reading this story. One other note about John. All of his letters that he sent was typed. Typed on a regular type writer. It has been a long time since I have received one of those. Good stuff.

If you have recently received a card in the mail from the CBA to vote on the lighted nocks issue please send it in asap. I believe you have until the 25th of May to get it sent in. In a time where we are rolling with the punches on high tech. stuff like carbon this, carbon that, more and more new electronic gadgets every year, do we need this in bowhunting? We traditionalists are guilty of sliding in more and more better things. Sliding them in slowly to where, somehow it feels normal. But it's not. I feel like it is my duty as a traditional Bowhunter to ask myself where is it that I want to draw the line on things. You should too. I can tell you with experience, you really don't need all that is shiny to be a successful bowhunter. This is your chance to have an impact on something in the technology sector so please take the time to send in your vote. ---see ya all at the shoot---GARY/CONNIE

P.S. —One last reminder. Please consider receiving this newsletter via e-mail by checking it on your shoot registration. It will save CTAS time money.



It is a sad day to have to report that the archery fraternity has lost another great brother of the bow in the last week. David Lucero passed away in a boating accident. David and his father Pat Lucero, mother, Carol, and sister, Liz, have been dedicated members of CTAS and the CBA.

David and Pat have worked very hard over the years with the Leadville area Rocky Mountain Bowmen club putting on the Leadville "High Country Shoot". A sign of just how much folks appreciated David, the Leadville Club along with the CBA have announced that they are changing the name of the shoot to the "David Lucero Memorial Fathers Day Shoot".

I can remember just a few years ago when David helped his sister, Lizzie take her first deer with a bow. As you can see in the photo here it's hard to tell which one is the proudest, David or Lizzie. I know David felt just as proud of his sister when she received the CTAS "First Timers" award.



David and Lizzie after a successful hunt together.

David, 31, leaves behind his wife Jessica, pregnant with their second child, a toddler, and a devastated family and extended family. Words in times like this can never do justice. He was a man that loved life to the fullest and it is a sad day for all that knew David. Sad indeed.

A little History of Zwickey Archery Inc.

(Reprinted just as it originally appeared in 1985)

Black Diamond Broadheads have been made continuously since 1938, making them the oldest broadhead on the market in terms of uninterrupted production. We have very little written, so I must trust my memory, as I have worked with my dad, Cliff Zwickey, since I was a kid.

Cliff passed away on his 75th birthday July 2, 1977. He was fascinated with Archery ever since he was a Boy Scout and was making a few handmade yew bows in the '30's and the Fleetwood Bow Hinge in 1937.

Suddenly, bowhunting became the exciting new game in archery, and he realized there was room for improvement in broadhead technology. Most broadheads had a uniform, single-thickness blade the whole length of the arrowhead. He thought the tip should be reinforced. His first handmade samples in 1937 were made from two identical pieces sandwiched together with a ferrule socket formed down the center and both laminations all the way to the edge. Realizing he didn't need that double thickness along the whole cutting edge, but only at the tip for strength: he cut away one lamination along the trailing edge, leaving only one thickness there, but multiple laminations at the tip. In other words, put the steel up front where it's needed, not where it's not needed. This feature was patentable, and he acquired Patent No. 2373216.

The 5 degree taper ferrule that became the standard for the industry happened by accident. His only power tool at the time was a drill press (purchased for a hard-to-come-by \$94.00 on his \$20.00 weekly wage) in which he chucked a 3/8" rod to file down into a taper for forming the ferrule socket. He filed until it looked about right. It just happened to end up at 5 degrees and that was it! Shortly after getting into production on the Black Diamond broadheads, we marketed the first 5 degree taper hole field points and fish points.

Cliff got a friend with a machine shop to stamp out the parts and get them spot welded and heat treated. Many of them came from the heat treating crooked, and you can't sell crooked broadheads. So, we sat around and straightened them in a vise, by hand, one at a time. Then we hand brushed on a coating of shiny black lacquer and set them on a pegboard of nails to dry. Next, we ground the edges by hand. "Black Diamond" seemed an appropriate name for this sharp, shiny, black object. For shipping, we unrolled a long sheet of brown paper on the floor, got down on our knees and laid the broadheads out row after row and rolled them up. I often wondered what a mess the customer must have had unpacking them, but no one ever commented about it.

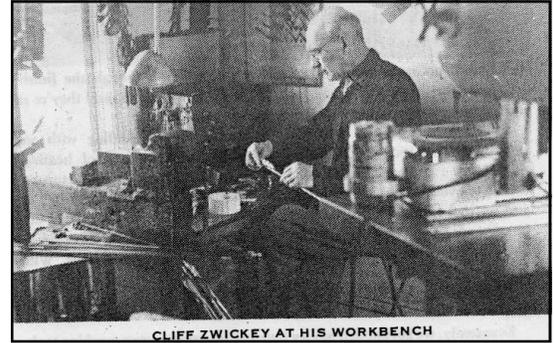
We put a little 2"x 4" ad in the American Bowman-Review, ran the ad a couple times, and had to take it out, as we got swamped with orders. I recall one Friday in October when we decided to go hunting on the weekend and had to get some arrows ready. Only trouble was, we couldn't find even a half dozen broadheads around to put on our own arrows. They'd all been shipped out trying to keep the customers happy. But, we scrounged around in the trash barrel and came up with some discarded seconds.. I am disgusted that we didn't keep a quantity of the original barbed Black Diamonds, as they are the head most sought after by collectors. We have only a few left. They were one of the most beautiful broadheads ever made.

Forest Nagler, Chief Engineer at Allis Chalmers in Milwaukee and an influential bowhunter in those days, asked Cliff to slit the ferrule so he could insert a cross blade. Cliff decided it was more efficient to strike the little bleeder blades out of the ferrule rather than having to slot through the shaft, and Nagler concurred. We termed these four-bladers "Eskimos" as the Eskimos used cross-cutting bone pieces in their spears and arrows. So, the Black Diamond not only introduced the 5 degree taper ferrule, but also popularized the four-blade concept. This was in 1942.

The construction of Black Diamonds has been essentially the same for more that 40 years now, but with various model changes with different dies over the years. To document them all, you would have to check Floyd Eccleston's broadhead collection or read the article Lamont Granger of 2610-14 Av. NW, Rochester, MN 55901 wrote for the American broadhead Collector's Club in 1976 tabulating and dating all the Zwickey broadheads. They're still considered by many knowledgeable bowhunters to be the best ever made—guaranteed to out-penetrate any other broadhead and built to split through heavy bone without "flinching."

Cliff quit his job as a tool maker and designer at a sprayer manufacturer's here in North St. Paul the day World War II ended in 1945 and went into full-time production of arrowheads. He had no money in those days, so built his own equipment like the grinding machine and heat treating furnace with parts and material from junkyards. For the grinding machine, he needed half a dozen electric motors, but it was virtually impossible to buy them during the war. Through correspondence, Larry Whiffen in Milwaukee heard about the problem and picked up some motors damaged in a fire. Even though the finish was scorched some, they didn't look to bad: so Cliff used them, and they're still in use today.

As for heat treating, it was a constant problem, dealing with warped broadheads resulting from the old-fashioned batch method of heating and quenching. I can understand why most other broadhead manufacturers have chosen to avoid doing their own heat treating. But, our design committed us to it and we had to improve the situation or go out of business. Tired of crooked broadheads, a special process for heat treating was devised that gets them absolutely true and with a fine blue temper in the high-carbon steel. With this process under control, we were finally able to manufacture the quality broadhead we were looking for. Every operation on Black Diamonds is done in our own shop.



CLIFF ZWICKEY AT HIS WORKBENCH

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Eventually, we got enough money together to acquire some machine tools such as a lathe, band saw, shaper, punch press, and surface grinder so we could make our own tools and dies.

I always admired Cliff's perseverance. I recall on incident back in the early '40s when he spent all his spare time for several weeks carving out a new Osage hunting bow, steaming the ends to form recurve's and equipping it with a bow hinge. It was a lot of fussy work. Finally, it was ready, and he took it out in the front yard to take a shot into the park directly across the street from us. The first time he pulled the thing back, it busted all to pieces with such a "bang" that I wondered if he got hurt. All he had left in his hand, still intact, was the handle. But, he didn't say a word: Just picked up the pieces, threw them in the trash can and started planning another bow.

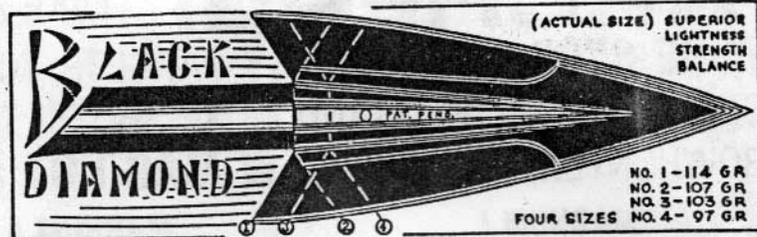
He spent his whole life tinkering with new ideas and inventing: but he considered his greatest achievement to be the Zwickey JUDO Unloseable Miracle Point, and it was by far the most difficult thing to develop. If he ever got an idea for something, he never quit until it was perfected and the JUDO point was the ultimate test of that determination. I am sure the archery public will recognize it someday as one of the great advancements in archery. After All, what's the greatest hindrance to having freedom and fun in archery? Arrow loss, of course. Archers were restricted to shooting only at targets on groomed terrain or spend hours searching for lost arrows. Millions of arrows have been lost over the centuries, but JUDO changed all that.

The JUDO project started because we never cared to confine our shooting to targets only. We wanted to pretend we were hunting; so we'd go out on Sunday afternoon to "kill" some stumps, take a few shots and spend the rest of the afternoon searching for lost arrows. Not our idea of fun. We began experimenting with various arrangements of wires protruding from the field point to snag grass and prevent burrowing. The wires usually got twisted up on the first shot. They had to be flexible with spring action to stand up on stumps and gravel. This went on for about ten years of testing many hand made samples, interspersed with "dry" periods where it looked almost hopeless and we would quit for a spell to work on something else. We wasted a lot of time getting sidetracked by pinning our hopes on designs that worked quite well, but not to our complete satisfaction. Then Cliff came up with the interconnected series of spring arms like the present JUDO. We knew it was perfected when it proved tough enough to tear an old, half-rotting stump to shreds; and when one moonlit night, using shiny aluminum shafts with white fletching and cresting, we went roving across a typical Minnesota meadow of thick knee-high grass and didn't lose an arrow.

Thoroughly impressed by its antics of bounding agility and flip-flop somersaulting as it grabbed onto grass and turf, and the knockout blow it delivered to small game, we decided to name it "JUDO". "The Scorpio" which slides on the shaft behind a broadhead, is the most recent innovation in the unloseable arrowheads.

This whole business started because we were having so much fun shooting bows and arrows, we got infected with the "witchery of archery". Cliff never forgot the thrill he got as a Boy Scout the first time he saw an arrow fly. Now, when I reminisce over the past 45 years, I wonder how something that started out being so much fun could turn into so much work, But, then again, how many people are fortunate enough to work the magic of turning their fun into their livelihood?

Yours truly,
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CLIFF ZWICKEY

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May 14, 2012

Re: Amendments to By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation

Dear Members:

CTAS is moving forward with its application to become recognized as a tax exempt entity under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If CTAS is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) Non-profit Corporation, all donations to the club will be tax deductible by the donor, which will substantially increase the ability of CTAS to raise money.

The Club has hired an attorney to complete the application (not a member of CTAS) and he has recommended amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Most of which are necessary for CTAS to qualify as a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation.

You will find attached a copy of the proposed Amendments. (on CTAS website)

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors, however, Article VIII of the Bylaws States: **"Section 1" The bylaws may be amended only at the annual meeting of the general membership by a majority vote of the members present and voting."**

This means that only the members can amend the By-laws at the February meeting. This seemed to make sense 15 years ago when the club had a hand full of members, however, with over 200 members, the majority of which do not attend the annual meeting, this restriction is impractical for making amendments to the Bylaws.

The Board proposes that the membership waive the requirement of voting at the annual meeting and that the members vote to amend Article VIII of the Bylaws to state as follows: **These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by Seventy-Five percent (75%) vote of the directors then in office at any regular or special meeting, if at least fifteen days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting.**

If the Board receives the approval of Fifty-One percent (51%) of the membership to amend the Bylaws as stated above, it will then meet to vote on the appropriate amendments to the Bylaws to help CTAS to qualify as a 501 (c)(3) to qualify as a 501 (c)93) Non-profit Corporation.

Therefore, if you are in favor of the above stated amendment to the Bylaws and agreed to waive the delaying of the vote until February, 2013, please respond within seven (7) days by email or letter on stating "yes".

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your elected directors to discuss any concerns you may have. If you have a spouse or other family members that are members of CTAS, please have them vote as well.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Dean Derby
Dean Derby President

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