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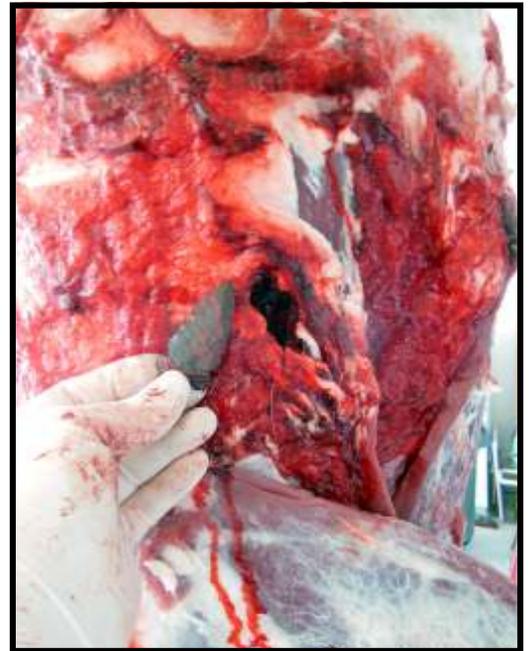
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I'm going to start this editorial with a little negative talk (at least from my stand point). I remember writing something in the last editorial about needing to see some real data about how we are losing hunters. I would add that most all of the wildlife departments across the country declare they are in need of funding and they are not getting it because of lack of hunters in the field.

With over 40 years of hunting I have never seen so many hunters in the field at one time as I did this year. It could be because of where I was trying to hunt—I'll give you that—but even where Connie and I backpack in, it was the same story. Many of you may remember the 6x7 bull that was pasted on this front page a year or so ago. Connie and I humped into that area this year and when we got to the top of the mountain looking down into the basin I knew immediately that we were not going to have much success. In the middle of the basin was a bright yellow tent plopped down. Looking off to the North along the ridge I spotted two bowhunters walking along the skyline. Looking back into the basin for any sign of a critter I spotted two more bowhunters sneaking through the willow bottom. We saw nothing but hunters and left. Driving into another area the next morning on this seriously rough road we passed a fairly new pickup parked mostly in a pile of rocks. I thought it weird that someone would park there but went on by. Arriving at our location where we could start a mile or so hike for a critter I hear this crazy noise of a vehicle (same one) beating the you know what out of his fairly new truck as he bounced over rocks/boulders. It was as if he was late for something. He reached our location, stopped, looked at us setting in the front seat of our pickup drinking a cup of coffee. This guy slammed his pickup in reverse, cranking the wheel hard and backed over a huge boulder and through the trees with the limbs peeling off the paint. He jumps out, grabs his flinger and pack, takes off up the trail hitting his horn alarm all the while looking over his shoulder to see if we were going to beat him to -to wherever he was going. Like I said, it was crazy this year. Oh and he walked past the critters. Ha! I feel like the bowhunting opportunities of yesterday are gone forever and it's everyone out for themselves in the new world of bumper car bowhunting.



It's hard to understand the reasoning on today's legal Broadhead laws.

The photo on this page is not there to show gory stuff and I had reservations about even using it. I felt it important though to show the effects of a stone point on a large bodied whitetail. I had just finished skinning the deer and here it is hanging from the gamble before butchering.

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Chairman's Remarks

Hello all, winter is upon us and cold weather seems to be the rule. Hope all of you had a successful hunting season. Make no mistake, success is what you make of it and a trip afield is what should be considered a success. In today's world that seems to get more blurred ever year. Take a look in the mirror and see what you think success is.

Even in the winter we can have a successful season, like our rabbit hunt. Although reports say lots of rabbits this year, there should be that inner ache to wander around in the snow, freezing your stuff off with your buddies in search of the wily rabbit. You know BIG FUN. Let's see ya there.

Our banquet is just around the corner too. Larry and crew always do an awesome job and this year will be no different. We need your help! CTAS runs on your generosity. We will need auction and raffle items, plus a few folks to pitch in where needed (just ask Larry while there) We all have something to contribute so get involved. I'll take this time to thank you in advance.

As some know I've been working a lot out of town and your board has kept any and all CTAS business moving in my absence. We all need to take time on occasion and thank these people. Without their time and commitment the things we all enjoy in the CTAS would not take place. With that in mind I propose next banquet be hug a board member day. Not me, just them. I also realize that some may be hard to hug due to some interesting facial features, but power through it though.

Life is going pretty well for Karen and I. By the time you read this she will have her business and finance degree with a minor in oil & gas management. Maybe she can support me in the manner I'd like to become accustomed. Truth is I'm proud of her. Lots of books these last few years and she made it.

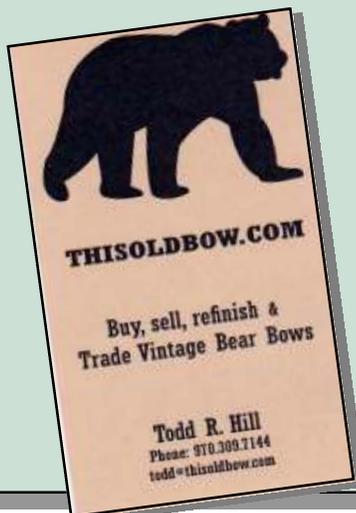
Congrats Karen.

As I sign off, my hope is that all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Successful New Year.

Thank you all.....Dean



Dean taking pointers from his grand kids



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

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The Sun Sank farther into the west bringing shade to the east side of the mountain. I had stopped to glass a basin and rest awhile when suddenly a deer appeared. It was walking out of the timber some four to five hundred yards away. Through the 6x glasses I could not make out horns but I knew there was a good chance it could be a small buck. This was my third year bowhunting this area and I had yet to see a doe during archery season.

While the deer was feeding I began my stalk, moving quickly as possible. Closing the range to about one hundred fifty yards I could see it was a small buck, one point in my favor during a bucks' only season.

My bowhunting experience was limited to only three years. During that time I had learned a great deal through trial and error. Stalking, an art in itself, was one phase of my learning. I was feeling extra confident on this stalk though. Water trickling through the grass and a slight breeze covered any noise I might be making.

At this time, I had taken a fair amount of small game. I was determined to bag my first big game animal with bowhunting tackle. I began to analyze my problem for success during the past two years. My equipment was in top shape and of excellent quality. My hunting techniques improved with experience. I then concluded the opportunities were there, however, I failed to capitalize on them. Missing was my biggest problem.

I spent many hours practicing preceding this archery season. I was bound and determined to overcome the inability to stay calm and think when the chance for a shot arises. Picking a spot and concentrating on hitting it was a key factor. I felt very confident of my shooting this year which put one more thing in my favor.

My stalk brought me closer and closer. I kept thinking to myself, "concentrate on that spot before you shoot." I then lost sight of the buck. I figured he had laid down and would be very hard to spot in all of the downed timber in this area. Experience told me to stop and take it one step at a time. Impatience now would prove fatal in this ideal situation.

Looking carefully, I was trying to spot him before he spotted me. Suddenly I caught a movement and focused on him about seventy five yards away. He was getting up and was not aware I was near. The deer began feeding again. I moved swiftly and quietly to a spot which put me about thirty yards from the buck.

I was in a crouched position with my bow ready to be drawn when the buck stopped feeding and looked directly at me. After a few seconds he gave me the ok and continued feeding. He was moving from my right to left, angling slightly toward me.

This was the opportunity I had been waiting for. I drew my bow and put all of my concentration on his shoulder and released. My arrow went true and hit its mark. He lunged forward and ran full speed for about sixty yards. I could hear the timber snapping as he crashed his way through it. Then all was quiet.

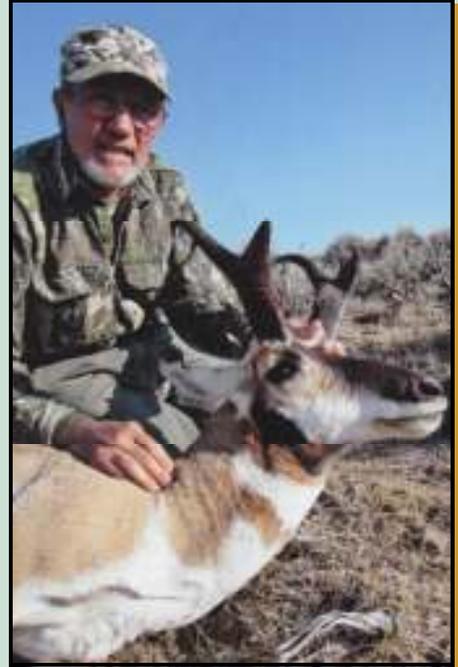
I could hardly believe what had I had just done. I was so excited that I almost forgot to mark the spot I shot from. After waiting about ten minutes, I quietly left the area.

I walked about a mile to the car and picked up Gary Ginther, my hunting partner. I told him of my episode. His years of experience told us that enough time had lapsed to follow the animal. With flashlights, the blood trail was easy to follow. After Seventy yards of tracking we came upon my first buck!! He was small but that did not matter. I was one proud bowhunter at that moment.

The congratulations were short and I quickly dressed him out. We finally got him back to camp and swapped a few tales before hitting the sack.

The weekend ended and we headed for home. As we left the mountains, my thoughts were only of the experiences and disappointments I have had. The knowledge I learned from them finally seemed to have paid off.——Ted

(a reprinted story that ted wrote in 1972 about his first deer he took in 1970)



Ted with his Colorado 2012 Antelope. Congrats again TED.

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The photo show the exit wound from a stone point shot from my "ole reliable" 55# selfbow. The damage this point created could never be matched by some of today's modern broadheads. Many of you are aware that Connie and I worked/produced a "guide to sharpening broadheads" dvd a year ago. We worked with many different styles of heads while doing so. Some of these heads were so poorly made (no names of course) that they should be illegal to use. But instead for no apparent reason some states outlaw stone points and yet let these junk, flimsy style broadheads be used. There really are very few standards that manufacturers have to follow other than width. Again, crazy stuff here.

In this issue you will see all information needed to attend the banquet. Mike Mitten will be our guest speaker during the dinner and he will also put on a power point program discussing his whitetail calling procedures and how he changes them as season progresses.

Bring your **art arrows** for the arrow contest. Write down on a 3x5 card as to what it is and what you did to give people a chance to appreciate and vote on it. The usual **photo contest** is in three categories again-1 bowhunter scene, 2 wildlife, 3 scenic. Bring them and share them with all of us. For the **bow building** contest if you made a selfbow (or two) bring it/them and enter it in the contest along with an info card to go with it too.

Again bring something along to contribute to the auction/raffle if you can. Just find one of the guys doing work with things on the banquet when you get there and he will take care of you. We'll have a couple of (new this year) "CTAS inscribed Turkey Calls" available for auction that Mark Kadnuck has been working on. Real nice items so watch for them.

If you know of someone that is set up for a first timers award let me know their names (asap) so we can recognize them on Saturday evening. Also If you have a **Crazy Hunt** of the year story get it to me for the same reasons (we have not received one yet). (See page 3 for our contact info). Also visit our website for more information on most everything you may have questions about.

You might want to try and attend the rabbit hunt this January 11-12th. I hear the rabbits are up in numbers and when they are, they are a blast to hunt with a bow not to mention good eating. (see info on page 8) If you haven't hunted them just fire me an e-mail and I'll let you know what to bring and what to expect.

Some photos of CTAS members that came across the desk this fall;



Mike Mitten Humor

*"Well my brother David, who is the editor for our film productions at "Brothers of the Bow", He is always giving me pointers about camera angles of both video and still photos. He says I don't always have to have the classic "Hero" photos of grinning at the camera. He says I need to take side pictures or a picture or video of just the bow with the game. He says showing my face all the time makes me seem to boastful. **"So I took his advice"**.*



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2013 CTAS Youth Hunt

Again this year we had an early storm move in the first weekend of October and were blessed with about six inches of snow and cold weather for the Youth Hunt. But, the four young men who we had on the hunt were real troopers and hunted hard throughout the hunt. Tyler Steadman and Jarrod Fiscus each killed a mule deer doe. Tyler killed his doe with one of the longbows that Mike Hays (Black Canyon Bows) made for the Youth Hunt. The hunt was held on a Glade Park ranch south of Grand Junction. Many thanks go to Mike Lawson of Glade Park for allowing us to hunt on his ranch. Other members who donated their time and effort include Dean and Karen Derby, Jim Shanks, Mark Kadnuck, Steve Shuey, Frank Adams and Denny Behrens. Also, we would like to thank all of the members who donated during the fundraiser at the High Country Shoot. The money raised goes to pay for all of the equipment, supplies, food and licenses.

If you have a young up and coming bowhunter or know of someone that may be interested in the 2014 Youth Hunt, please contact Jim Shanks (jimshanks_7@msn.com). Youths must be between 12 and 17 years old, have a valid Colorado Hunter's Safety certificate and be able to shoot a 40 lb. bow fairly accurate at 15 yds. CTAS pays all costs of the hunt. Contact the Colorado Bowhunters Association (www.coloradobowhunting.org) for obtaining a Hunter Safety certificate.



L to R-Colin Morrison, Tyler Steadman, Jordan Fiscus and Jarrod Fiscus posing in the sun after a rather large snow storm.



Congrats to Jarrod Fiscus on taking his fine doe. Both Jarrod and Tyler Steadman both took doe deer on the 2013 youth hunt.



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"HAL BURDICK MEMORIAL"

2014 ANNUAL RABBIT HUNT



January 11-12, 2014

The rabbit hunt will be held in Rangely again this year. Mike and Tammie Stewart will be the contact people. People are seeing more rabbits this year, that's good to hear! If you plan on coming, contact **Mike and Tammie at 970-620-0762** to give them a "heads-up" so they will know how many to plan for. Make sure your hunting license is up-to-date for the hunt. We will meet at the Main Street Coffee Shop between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided at the hunt site. So gather your rabbit arrows and let's have at it!

Available hotels:

Budget Host Inn, 1175 Grand Avenue, Rangely ,970-675-8461

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Mike Mitten and his testimonial on bowhunting.

Bowhunting for me is about self-imposed challenges, making memories, living

a communal relationship with nature and wildlife, experiencing the feeling of achievement, making life improving resolutions, and the uncertainty of the chase. All of these things can be realized in the solitude of a solo wilderness hunt, or on a weekend adventure hunting whitetails in the Midwest. If I used technology to be able to kill an animal at long distance, I feel as though I would have cheated myself out of the experience associated with closing the distance to 25 yards or less. I don't ever want to leave those potential memories in the woods. Over the years I have redefined my notion of success to include all of the experiences, thrills, disappointments and knowledge gained from any hunt. By finding reward in my mistakes, I now claim 100% success in all hunts. If uncertainty is diminished, I can increase selectivity of game taken or methods used to assure hunting is not removed from the hunt. Hunting is freedom at its primal best!

Through my writing and video productions, I have connected with many young hunters who realize that the human mind can always find an easier way of doing something, but the body and the spirit may be worse off for doing so, and that self-reliance can't be bought. -**Mike Mitten**

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Listen to guest speaker "**Mike Mitten**" the evening of the banquet as he talks about his "Solo Spirit" while hunting alone for weeks at a time in the Alaska/Colorado wilderness. Mike is a renowned writer and bowhunter and he and his brother David have produced award winning films about bowhunting and being a part of nature while doing so.

Mike will also show a power point program midday Saturday about "Adaptive Calling of Whitetail Deer" How to change up as season progresses.

You don't want to miss this banquet.

Pheasant Hunt at The Valhalla-Bayou Hunt Club located in Bennett, CO February 14th

CTAS will again sponsor a pheasant hunt this year prior to the banquet. There will be two 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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