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It's Shoot Time again Folks.

Inside you will find all the information you need for the "High Country Shoot". This will be the 21st year for this shoot. That is longer than many folks have been married-HA! It has taken a lots of work from a lot of people over the years and what a shoot it is. I must confess that for the last 2 years I have not loosed an arrow. Three reasons come to play as to why. Two years ago I was just to busy running around doing things with the shoot/and family to get time to do so. Last year I was the babysitter for our little pup. I told Connie that I would volunteer to set by the beer cooler and watch the pup while everyone else went out and flung arrows. At least that's how I remember it. The third reason is because since I have been building footed arrows—I don't want to lose any. Just kidding, I never miss. Things will be different this year though, I'm a gonna do some flinging. Shooting is just another type of physical exercise you need to keep in shape.



I want to point out something about the photo on this page. Now I don't tout to be a super shot but I will tout that I'm a pretty good hunter and that in itself has spelled success, at least for me.. I am not a good shot for several reasons. First I short draw and snap shoot, and all of those kinds of bad things. Second I'm left eye dominant. My dad had me shooting a gun when I was 4 years old and noticed me tilting my head over the top of the gun while sighting down the barrel. He switched me over to shooting the gun left handed and I still do so today. I shoot a bow right handed and If you look at the different styles of shooting in the photo you will see that Connie (being right eye dominant) is looking right down the arrow like she should be. But if you look at me, I am doing the best I can to do the same but not nearly as well. I think that over the years, my short draw/ snap style of shooting is partly attributed to being left eye dominant. If you have a young-un that's shooting wrong eye dominant, switch him/her over as early as you can (or teach them to get real close like me). It may make the difference as to whether or not they become a super shot sometime down the road.

Bill Lloyd is the co-chairman for the shoot this year. He is warming up to take the chairman's spot next year. Dean and his family are the head honcho's again this year and Bill will follow along to get the hang of things. Since it is a good time to get his feet wet I asked him to write up the shoot column this year and what a great job he did too (read it on page 3). Thanks Bill.

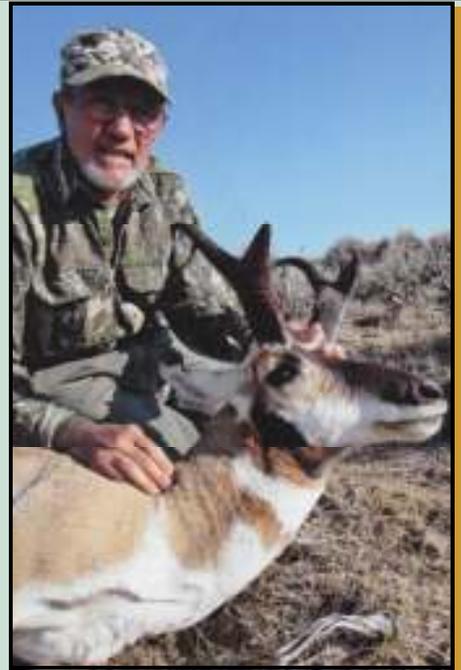
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Application time is over here in Colorado.

Now we wait for what we hope will be a coveted license that we have been trying to draw. One of my most treasured possessions is my collection of all of my licenses over the years. My very first license is a small game and fishing license from 1961. I was 15 years old then. My first archery deer license was 1965. I killed my first deer in 1970 with my bow. As they say the rest is history. Over the years I have put license's in an envelope looking for a time when I could sort and put them away in sheet protectors and then into a binder. Well I finally did it. 1989 was the last time I did such a task. I found some interesting information. I had hunted 10 states including Colorado. It didn't seem like it though. Being able to see what I have been doing the last 40+ years is gratifying to me. Memories have a way of getting distorted over the years. My license album clarify my memories. As we get older our bodies start to fail us. It's just the aging process. My photo albums and license albums bring back many good memories from the past. Pictures of friends along with those hunts adds to the feeling of pride. Although there is some sadness attached to them also. Some of those friends have past away or are in bad shape physically. I don't mean to bring gloom and doom on the aging process though. I look at life as an opportunity to enjoy as much as we possibly can. I'm not limiting it only to bowhunting either. Family, friends, trips, work, and adventures are all part of life. Enjoy as much as you can, while you can.

My grandma used to tell me you can always find something good in every bad situation. Over the years I have lived by that and It has given me comfort when situations weren't very good. Oh, and Just for your information, I totaled those license fee's up from over the years and came up with over \$12,000. To each his own. Good luck and enjoy life. I'll see everyone at the

"High Country Shoot"—TED



Ted with his Colorado 2012 Antelope. Congrats again TED.



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21st Annual High Country Shoot

The 21st Annual High Country Shoot is just around the corner!

As we get older we lament the passing of time but for me, and I'm sure for many of our CTAS members, the anxious anticipation of the High Country Shoot is surpassed only by hunting season. Mark those calendars for June 21, 22 and 23 and come with friends and family to join us for an incredible time in a beautiful setting. **Copy off/fill out the registration form on pg. 9 and mail it in.**

As many of you are aware, Colorado Traditional Archers Society has been in the application process for 501.c3 (tax exempt) status for some time and as many regulatory processes often tend to drag on, this is no different. As much as we had hoped to have our non-profit status approved in time for the shoot, as of this writing it is not yet in place. Consequently, all payment for CTAS items, registration and events must be made by cash or check only. This includes the pre-registration payment as well as all payments to CTAS at the shoot. You'll get some leeway from vendors that will take credit cards for their wares at the shoot but be sure to come prepared. Registration fees will stay the same as they have in years past to insure all of you can attend and your registration helps defer such costs as permit, setup, youth hunt, target replacement, newsletter, insurance, tents, trailers, rentals...you get the idea. We cannot offer such a quality event that has many times been referred to as the best shoot in the country, without your financial participation so thanks in advance! Be advised as well that ALL shooters must register to be CTAS members in order to be covered by our insurance at the event.

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Once again we will hold the shoot on the White River National Forest under a special use permit issued by the Rifle Ranger District. Our permit is approved and we will be back to Forest Road 860 (3.2 mi north of the gravel pit) off of the New Castle-Buford Forest Road 245. See the map included with the newsletter but to be sure, we always diligently mark the route to make it hard to miss – I've yet to hear anyone say they just couldn't find it.

When you come, please leave your ATV's back home as this is a foot only affair within the confines of the permitted area. You can however park in the designated day parking areas with an ATV or vehicle if you are camped off-site. Consider this just as much about getting some walking in to help get in shape for the season as it is about shooting. Also, anticipate NO OPEN FIRES but in the event restrictions aren't in place ROCK CONSTRUCTED FIRE RINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Bring your own fire container such as a barrel bottom.

Once at the shoot you will find the usual staple of themed target ranges all boasting Rineheart targets – The Colorado Big 10 Range, Alaskan Range, Texan Range, and All Deer & Elk Range. Don't miss the Fred Bear and Three Arrow Ranges to test your accuracy and compete with others for great prizes (and make sure to bring those "disposable" arrows for the Three Arrow!) There will be youth competition available for those young ladies and men that feel so compelled through the 4 main ranges. A pee-wee shoot is also set for the little tykes to drill some dinosaurs! In addition we offer a myriad of novelty shoots: Long Distance (always a blast to watch scores of arrows simultaneously launched), the Battle Clout (again, distance shooting at targets), Water Balloon Shoot (douse your buddy!!) and the Iron Man for those that don't trash enough arrows in the Three Arrow.

In addition to the shooting, we'll have raffle prizes and auctions and the now famous Blanket Trade. This event had its inaugural run last year and was a huge hit. If you have anything you'd like to sell or trade (and it doesn't have to be exclusively archery related) bring it along for a great atmosphere. There will be plenty of vendors there as well that can help out should you need any supplies or perhaps in the market for arrows or a new bow (and one can NEVER have enough bows!!!)

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As has been the case the last couple years, we will offer breakfast and lunch each day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) along with cold and hot drinks. Breakfasts will consist of eggs, pancakes, ham, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice while lunches will consist of brats, dogs, burgers, chips, beans and fruit. Candy bars and drinks are available throughout the day. No dinners will be available with the exception of the FREE chili dinner on Saturday night.

I started this off with a comparison to the excitement of getting ready for hunting season and hunting camp and just as you know, getting hunting gear and equipment sorted out, camp set up, a little pre-hunt scouting done, etc. can be a lot of fun but it goes by much better when the load is shared by like-minded partners. The High Country Shoot is absolutely no different, folks. We NEED our members to actively participate and lend a helping hand. I've found that being there the weekend before to set up the ranges, the tents and the myriad of other things that need done brings about a tremendous sense of camaraderie as well as getting to know fellow CTAS members from elsewhere in the state. If you've never set up a course before you'll find out that it's a blast to pick those "just right" angles at the animal of your choice. There's a lot of on-the-spot logistics involved from a safety perspective that being involved in gives one a great sense of accomplishment. Not to mention, you get to pick that primo camp spot!

At the shoot we always need volunteers to help in the kitchen, the raffles, the sales, registration, etc. Sure, you can "let someone else do it" but really.....DON'T BE THAT GUY/GAL! Lend a hand – this is YOUR CTAS.

As I write this I get pretty fired up about seeing all of you there and spend some great time wandering the range, bending the stick and shooting the breeze with you. On behalf of the entire CTAS board, I hope you will come up and enjoy the 21st High Country Shoot this year and if you've never been before, I guarantee you'll want to come back again and again. See you in June! **Bill Lloyd**

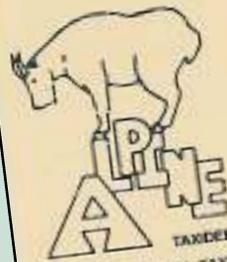
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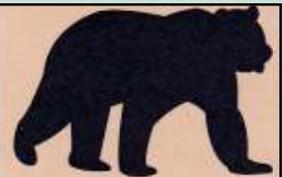
I would like to mention that Mike Hays and Scott Hargrove are going to put on a new shoot for CTAS called "Jug Shoot". Mike suggested we give it a try. He is an expert at it as he has shot it many times at the Dara Dawn Shoot. It is a contest to shoot milk jugs filled with water that are balanced from one shooter's side to the others. When you hit the jug the water runs out and the jug raises off of the ground. It is a contest between you and another shooter to see who can hit the jug and empty its contents first. Lots of fun. So that being said, just to make things a little easier on those guys, if your family drinks milk from the one gallon size jugs, bring some filled with water to the shoot. We can't have too many. The worst thing that could happen if no one hits them is we will empty them by hand when the shoot is finished and recycle.

One last thing about the shoot—Bring "Skeeter Dope"—just in case. But if you forget, I'll have my "Skeeter Dope" stand with the usual 2 cans that I stock at \$25 a can. I tell ya it's a money maker.

Dean wanted me to mention that Mike and Tammi Stewart will be running the rabbit hunt this next winter so keep that in mind. I think the rabbits are on the increase and when there up, it is a blast.

The 501-c3 thing that never seems to happen has perhaps come to the front here lately. We must be viewed as a conservative group of bowhunters and they are giving us heck. We must be the "Tea Party Bowhunters" or something. Truth is, we haven't heard a thing from those folks at the IRS. It seems like we are going up against a brick wall with these people sometimes. How hard could it be to look things over and say yeah or nay? It's very bad, and a very big deal when a branch of the government singles out a group for their beliefs. That goes against the very freedom that our forefathers put together when this country began. Crazy—oh and your tax dollars are paying them to do it at the same time. I know people complain about the media this and the media that but as bad as it is sometimes, you should thank your lucky stars that things like this comes out because of them. If it didn't, you would never know. We would be living out our lives beating our heads against the wall trying to make a living while the government walks all over you in the background. Don't get me wrong I'm a proud American and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I'm thankful that there are people/groups that keep a watch on things for us. What a wicked place it would be for us all if they just quit watching.

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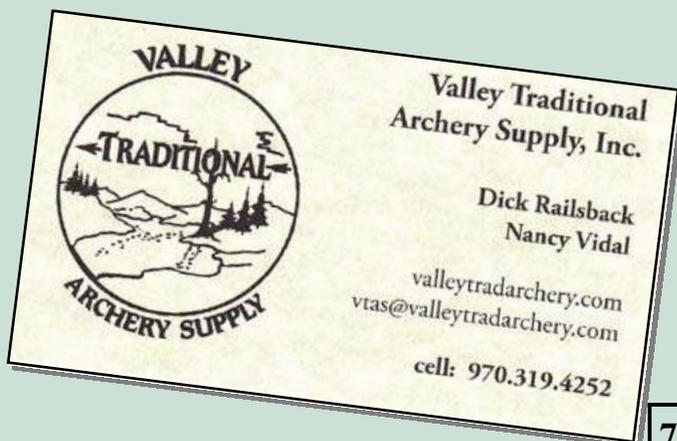
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I'd like to ask if you have an hour to spare while at the shoot, let the registration booth folks know and they will sign you up to do some small (but helpful) task. If you have more time—even better, just let them know. Bring something to raffle off for CTAS as a fund raiser if you can. Give it to these same people at the registration booth and they will take care of it. Here is a better thought, bring something for CTAS and bring something for the blanket trading event at noon on Sat. It will only last one hour and things will be fast and furious so don't miss it. I know some folks were bummed out when they found out that they missed it last year. Lots of fun.

While I'm thinking about it, If you can accept your newsletter via e-mail, please check it off on the registration form. It's the way of the future and it's "Green" and, and, and it save us all a bunch of work in the end. I'm guilty with the CBA as I want a hard copy. Only because I have collected them all my life. They seem to have been a little behind in this area as they are just now starting the online issues. I have all of the CBA's news magazines from day one. Some were just typed on a typewriter in the beginning. A few years ago I found someone that had copies of the first years and he let me copy them off. That being said, If it were not for my collection, I would take them via e-mail, just think about it when you sign up.

One last thing I want to mention. Connie and I have just finished up our latest "how to DVD". It has been a long time coming. It is about sharpening broadheads. We asked many broadhead and broadhead sharpening manufactures to donate to this project. Anyway, they really pulled through for us. I mention this because all of the leftover broadheads, sharpeners, etc will be at the shoot as raffle items. Most of the broadheads are not complete packages as some were pulled out and used in the movie. Some of the heads may show where they were sharpened a little but they are still good to go. Either way they will be there and you should look for a chance to make a deal on heads. Zwickey's, Muzzy's, zephyr Scirocco's, Alaska Bowhunting Supply Ashby heads, Silver Flame's, G-5's, Kustom king trailmaker 3-blade's, Woodsman's 3 blades among others. There is not a zillion but there are a bunch. There will be several packets of Muzzy's that have not been opened at all. X-block sharpener, KME aligner sharpeners, carbide sharpeners, DMT sharpeners. There is a box of broadheads that Cabela's sent that may or may not interest the traditional bowhunter we will see. Anyway, The raffle people will get them set up to make themselves happy so get your tickets ready to put in the bucket raffles. The DVD pricing has yet to be determined but will be set by shoot time. We are waiting for quotes from duplicating services but It will be fairly inexpensive in the end. We have had a few members that found out we were working on the project and wanted to know when it was ready and now it is. We will have a few of them at the shoot so if your interested, run me or Connie down and we will get you taken care of. I think there are things of interest for the young and old alike. Learning how to make a Super Sharp broadhead is one of the most important things a bowhunter should understand.

See ya at the shoot.—GARY/CONNIE



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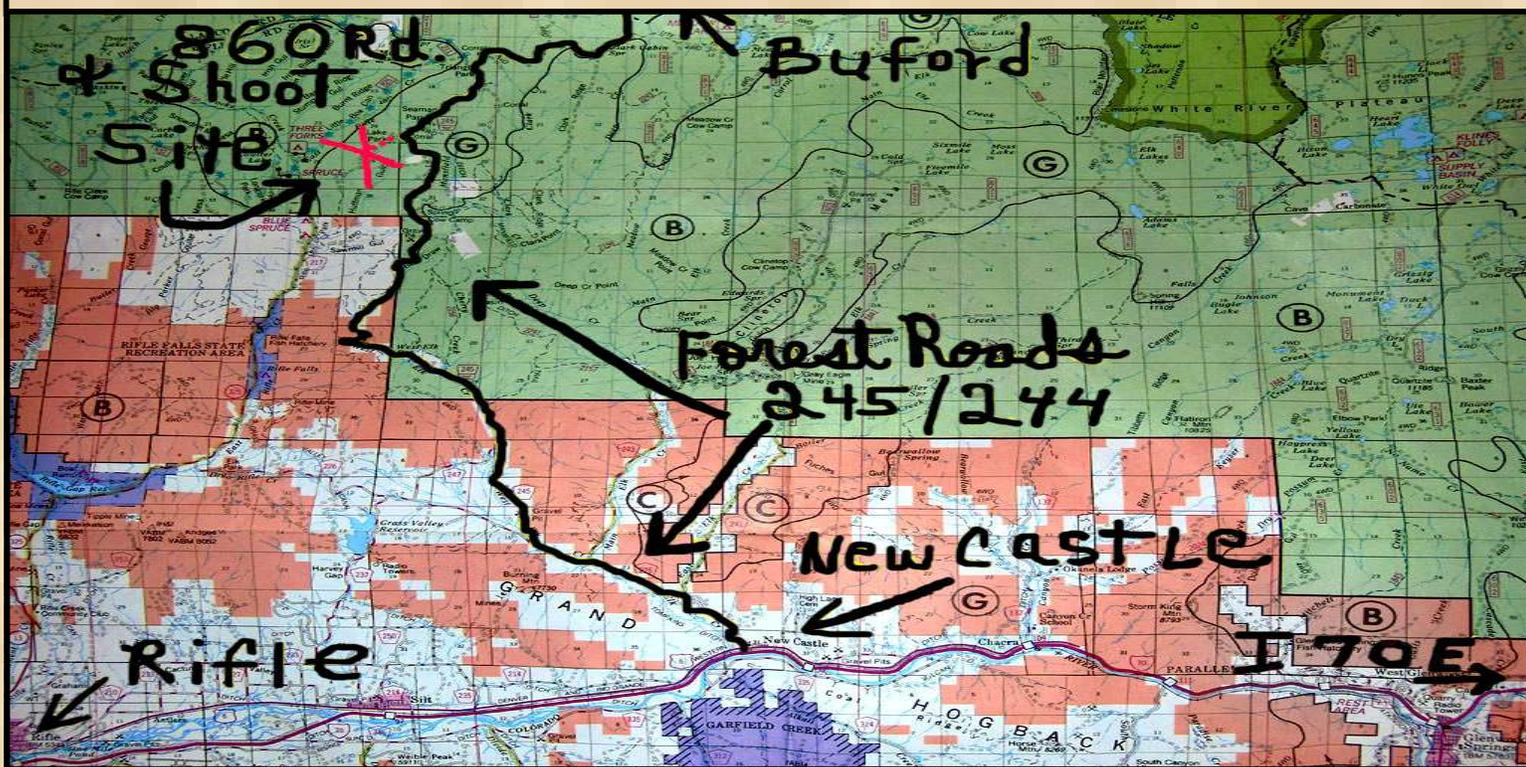
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