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**Wow!** It's time to get ready for the High Country Shoot!!! If you're planning on attending please note, that to receive the pre-registration savings it needs to be in hand by the 7th of June. This will be CTAS'S 22<sup>nd</sup> year of putting on this shoot and it is a first class shoot indeed. It couldn't have happened without the help of many like minded people that really have it in their heart to keep traditional archery alive and well.

Last year Connie put her foot down and said she was sick and tired of our 1962 Layton pull camper with the leaking main water tank (that I expertly repair each year just for this event mind you) She went off the deep end and purchased herself a new-used motorhome. She said she couldn't put me down on the loan as I would have the loan rejected. FINE BY ME!!!



**In hock over our heads!!!!**

Now back to the important things Whew!! I want to mention that if you have a young-un that could possibly participate in the youth hunt contact Jim Shanks [jimshanks\\_7@msn.com](mailto:jimshanks_7@msn.com) and let him know that you have someone.

Please notice that the shoot/membership fees have increased this year \$5 to help pay the bills. It has been a long, long time since there has been an increase in membership dues and was probably overdue anyway. Postage has gone up, price of toner for printing this newsletter has skyrocketed (please check the box to receive your newsletter by e-mail if you can), shoot fees for the forest service, outdoor toilet's, on and on costs keep rising as I'm sure you are aware. Anyway, as you know, we are now officially a non-profit organization and that just about sums it up with the dues/fee's increase-it's just to pay the bills.

While driving up to the shoot just keep your eyes peeled for the signs along the way and you'll get there. It's a pain sometimes driving all the way up on the Flat Tops but if we were to have the shoot anywhere else it would lose its luster.

We'll have 22 vendors this year (by the way we do not charge them anything and they are on an invite only setup). So prep yourself to purchase from them at the shoot and save yourself the headache of ordering it later. It's a convenient way to get stocked up before season. The chili dinner will again be on Saturday eve. The one hour blanket trade event has been fun and will start at noon on Saturday, don't miss it.

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## Chairman's Remarks

Spring is in the air and about to give way to the heat of summer. Preparations have begun to make the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual High Country Shoot better than ever. I'm sure all of you are looking forward to the camaraderie we all share there and are making your preparations to attend and enjoy the experience with us again this year. Please bring a friend or youth with you and introduce them to the beauty and simplicity that is TRADITIONAL ARCHERY.

Hopefully summer brings enough heat to ensure the site for the High Country Shoot is snow free and accessible. If not, never fear, there is always a fall back location at the gravel pit where the shoot has been held in previous years. Check the High Country Shoot link on the CTAS website in June for last minute updated information on location, USFS restrictions, etc.



**Steve Shuey**

You may be wondering why Chairman Dean Derby is not writing this Chairman's column. Well, Dean has been busier than an ant in a picnic basket and has requested some help with his CTAS responsibilities. In fact, life has delivered some twists to the lives of several of the key folks responsible for putting on the High Country Shoot, so some of us are doubling up on duties to get it done.

I was a CTAS member for a few years before I became involved in operations. One year, I decided to attend a CTAS meeting. I was curious about what takes place at these meetings and I wanted to rub elbows with some of the finest traditional bowhunters and archers you will ever meet. As always seems to be the case with organizations, they were looking for help. Specifically, they needed someone to do registrations for the High Country Shoot. Hesitantly, I volunteered, and never looked back. After handling registrations for several years, I'm now going on my third year as treasurer.

It's a labor of love as we all eat, drink and sleep the sport of traditional archery, and I can't think of a better group of people to work with than my fellow CTAS friends. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to lend a hand in putting on this great event. We need help the weekend before the shoot for range layout as well as setting up of the booths and common area. Wednesday and Thursday before the shoot, targets are placed and the dining area is set up. During the shoot we need help manning all the booths and at the end, everything has to be disassembled and loaded back in the trailer. Please consider becoming a working part of the CTAS. I assure you it is a rewarding experience. No doubt you will make lifelong friends. Not to mention, you will become instrumental in keeping traditional archery alive by passing this great sport we love on to our youth and those who have not been exposed. If you would like to do more and are interested in a position on the CTAS Board, please speak to any of the Board members. We are always looking for new blood and fresh ideas. Please make the investment of your time into the sport you love. For all of you that help every year, CTAS THANKS YOU!

See you in the High Country!——**Steve**





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

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**The banquet** has come and gone and here now comes the High Country Shoot. Applications are in and our weather is trying to warm up in between the spring snow storms. I'm looking forward to nice weather and some stump shooting. It helps get me in shape, although my getting in shape today is a far cry from my thirties and forties.

2014 marks my 50th class reunion. Someone called for the 40th and I said if I'm still here I'll come to the 50th. So I've made my arrangements to attend. There will be very few that I'll know or even remember. My class was over 700 but I'm still looking forward to it.



**Ted with his Texas Hog taken in the**

Within a year or so after graduation I went on my first bowhunt. It wasn't what I'd expected. I didn't have a clue about it and all we did was road hunt. Then I met a new friend Gary Ginther. This was just after spending 2 years in the army. He had taken several deer with a bow and it fascinated me. We started hanging out and he introduced me to some guy named Marv Clyncke. This bowhunting thing just kept getting better and better. We started shooting at a place called Western Archery where I met many other successful bowhunters. On Friday nights we shot at slides of animals projected on a huge backstop. There was no end to this thing called bowhunting. Then afterwards they would show Fred Bear movies. Was I ever hooked!!

My family had a cabin at Redfeather Lakes, west of Ft. Collins. My dad gave us permission to use it for hunting camp. My grandpa built it in 1926. It wasn't fancy but it kept us dry and warm. It was pretty much camping without water or electricity. I didn't know what to expect but it turned out to be fantastic. We hunted late August and September. My dad hunted in October and November and he always brought home a deer. We did a lot of hunting and shooting up there. Big bucks were everywhere but the killing was few and far between. I got my first deer up there. So you ask what does a 50th class reunion have to do with bowhunting? For me it is somewhat linked together at that time in my life. Although the reunion will be a one time event, bowhunting has been a lifetime of experience filled with many failures and happy moments that I treasure. Practice, practice, practice-----

-----See ya at the Shoot--**Ted.**

# High Country Shoot Info—Bill Lloyd

Can you believe a year has passed since you got last year's invite to the annual Colorado Traditional Archers Society High Country Shoot? For those that know what I'm talking about, this past week's dump of snow and unseasonably cold weather set me back a bit and made it hard to remember what it is about the High Country Shoot that makes it so special so I'll just list a few items that come to mind that bring a smile to my face:

1. Seeing old friends and meeting new!
2. Walking and shooting the courses with old friends and new!
3. Having good laughs with old friends and new
4. Fresh mountain air
5. The beautiful mountain flowers and scenery
6. Peaceful mornings listening to the sounds of birds and wind in the trees
7. Larry Alma's kitchen!
8. The jug shoot, battle clout, long distance shoot, 3 arrow!
9. Really relaxing and enjoying time with my family
10. Just being at THE BEST traditional shoot IN THE WORLD!

That's really a short list for how great this shoot is as all of you that are regulars know. But remember, you've got friends and family that are missing out (and probably just hoping you'll invite them!) so get the word out - June 20, 21 and 22 are the dates for this year's shoot. Let's get down to what to expect for this year's event.

First of all, the shoot is planned for the same area as it has been held the past several years on the White River National Forest under our approved special use permit granted by the Rifle Ranger District. Getting there really is easy: Forest Road 860 off of the New Castle-Buford Forest Road 245 (please refer to the enclosed map). The route is always well marked and rarely if ever are heard the words "I couldn't find it" so don't let that be a concern.

There are several changes regarding registration that everyone should be aware of. First, CTAS was finally granted our 501c3 (tax-exempt) status which greatly enhances our ability to accept credit card payment for membership, shoot registration and store purchases. We will have the ability to take credit card payment for registration and membership at the shoot so this should streamline our process. Beginning this year, our membership dues will go to \$35/year and the shoot fees will increase by \$5.00 as well. Pre-shoot registration will still save you \$15.00 if you get registered early so take advantage of the discount! Some may ask "why the increase in fees?" Well, the CTAS board has diligently kept membership and registration flat for a good many years however, your club has continued to be affected by higher costs for insurance, targets, food and general expenses to put this shoot on. I hope you will understand and rest assured your CTAS board members make every possible effort to manage costs and still put on the greatest traditional shoot on earth.

As a reminder, this is a "foot-only" gathering within the confines of the shoot boundary so please leave your ATV/UTV at home. You are free to travel to and park in the designated day parking areas with an ATV or vehicle and enjoy the courses if you camp off-site. Even with the great snowpack we received, please be ready for fires restrictions and regardless, ROCK CONSTRUCTED FIRE RINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Bring your own fire container such as a barrel bottom.

Once again there will be the themed target ranges (Colorado Big 10, Alaskan Range, Texas Range, etc). The Fred Bear and three arrow challenge range will test your accuracy and score cards and prizes for a number of the shooting contests will be available. Ranges will have shooting distances established for adults as well as graded distances for age groups so kids have a great chance to win terrific prizes. The pee-wee kiddos that are just getting started can arrow several dinosaurs on the Dino Range and we will once again have the Battle Clout, Water Balloon and Iron Man shoots. I just watched the movie 300 the other night - now THAT is some serious Battle Clout! One contest we initiated last year was the Jug Shoot - PLEASE DON'T MISS IT! What a hilarious and fun filled event and to help out, please save up and bring a few 1 gallon milk or water jugs.

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**Next year** we will have the website set up for pre-registration using your credit card but this year it's still a mail-in registration deal only . We will have a card reader for the first time at the registration tent for onsite sales/raffles/youth hunt sponsors etc... So were slowly moving in the right direction.

Folks had a blast last year participating in the jug shoot. We borrowed the contraption from the Colorado Springs club and we want to thank them very much for that. This year we will have our own contraption built from the hard work of some of our members so be sure to join in the fun with the jug shoot. We will again have the battle clout shoot, and the long distance shoot to name a few novelty's. Mike Hays and Scott Hargrove have agreed to give a shooting seminar again this year. I don't understand why they don't ask me to help out!! Something new this year is you will find a tablet and a suggestion box at the registration tent. If you have something you would like to say/complain about, just write it down and stick it in the box so we can learn to improve on things in the future.

For those asking me to bring a few of the items to the shoot that we list on the website—"fear not" as we will. So just yell if you want to pick something up. We'll also have a new break-through arrow tapering tool ready to go on the market. We are working on It's patent. It's not yet on the website ([traditionalarcheryproducts.com](http://traditionalarcheryproducts.com)) but hope to soon. This tool can be used by hand, drill motor and the newer chucked impact tools. Super thick/sharp blade with 3 1/2" extensions for each shaft size. We think folks will love this tool. Yell at me while at the shoot to take a look or purchase one. We have limited supply at this time so first come first served, pricing is still being worked out.

**Lastly here**, we would like to send the Reilly Family condolences for their loss of a long time and very much CTAS involved and loved member, Pat Reilly. Chris, his son has a write up on the next page so please take time to read it. The photo below is when he won the long distance shoot a few years back. He was on fire that day I remember but he took it in stride like he did everything. I added another photo of him on Chris's page that I thought fitting—he's waving goodbye to all of us—

We'll all miss you very much my friend.....Gary/Connie





**Pat Reilly**, Long time CTAS member and board member passed away at home with friends and family at his side Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. Dad had been diagnosed with brain cancer the end of September and started treatment right away. He fought it all winter with hopes of making one more High Country Shoot. Pat got involved with CTAS in the early 90's when the shoot had only around 60 shooters. He was an avid archer from an early age. He grew up in the woods and back waters in Davenport Iowa chasing and hunting all manner of critters. After high school he joined the USMC and served in Vietnam from 68-69. After returning home he moved to Gunnison in 1970 to attend school at WSC. Life in Gunnison was great for dad, it offered so many outdoor and wildlife opportunities for dad to explore. His love of wildlife and for waterfowl led him to work for the CDOW, to start the Gunnison chapter of Ducks Unlimited and to become known as one of the first and most known wildlife photographers

in the Gunnison area. Dad's love of Archery provided him with so many opportunities to live life to the fullest. From hunting Caribou and bear in Canada and Alaska, Whitetail in Tennessee, Iowa and Illinois, deer and javelina in Arizona to everything he could in Colorado (never did get that Colorado Moose tag). The greatest opportunities it gave him were all the lasting friendships that were made at all the shoots, the hunting camps and raising his two boys to love the mountains, the wildlife and to find their love for the bow and arrow. Love you and miss you dad. Thanks for putting me on the path. —Chris Reilly

Services will be held at the Gunnison cemetery (east of town) June 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 11:00am and a celebration of his life to follow at the Aspinall Wilson Center at 909 Escalante Dr.



Goodbye pat, we love you!!!

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The shoots are awesome but there will also be raffle prizes, auctions and the much enjoyed Blanket Trade. Bring your items to barter, sell or trade for the Blanket Trade and these don't even need to be archery related. Mike Hays and Scott Hargrove will be putting on their Shooting Seminar to give you pointers to enhance accuracy with your shooting technique so don't miss that event. There will also be a good number of vendors plying their goodies in time for you to stock up on what you need for the shoot and the upcoming hunting season.

Breakfast and lunch at Larry's Mountain Libations and Eatery (or just "the kitchen" if you prefer) will be available each day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Cold and hot drinks with hot cakes, eggs and ham for breakfast and brats, dogs, burgers, chips, beans, potato salad and fruit for lunch. Candy bars and drinks are available throughout the day. Dinners are not available with the exception of Saturday evenings FREE chili dinner - a huge gathering of the members followed by the awards banquet.

This is a fantastic event and shoot, there's no doubt about it. But folks, putting on a shoot like this doesn't just happen. The more hands available to pitch in, the easier and more enjoyable it is for everyone. This is YOUR club and YOUR shoot so I ask you to help out where and when you can. So how might you do that? Well, here's some ideas:

- 1) Show up the weekend before. This is the time when we lay out the courses and set up the tents. It's typically a lot of fun plus the added benefit of getting to pick out the perfect camping spot before the crowds arrive!
- 2) Give ONE HOUR of your time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday to help us out at the registration table, the store, the raffle booth or the kitchen. Think that it only takes a few folks? Here's some perspective: It takes about 10 people to run these areas for 12 - 14 hours each day. That's 140 man hours per day for 2 -1/2 days or 350 available slots! To make it simple WE NEED YOUR HELP! Sure, we can get fewer people to man these things for more hours a day but in the interest of fairness to your fellow CTAS members, please pitch in. It's hard to see the same folks for hours on end in these areas when it's THEIR shoot too. Just mark on the registration form where it says "Yes! I'll Help!" and we'll slot you in for a day and time. Thanks for helping, in advance.

500. FIVE HUNDRED! That's how many registered shooters we had last year! Get out there and invite your friends and family to THE WORLDS GREATEST TRADITIONAL ARCHERY SHOOT! Looking forward to seeing you this year!



# 22nd ANNUAL CTAS HIGH COUNTRY SHOOT JUNE 20-22

Colorado Traditional Archers Society

## 2014



**Join us for the greatest Traditional Archery shoot in the country.** Held in the White River National Forest of western Colorado. Join us for the time of your life and bring the entire family. Remote camping, Fantastic 3-D targets on 6 different ranges. A Pee Wee Dino range for the Kids. Challenge Shoots, Marble shoots, Iron man shoot. Huge vendors area. Long Distance shoot, Battle Clout shoot, Water Balloon shoot, Water-jug shoot. Blanket Trade event. Free Saturday evening chili dinner included. , Practice area, Contests, Raffles, drawings for prizes. Breakfast and lunch available.



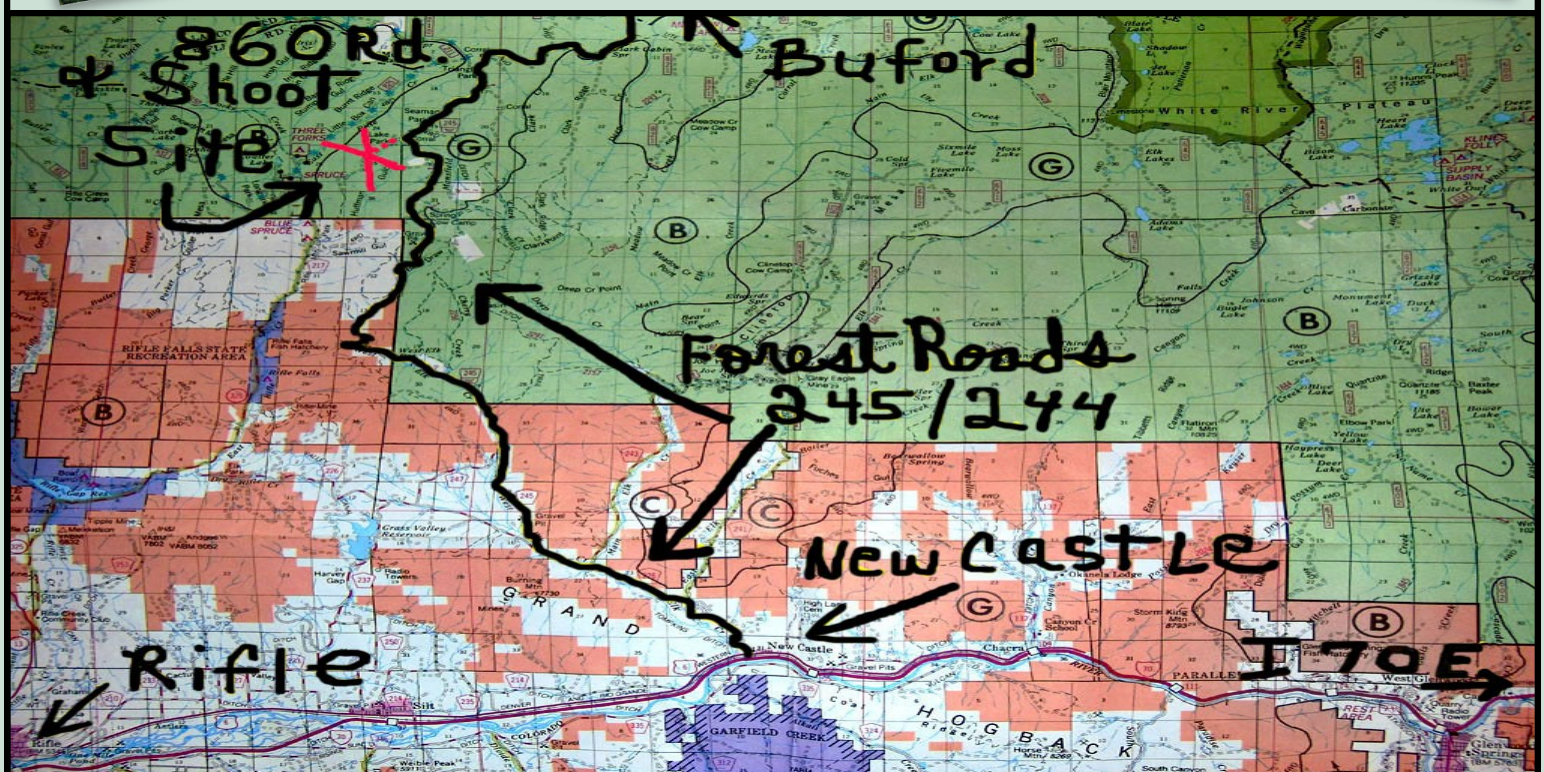
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**22nd ANNUAL HIGH COUNTRY SHOOT**  
**JUNE 20-22, 2014**

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**Yes I would like to help out for an hour while at the shoot** \_\_\_\_\_

