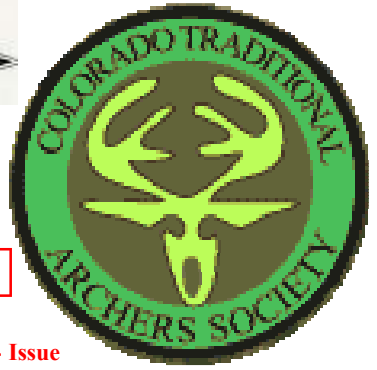




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The newsletter is a little late getting out this round due to several different factors but it's not an issue that is time sensitive like the shoot or the banquet so I think things will be ok. It's time to plan for the summer shoots, outings and other types of gatherings. All info about the High Country Shoot will be chiseled in stone in the next newsletter.

Connie and I cashed in all of our bake sale money that we have been saving and purchased a new-used boat. The photo to the right shows it the day I hauled it home showing it to an old friend of mine. We have since added a new 9.9 bigfoot Mercury kicker motor, trollmaster pro-2, two cannon mag-10 downriggers, new Lowrance HDS-7 with SSI-2 structure Scan electronics. With the boat and all of the gear added up it is imperative that we quickly hold more bake sales so we can afford to buy gas for the dang thing. Furthermore I would like to pass along some wise words from Steve Shuey (board member) when I told him about the boat. His words were "look out trout". WHAT???? Coming from a guy that was supposed to be a fisherman one would think one would get a different comment. Something like-WOW NICE BOAT, CAN I COME ALONG AND HELP BUY GAS? But nope all I got was just "Look out trout!!!" HA!!!



Showing off the new toy to an old friend
(funny we suddenly have many new friends HA!)

The banquet went very well and everyone had a ball. Mike Mitten did a great job talking about how he stops and smells the roses so to speak while out in the back country. I think we all have something in common with Mike in the way we feel out there. Thanks Mike—we appreciate you taking time to come visit and I hope we can meet again someday. Mike sent a poem and a little note of thanks that you will find inside on page 8.

By now everyone has applied for any and all possible licenses and I wish you luck. If you applied for the sheep here in S-32 I think you should know that this area is not like it use to be. We haven't seen a ram in front of the house in close to a year. We watched them almost everyday in the past and in fact we have seen very few ewes. There are sheep here still and the DOW estimates are much higher than what I would care to say and if there are as many as they claim, they must be down the canyon where you don't have much of a chance to get permission to hunt them. Pretty sad picture here in my opinion. One ray of sunshine for those that did draw, I did see one lone ram a week or so ago on my way to work that would go somewhere in the 170's. That's a big boy now days let me tell ya.

For those that want to get to a shoot real soon the Greeley Archers are having their first ever Traditional Shoot on the 26th of April. For more information please visit their great looking website— greeleyarchers.com.

Unfortunately we realized late in the game that we did not have a photographer present at the banquet and for the first time in history we have but one photo of the "Archer of the Year" Jerry Becay. It was taken by Ivan James with his cell phone (page 6) and was hastily taken at that. I'm not complaining though as it's the best one out there. I think perhaps we can get some better photos of Jerry at the shoot and post them here later. We will see. Ted talks about Jerry in his column a bit so be sure to read it. Jerry Becay and Ivan James almost single handedly haul, assemble and tear down the displays each and every year. Thanks guys and congratulations to Jerry from the entire organization!

Get a hold of Jim Shanks if you know of a young one that may be interested in attending the CTAS youth hunt. I personally want to get Connie's nephew, Noah, to try and attend but we will see if he can make it or not. The kids have a ball and learn a bunch of stuff in a very short time period. It's something they will never forget.

We have a flyer for a shooting range in Colorado Springs on page 9 that I had to print off and then scan to get it in the newsletter and while doing so I found that the printer left some streaks (running out of ink). I left it as it was since all of the information is still easy to read. Heck some of it looks like a sunset anyway (except the part the goes through the mountains).

Have any of you heard of Kyudo Japanese Archery? I hadn't either but looked into it a little by googling it and watching some youtube clips on it. Some of you might find it interesting if you take time to look into it.

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Chairman's Remarks

Hello Folks,

Hope you are as ready as I am to be able to shoot in the back yard without shaking like a puppy passing a golf ball. We had some cold temps again this winter and they seemed to hold on. But that didn't stop us from have another banquet that was the best one ever. I know I always say that, but it's true.

Thanks to Larry Alma and his crew. Awesome job guys!!!! Try and make it next year if you haven't been yet.

Before we know it High Country will be upon us. Bill Lloyd is this year's chairman and he has been doing an outstanding job and we really did need someone like him and his family to step up and take control when they did. Don't miss the best shoot on the planet. People come from far and near each year and we all need to bring others to share the passion. Our bow bending ways were meant to share and that's why it's so much fun. Hope to see old and new faces this year.

Our non-profit status from the IRS or 501c3 has been approved. Now all donations are 100% deductible. I would like to thank all the businesses and members that have always been there for CTAS over the years and this will be a big help for all of you with your donations. At the High Country this year take the time to say thank you to these people. Without them and their support things would be very different for us all.

Turkey season is just around the corner as well as the deadline for applications. I wish all of you the best of luck. If you're sending in for one of the units I'm hoping to draw, well nothing personal - but if only one of us can draw I hope it's me. I'm old for Christ sake.



Dean With a dandy buck

See ya soon, Dean



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

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Again another year, another season, and another banquet has come and gone. I really enjoy the stories and being able to visit with many members when I attend the banquet.

A huge congratulations goes out to CTAS member Jerry Becay. Jerry was awarded our most prestigious award this year as "Archer of the Year" during the banquet. Jerry is well known for his commitment to our organization and traditional archery, always there to help in any way possible. Being recognized in this way confirms that circle of hard working people is bigger than I thought. Congratulations Jerry, A well deserved award.

After the banquet I went on a hog hunt in Texas with several members of CTAS. The camaraderie of this group is as good as it gets and it is a relaxing time for all without putting up with big eggs.

I have always believed the last few minutes of a hunt is as good as all the rest of a hunt. You can hunt from first light until last light every day of the season and all of a sudden in a few seconds it's over. That was the case for me this year. I hunted as much as possible and on the last evening I was sitting on my chair with a little cover to break up my outline as the sun went down. When the sun goes down I am always ready with my bow in hand and an arrow nocked up and ready to go.

I was watching a Brahma cow and her calf behind and slightly to my right when all of a sudden I heard something. Looking to see movement I realized it was two hogs at less than 10 yards with no idea I was there. They were intently feeding on the corn we had put out. The light was fading when the hog on the left turned and was quartering away. I raised my bow and came to full draw and released. Hearing the arrow hit and seeing it protruding out the far side I watched as he raced off in the shadows. The hit looked good and it was over in those few seconds that we all hunt for. I marked the spot with my stump arrow which had a reflective wrap under the fletching.

I headed back to the pickup and found Craig Schoenberg. Craig is from Grand Island, Nebraska and a board member of the Compton Traditional Bowhunters not to mention a fellow CTAS member. Craig promptly grabbed a flashlight and we headed back to where I had shot from and we easily located the reflective stump arrow.

We started tracking and quickly located blood, following it through some real thick brush. It was pitch dark by the time we located the downed hog 60-80 yards from the place where I shot. My hat goes off to Craig for all of his help. I have enough trouble in the daylight and lots of trouble in the dark of night with a head lamp. It's a real challenge for me to keep upright in the first place much less in the thick and uneven stuff.

Craig hauled the hog all the way back to where we could load him in the truck. We then picked up Jim Shanks and other CTAS hunters and headed back to headquarters. All of the other guys were waiting and we had a picture taking session. I ate dinner for fuel and got to taking care of the meat. Then it was off to bed to rest up for the ride home. Thanks to all who helped and I look forward to next year.

Be prepared and ready for those few seconds as it may be your best chance.

Hope to see everyone at the High Country Shoot--**TED**



Ted with his Texas Hog taken in the last few minutes of his hunt 2014

High Country Shoot



The results of a highly trained bird dog!!!!

Ok, so what does this photo have to do with the CTAS High Country Shoot? Absolutely nothing but it's a great picture of "Moses" (Moze for short), our new Braque D'Auvergne pup attacking his shadow....and everyone loves a puppy.....but I digress.

The High Country Shoot. Other than hunting season itself, it is the highlight of most CTAS member's year and I know for me and my family it's always right up there on our list. Mark your calendar for June 20, 21 & 22 this year and please, if you haven't attended before or if it's been awhile I really hope you can make it. Last year we had right at 500 registered shooters and we had a blast! We have great ranges, great camping areas, great fun shoots and great food but the absolute best part is the GREAT PEOPLE and getting to spend time with old friends and new in a fabulous atmosphere. If you have kids and you've never been to the shoot, do yourself and your kids a huge favor – BRING THEM!! I promise it will make your and their summer.

I'll be writing a piece in every issue of the newsletter and registration, maps (same place as last year) and updates will come in each one but I will also be asking for member participation for setup and running the shoot in each one. Please remember that as a member, this is YOUR shoot and your help is tremendously valued and appreciated. Setup (the weekend before – a great time!), helping in the registration booth, the raffle booths, the store, the kitchen, and teardown all require willing hands and feet. The reality is though folks that when you pitch in you get to meet other members of the club and make some great new friends and that's really what it's all about. So plan on coming this year and making the shoot the very BEST we've ever had.

A little information that has come down the pike

Dear Sir:

It is a mission of mine to get more kids and young adults to become aware of traditional archery and realize the joy that comes from this lifetime sport. TradArchers' World is a wholesome magazine that features various aspects of traditional archery, ranging from making one's own equipment to shooting tips, hunting adventures and everything in between. It also features archery history and profiles of different bowyers and pioneer bow hunters.

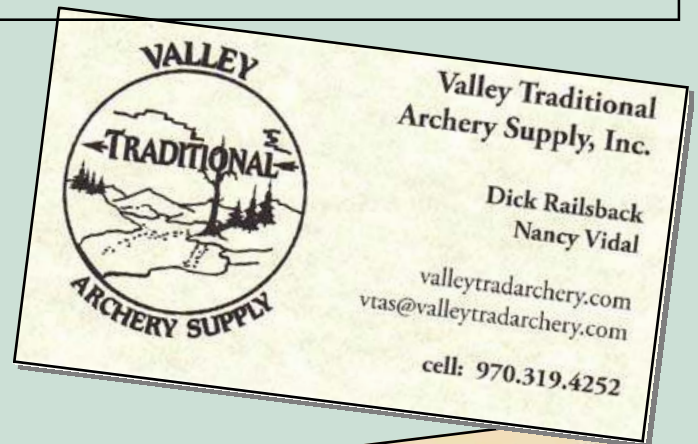
I contacted by phone several school districts my home state of Wisconsin about sending them (administrators/librarians) complimentary copies of TradArchers' World magazine to scrutinize for possible sharing with their students. If the magazine passed muster, it would be placed in the library for students to read. I told administrators/librarians that if they wanted to receive subsequent issues to let me know and I would put them on our mailing list for free. So far, there are 25 school districts on board in Wisconsin.

I'd like to do more, but I end up talking to voice mails and leaving messages in most of my calls and don't have time to continue in that vein. I'd be glad to send out more complimentary traditional archery magazines to schools if I can get some help contacting them.

My wife, Sara, and I also decided that we would email PDFs of TradArchers' World magazine for free to ANY school district that wants them. These could be downloaded to the library's central computer and sent to the network computers in the library/LMC so students could access the PDF. Once again, the biggest road block on my end is the time required to contact individual school districts about this offer.

If some members of a traditional archery club would contact schools in their areas about this complimentary offer, I know we could reach many more kids. Just tell the responsible person (administrator/librarian/LMC director, etc.) to look us up at www.tradarchersworld.com or email me at dabowbarn@juno.com, and we will send the PDF download to the appropriate email address.

Thank you for your consideration. Tom Colstad, publisher/editor TAW



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There are two things that strike me after looking into it—the first being that they put very little importance on hitting the bulls eye. Some of the events the shooters are shooting at targets 6 feet away. It is more about form, very, very strict form. The second thing that struck me strange is they draw their arrows on the opposite side of the riser. I would guess that that is why they really don't put much emphasis on hitting the bulls eye. HA! I have seen movies/shows where the archers are drawing arrows on the far side of the riser and thought that the people doing the research for the movie was all messed up. I guess they really do shoot arrows that way. Either way it's interesting to see how different parts of the world practice our ancient skill of archery.

One other thing here about the banquet. First I would like to congratulate Stephanie Guillen for her "First Timers" award. She took a black tail deer in California this past fall and her hunting companion/boyfriend Mark Turner and he didn't get one. HA!

We had a very disappointing turn out for the contests at the banquet. I think it was the least entries that we have ever had and I'm not really sure why. It is time for CTAS to purchase more first second and third place ribbons for the contests but I'm not so sure we need to spend the money on it if we don't have any participation. But to kick folks in the rear and get them to share some of their photos or bow/arrow art I am going to ask for a vote from the board to make it a cash award for the events and if that doesn't get folks involved nothing will. We will see.

That being said I made an IPE footed arrow from a poplar board, knapped a fiber optic glass point, tied it on with deer sinew and hide glue, spliced fletching, carved cat tracks into the foot on the arrow and filled it with metal powder and than finished it off. I was a proud arrow smith when I was finished. WELL, my arrow took 4th place out of 5 entries. DON'T PEOPLE know how to vote? What's the deal. The winner was Tracy Gulliksen. He told me that someday he will help me make a nice arrow (I guess I'm going to have to take him up on that)

The folks that attended the rabbit hunt looked like they had a ball and now Connie and I are jealous that we didn't get to attend and share that fun. (See the next page.)

Mark Kadnuck has mentioned that he has one set of turkey calls left to auction off at the high country shoot in June so if you're interested make sure you get your bid in as it's probably the last one ever. See you at the shoot—

Gary/Connie



Ted Grover congratulating Jerry Becay for "Archer of the Year". (Jerry is on the left holding the award.) Jerry is a real asset to the organization.



2014 Hal Burdick Memorial Rabbit hunt

Much thanks goes out to Mike Stewart and all for setting up the hunt



I may have missed a few of you, but please send my deepest thank you to the entire CTAS board, but more importantly to all the membership who invited me to come to your campfire. You made me feel at home. Keep up the good work with mentoring our youth.



Romancing the Bow

Through pine boughs and aspens a sun-ray slivers,
Birthing life in the cool mist of high mountain rivers.

Forbes and sedges provide herbivores to eat,
But to those who walk upright, the requirement is meat.

An old northern bruin stalks quietly on air,
No sound is made, no rising of hair.

Flesh tearing claws, while growing long in the tooth,
These legends and folklore are based on the truth.

Indigenous people live by spirit and prayer,
It's this land they're connected to, same as the bear.

Poetry is simple to those dreaming by day,
Waiting, just waiting, on nocturnal ones to prey.

The setting sun triggers an ancient impulse to feed,
While predators acting on instinct, lurk in the timber and reeds.

Naked man can catch no meat or no marrow,
Lacking fangs and claws, he relies on his arrow.

Technology embraced has given us plenty,
But full stomachs without heart, leave some feeling empty.

Taking too many enlightened our education,
Now relying only on surplus, is the root of conservation.

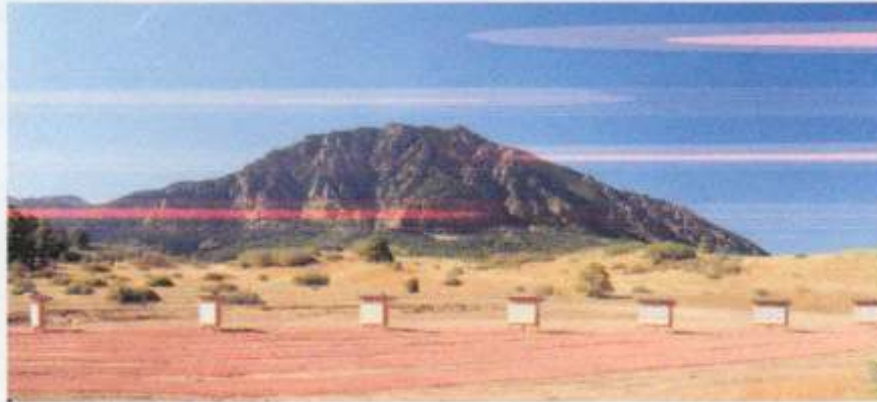
The hunter inside us is no evil foe,
He's generations united, romancing the bow.

Mike Mitten May 5, 2010

ARCHERY RANGE GRAND OPENING

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

April 5 - 6 , 2014



Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Bowhunters Association are celebrating a "Partnership in the Outdoors" with the Grand Opening of Cheyenne Mountain State Park's new archery range.

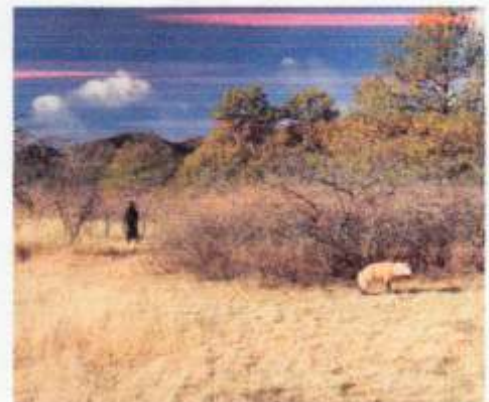
- Target Range - 10 yards to 80 yards
- Youth Range - 10, 15, 20 yards
(Opening soon)
- 17 NFAA targets (11 more opening soon)
- 31 3D animal targets throughout the 3D/Field Range

During the Grand Opening access to the archery range is free and no individual archery range permit is required. A Colorado State Parks Pass is still required for access to other areas of the park.

Camping is available on a first come, first serve basis. Bring the whole family for an exciting archery weekend!



Cheyenne Mountain State Park Archery Range is located 3.4 miles south of South Academy Blvd. on Hwy 115.



For more information call 719-576-2016