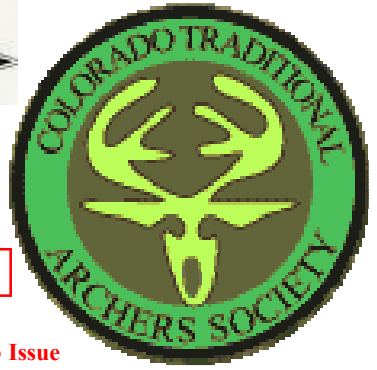




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Hello CTAS, hope things are going well for you. The economy is supposedly getting better or at least that's what they are saying. We certainly hope it is for you regardless.

This years banquet was a lot of fun. Darren Haverstick of Missouri was the featured speaker with his comedy act. Other than the audio for a portion of his show it went pretty well I think. Although as you will see, some of us were the butt end of his comedy. HA!



Gramp's business Card from the early 60'S

Let me take a moment and say a huge thank you to folks behind the scenes at the banquet. This thank you is directed to people like Ivan James, Jerry Becay, Phil Belchar and of course there is always the main man- Larry Alma. Phil does all of the raffle work for everyone. Jerry and Ivan set up all of the displays and man would we be in trouble if they called in sick someday—Thanks guys I don't know what we would do without your work. It doesn't go unnoticed I can assure you.

Before I get off of this page I want to tell you about the image pasted above. This is a copy of a business card from my grand father. He was very much involved with many organizations throughout his years. During the time that he was involved with the Colorado Wildlife Federation one point of interest that I remember him talking about was working to get the boundary line of the pacific flyway moved to it's present position. I can't remember where it was located at that time (Utah I think) but I do believe it now runs along the continental divide. Anyway I can remember hunting alongside him and my dad on the western slope when I was a kid. He was a true sportsman in his day, never wasting an ounce of meat.

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Chairman's Column.....Dean Derby

Hi all, a huge thank you goes to Larry Alma and his crew for an awesome banquet weekend. I was amazed at all the items in this year's auction and fundraiser. That brings me to thanking all of you who donate. You're very much appreciated. If you missed the banquet this year, don't make that same mistake next year.

Now it's time to make plans for the High Country Shoot. I ask each member to bring some friends with you this year. We have a great time and you know folks that would love to be there. So help CTAS spread the word about our sport and also get involved while you're up there. You'll have more fun and meet some great people too. See ya there.

Our 501c3 status is still in the hands of the federal government. All the paper work is in but as you all know getting things done is not what our government is known for. As soon as they let us know I will pass that info along.

I would like to thank the whole CTAS Board. New and old board members (no Mr. Alma that was not intended as an old joke, but if it fits!). Anyway each and every one of you helps keep CTAS moving in the right direction. Let's all try and thank the folks working our events, giving seminars or donating to the fundraising. If not for them this club would not exist.

Dean



Dean with his Coues deer

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He was a great cook of wild game and could always make a Mallard taste like a high class meal with his special recipes. He was a crack shot too. Although he took some fantastic animals over the years he really liked to hunt doe antelope for the meat. He always aimed for the neck and rarely missed. I can remember his and grandmothers 50th wedding anniversary. I attended the event and met a friend of his from the Baggs Wyoming area, Wayne Marten. He met Wayne while up hunting geese by knocking on Wayne's ranch door asking permission. Wayne couldn't believe it, gramps was the first person that had ever asked. They became life long friends. They are both gone now and so is that type of hunting for the most part. I hunt today on private land the same way with the same attitude, If I can't be invited to do so with a hand shake, I'll go elsewhere.

Now back to important things that concern CTAS. Again CTAS is donating two family Shoot fees for the High country shoot to the Dara Dawn shoot that is coming up.

Dirk Dieterich and Todd Brickel-the web guys-will be starting up a blog and swap meet trial on the CTAS website so watch for that if your interested.

There will be a lot of new info. about the High Country Shoot in the next newsletter but something of huge importance came out of the last board meeting. Bill Lloyd has stepped up to the plate and will begin the process of taking over the High Country shoot. Congratulations goes out to all CTAS members because Bill is someone that really shines for us all. He was just what CTAS was looking for. We really need someone to take over for Steve Shuey for the shoot registration. Someone to compile the names and address's on an Excel spread sheet. Steve will walk you through the process. Just give Steve or one of us a call and we will get you on track. We also still need someone to manage some of the raffles for youth/ladies hunt but we will discuss it more in the next newsletter like I said.

We want to thank Scott Hamilton, Brad Parkhill for their time on the Board and want to welcome Barry Smith, Jake Powell and Todd Chrisman on board for the next two year term.

We have Frank Adams and Mike Stewart working on setting up the rabbit hunt for next year so stay tuned for more info on that. I probably forgot something but that's it for this round—GARY/CONNIE

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

2013 is well under way and our CTAS banquet was another success. It was cool to see everyone and I had an enjoyable time. My friend Jake Powell and I went to the Compton Traditional Bowhunters Banquet on March 1st and 2nd in Kansas City. As with our banquet, Jakes brown bear was a real hit. They had on display some real impressive whitetail heads, including the world record which was killed in 1965 by Mel Johnson in Illinois. So far it has not been topped. Gary and Connie Renfro were the featured speakers. I was very impressed and they made all of us Coloradan's Proud! Thank you Gary and Connie!

While at the banquet I talked to Dereck Renfro- Gary's son, about his job which included injection molding of plastic. Gary suggested I share my experience in plastic's with our members.

When I was growing up in Denver I had two friends, Ronnie and Richard Meyer. I was at their house fairly often and saw their dad Bret Meyer only occasionally. He always seemed to be out working in their shop. I did not know what he did at that time.

Time went by and we all went through Jr. high and on to high school. We saw each other seldom. After high school their family moved to Salida and I went into the Army. I came home on leave and my soon to be wife, Linda made a trip up to Salida to see Ronnie and his wife who was Linda's best friend. We fell in love with the area. More time went by and I got out of the service, got a job and married Linda. We were living in Denver at the time. We had our daughter and all the time we were living the mundane city life. We began thinking of moving to a small town and Salida was our first choice. By that time I knew what Burt's business was. Ronnie was in Denver one weekend and I asked him if he would talk to his dad and ask him if he had a job for me if we were to move up there. That Sunday night Ronnie Called and said his dad would hire me. Linda and I went to work Monday morning and gave our two weeks notice. We just as quickly moved to Salida. The interesting thing about my new job was operating an injection molding machine, making arrow nocks. Burt was a tool and die maker that turned self employed business owner. He designed and made the mold which produced 240 nocks every 30 seconds, in two sizes, 11/32 and 5/16. At that time Bear Archery was Burt's biggest customer. I can remember seeing 55 gallon cardboard barrels with the snap ring lids filed with nocks which was around 250,000 per barrel. That was in the early 1970's. I moved on as far as employment was concerned and became self employed myself. Bear Archery started producing their own nocks and other companies got in the game of making them as well. After 30 years the Myer family and all the machinery is no more. I really appreciated my time working for Bert. He was a very innovative person and very successful for having only an eighth grade education. I learned a lot from him. If it weren't for him who knows where I would have ended up and doing what?

God bless America.....TED



Ted with his Colorado 2012 Antelope. Congrats again TED.



2012 Archer Of The Year



Eric Sawyer shaking hands with everyone as he was awarded the **2012 "Archer of the year"**. Erick was awarded this honor for all of the unselfish hard work he has put into CTAS over the years.

Eric is always there in the background working for all members of CTAS when needed. He never calls in sick for the job. He loves the traditional way and works diligently when asked. The great thing about Eric is that you seldom have to ask because he is always out in front leading the way. Eric has worked for years setting up the ranges at the high country shoot and when things are all finished up he is one of the first to start loading up the trailers with the targets and equipment. He has worked on CTAS'S trailers, making sure that they are all road worthy. He has hauled many trailer loads up to the shoot site. He works on setting up the vendors area, cook tents, registration tents etc.. It's people like him that make CTAS run smoothly. I'm sure that if you asked him about it, he would just say something like it's no big deal, it had to be done!!!

Congratulations from all of us in CTAS Eric---Well deserved



Bow building contest winners



And then you just.....



Hell with it!! Get those other guys to do some



Arrow art winners



and with a selfbow to boot!!!



Now how did you do that?



"Crazy hunt of the year story" winners

If you own any undergarment that is in any sort of camouflage pattern...
You may be suffering from HGS
 (Hunting gear syndrome)

Hunka-Hunka



Same Hunk with clothes on



One million dollars!!



At this price honey don't worry about the size-just wear um.



Thanks Janet



No way am I going to run the shoot



Rub this thank you placard three times And I promise, you'll win a moose license



One of these days I tell ya, one of these days!!!



The first thing you gotta do is catch a snake



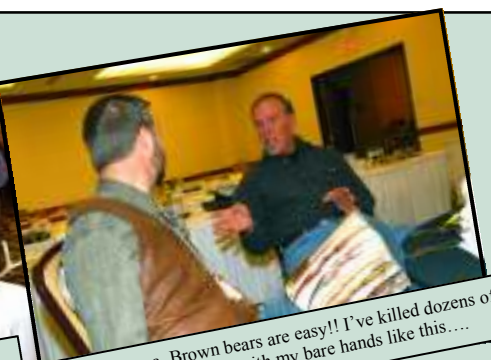
Yep, me too—one of these days



I paid \$200 bucks for this #1 buckle



And then I ran like hell!!



I'm telling ya, Brown bears are easy!! I've killed dozens of um but most of um with my bare hands like this....



Darren, the man from nowhere



Day one Camo anyone



I know I'll never get one like this dang it.



The "Photo Man" Jim Anderson



No Phil, she's not getting undressed



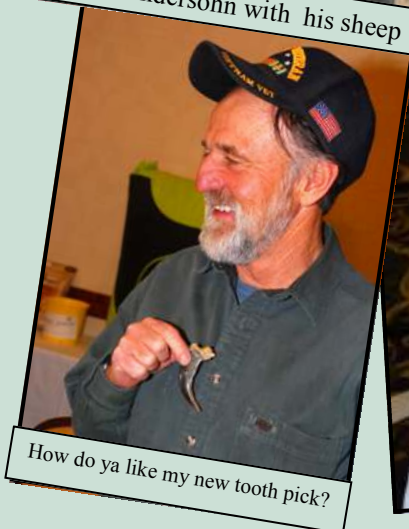
I really do have a hunting resume



Darren Andersohn with his sheep



Beats the heck out of me what it is?



How do ya like my new tooth pick?



What can you say?



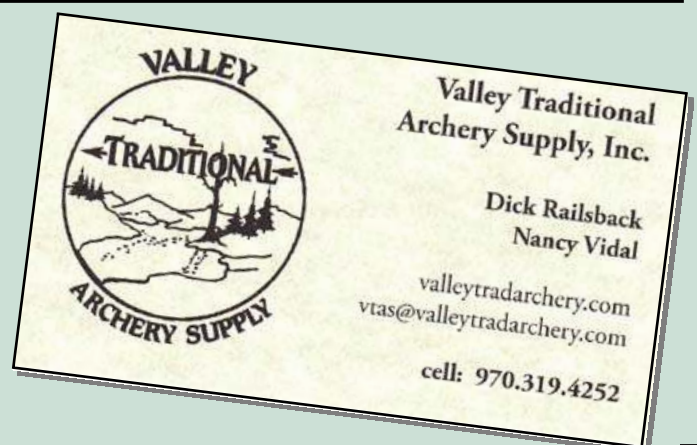
Thanks to Marv and Todd Hill

New CTAS Buckle is now available



Jim Hatley from Ft. Collins has made up the CTAS buckles as requested. He has shipped the buckles that were ordered at last years High Country Shoot. The first 50 are a numbered series. #1 was auctioned off at the Banquet but others are still available for folks that want one. Jim also had the casting company make 50 of the smaller "dress buckles" and they too are available. You should consider getting one before it's too late.

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



FUN SHOOT

CTAS



**American
Bowman Club**

Colorado Traditional Archers Society and the American Bowman Club are cosponsoring a fun shoot for the entire family at the American Bowman Club Range. Traditional equipment only please.

Saturday May 4th

Shoot begins at 9:00 am

\$15.00 Shoot fee—pay at the range when you arrive.

Lunch concession is available at the shoot site.

Bring the whole family out for a day of fun in the sun.

This is a great range to get your shooting tuned up for the summer.

Going South on Hwy. 285 and just past mile marker 241 you can enter the road to the range. Travel past the landowners house on towards the Club house. Watch for signs along 285 for directions. Signage will be visible coming in from either the North or South.

Contact Phil Belchar —303-734-8886 e-mail — phlbelch@aol.com