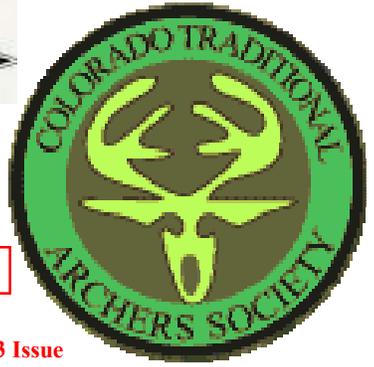




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Howdy Folks,

The summer has flown by at such a pace for us. It seems like last week we were at the shoot. Inside you will find glimpses of what fun everyone had while there (pg's 5-9). You get out of it what you put into it and one thing that really stands out to me is the amount of women and kids that put the time into it and were having a ball. It's not just fun for us old hardened bowhunters anymore. The photos this year were taken by Bill Lloyds daughter Grace, and his wife Janna. They/she did a great job and they have also set up a link to view approximately 750 more shoot photos at <http://ctas2013.snapfish.com/snapfish>. Give it a look when you get a chance.



3 year old Tucker Lee enjoying the outdoors with his uncle Dereck and his son Saxton laughing!!!

The photo above is a shot of our grandson Tucker (our daughters son). I like a kid that enjoys the outdoors to the fullest (or emptiest) Ha!

Much thanks goes out to all that sent information to me for the newsletter, Jim Shanks, Stacy Silzell, Chris Reilly, Bill Lloyd, among others. Dean is out of town this issue but we are able to fill in for him. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffles, and youth hunt fundraising.

I have to tell you that if a person steps back and looks at how bowhunting has changed over the years it makes you wonder where it will all end up down the road. I just received a catalog from a well know archery/hunting supplier (not to mention names) and I was a little surprised when I opened it. In the Bow's section I counted 6 pages that depicted Compound bows and 3 pages of recurve/longbows (nothing new). What struck me as over the top was that I counted 12 pages of Crossbows. At what point did bowhunting become such a high tech ordeal? Some of these machines fling bolts close to 400 fps. A few of them will cost you \$2,000.00 It makes me sick to me stomach. The reason it makes me sick is because these same manufactures are pushing, prying, and anything else they can do to get through the door to be used in archery season. It is happening all across the country as we speak. Kansas was the latest state to say yes. It's nuts! The same catalog has gobs of every type of floppy head known to man and not a single tool to sharpen a broadhead—nothing!!! **Continued on page.....3**

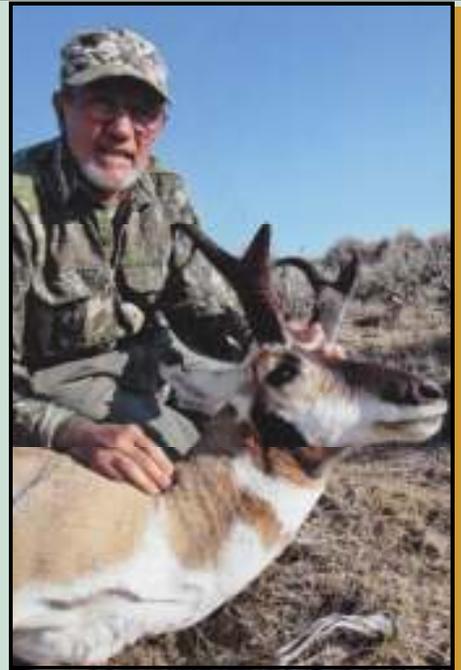
The Old Timer's Corner.....by Ted Grover

As I write this column, only three weeks remain before opening day of the 2013 archery Season. The anticipation is still there but the stomach churning, excitement has subsided for me. My first deer with my bow was taken on opening day in 1970 and it has never happened on opening day since. It seems to be a common occurrence with rifle hunting and it does still happen today with archery equipment but does it really matter? The ultimate goal is to bag whatever you are after sometime during the season.

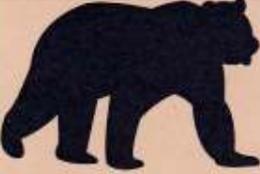
I know after all the years I've hunted, I usually have multiple opportunities. However as I have gotten older the number of opportunities have been less. I can remember in those early years It took at least 5-6 shots for me to settle down and make a clean kill. Today I am more confident in my shooting at live animals. I credit a lot of that to advancements in archery related equipment. Today's shoots all have 3-D animal targets. Even our traditional equipment has a lot of better materials. Designs in longbows and recurve's are better as is the string material which helps bows perform better at peak performance. The flatter your arrows shoot, the better your chance of over or under correction-Therefore the more accurate you can be.

In the old days, all the shoots had straw or excelsior bails with paper targets. An elk might be only 12-16 inches from bottom to top. Depth perception was deceiving. But in the end we all had fun shooting. Today's targets are better and I think this translates into better shooting in the field at the real thing.

For me, our "High Country Shoot" is the best I have ever participated in. I sure had fun this year. It's always great catching up with old friends and meeting and shooting with new ones. By now you should know where and what you are hunting this year. The practice you have put in now has a real purpose. Put that tag on that animal and good luck to all of you—TED



Ted with his Colorado 2012 Antelope. Congrats again TED.



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Editors views

Anyway like I said, where is it all headed? We traditionalist are being squashed by this huge ball that has rolled right on top of us. I believe that crossbows will happen here in Colorado in the near future. I can't imagine how Colorado can hold them off since no other states seem to be able to. The Crossbows and high tech garbage is main reason I would back our CTAS'S youth hunt. To make sure that when I'm dead and gone there will be someone out there to carry on the tradition. Other wise we will be lost in the dust.

Another thing I'm always hearing now days is that we are not recruiting hunters. I'm sorry but I personally don't see it. Everywhere I go now days is a crowd. I would love to have someone show me the data to convince me that there are less hunters.

I want to get off my rant here and end on a better note. Take a moment and look at the names of the folks that sponsored CTAS during the shoot on page 10. Patronize them any chance you get. They are in the archery business to make money and we need each and every one of them to stay in business. I didn't get to talk to a couple of the vendors (ran out of time) and I'm sorry I didn't as I'm the one that missed out.

Mike Mitten will be our guest speaker at the next banquet in February. The next newsletter (December) will have much more information but plan now to attend as it will be a good one.

I want to pull my cord here and tell you that if you are having problems sharpening your broadheads. Go to traditionalarcheryproducts.com and pick up "A Guide to Sharpening Broadheads" DVD it will help you out if you are. We have had nothing but good reviews on it.

To finish off here, I would like to thank all volunteers at the shoot. I would like to especially thank Larry Alma once again for his superb work the he and his herd of helpers do with the kitchen. It is a lot of work for everyone but we would be lost without him and it. So thanks Larry and all.

Good luck out there everyone- hope you don't dream to high and can settle for a measly 300 class elk—HA!!!—Gary/Connie

The 2013 High Country Shoot

has come and gone but if you're like me, it has not faded from your memory just yet (which is pretty amazing since I can't remember my own name half the time). What a great success in so many ways! We had 476 registered shooters this year and from the recollection of virtually everyone associated with CTAS over the years, this represented a record number of shooters. The weather was fantastic, ranges were terrific, fun shoots were incredible but at the end of the day, more than anything it's all about the camaraderie. I don't know about you but with each passing year when I think about the HCS, I get more excited to see all of you and spend time with you than I do about slinging arrows. The people I talk to all say the same thing which is a terrific testimony to the quality of folks we have in our organization. You are all pretty great people so thanks for being a part of CTAS!

With the 2013 shoot in the rear view mirror and opening day of archery already upon us, it's hard to start thinking about next year but it's already happening. There are always ways to improve whatever we do which includes adding new things to our shoot (how about that Jug Shoot!!) to getting rid of things that don't quite work out to our best intentions. In light of that, as the 2014 Shoot Chairman, I'd look forward to your constructive comments and suggestions for next year's shoot. Please, no complaints without an added suggestion to improve. I'll take all your input at colloyds@q.com.

The biggest thing YOUR shoot needs each year however is YOU. I cannot thank enough those members who stepped up to help in any and every way they could. From setting up and tearing down to helping in the registration/sales/raffle booths, and the kitchen, hands on help from the membership is greatly appreciated. At the end of the day, however, it's hard to see the same faces staffing these areas for the duration, knowing they aren't getting the time they might like to shoot the courses and spend time with friends. I ask all to keep in mind that those folks have taken time, paid their dues and shoot fees just like everyone else yet they sacrifice their time for the good of CTAS. As the shoot timing gets closer I'll insure we'll be organized to insure everyone has ample time to sign up to help prior to the shoot so you can also organize your time at the shoot as well.

In the meantime, have a safe fall hunt and may the good Lord bless your time in the woods!—Bill Lloyd



Hey Bill, we're over here!!!

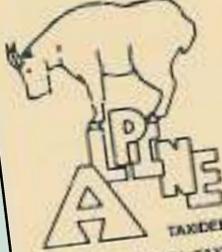
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I'm sure this will not be the first time someone has stated in the news letter "WOW" what a great High Country shoot we had this year. We had almost 500 shooters this year, for many of them this was the first time they were at the High Country shoot. Not only were all the camp spots full and all the ranges needing a reservation list, my score card box was full for the first time in a long time. I really do enjoy seeing all the kids and adults turning in score cards and getting to talk to everyone and hear just how much fun they had. I like to see the looks on the kids faces when they tell me how great they shot or how many times they "kilt" the big bear or the moose. This years shoot really reminded me just how far I have come in archery and all the great times I have had. Looking back at all the shoot buttons that I have on my back quiver and getting to talk to the kids who just added the first button to theirs puts a smile on my face. They have started to make new friendships with other kids that will help to turn this from a shoot to a yearly pilgrimage for them as it did for me so

long ago.

I want to send out a big congratulations to all who took home trophies this year and a big thank you to Frank Adams for making the Pee-Wees Dino trophies. Winners were— Pee-Wee boys ,Brack Mast & Cody Dade 1st place, Mason Allen 2nd place, Owen Wess 3rd place. Pee-Wee girls, Abi 1st place Serridn, Gunderson 2nd place ,Daphnie Rizo 3rd place. Cubs boys, Marley Tomelem 1st palce, Wyatt Dade 2nd place, Flint Oulton 3rd place, Cubs girls, Sarah Kracht 1st place, Cedar Mast 2nd place, Sophie Wess 3rd place, Youth boys, Andy Krach 1st place, Dillon Silzell 2nd place, Braxton Bishop 3rd place, Youth girls, Kaitlyn Ahlstrom 1st place, Eve Roberts 2nd place, Bailey Wyatt 3rd place, Young Adult boys, Tommy Vargas 1st place, Anderson Vancalcar 2nd place, Damick Kinson 3rd place, Young Adult girls, Greta Vancalcar 1st place, Grace Gamba 2nd place, Sofia Gamba 3rd place, Iron Man (Iron Woman) Heidi Nelson 1st place, Fred Bear mens, James Mondle 1st place, Fred Bear Women Alli Gunderson 1st place, Three Arrow hunter men, Scott Hargrove 1st place, Three Arrow huntress, Haley Wells 1st place, and for the longest distance traveled Allen Boice. Thank you for such a great High Country shoot this year. Good luck out in the woods this fall. Chris Reilly



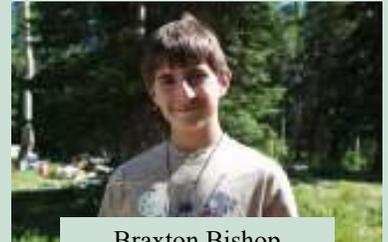
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