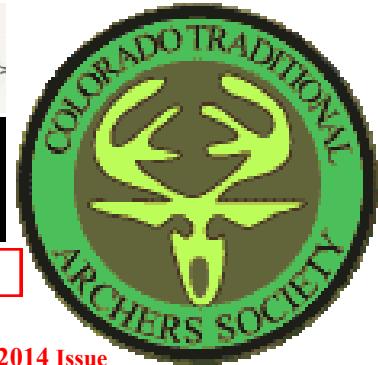




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## News and Views...The views expressed here in the editorial section are solely the editors views and not necessarily represent that of the CTAS organization.

**The shoot** was a blast wasn't it? We tried out Connie's new motorhome and it worked great! She commented that she even had hot water this time around. I heard from a couple of folks (guys) stating that we started something in their family because now their wives want a new camper too. Sorry guys. Just do it like I did—let her buy it!! Ha.

A lot of photos in here of shoot events but still it didn't cover it all. Thanks to Chris Reilly for the contest photos and a thanks to Mike and Betty for the main shoot photos, much appreciated. Thanks to all that donated raffle items, time, energy and especially thanks to most of the board members that donated time (and blood). Without them things just wouldn't happen.



Wayne Depperschmidt brought along his wife Colleen for the first time this year and wouldn't you know it, their camp was the one a bear visited the most (even in daylight). The little pest would not leave. She's not sure if she wants to come back—HA!

Sadie Jo Accashian (board member) wanted me to let all of you know that she has started up a facebook page for CTAS so if you're a facebooker join up with Sadie Jo and CTAS.

For you sheep hunters out there I have a small non-scientific observation to pass along. For the first time in perhaps 5-10 years we have noticed a large lamb recruitment this year. Perhaps in another 6-8 years we can see more sheep around here (Unit S32). Hope so.

Dean Derby (chairman) is out of state and was not able to get his usual column to us for the newsletter before it went to print. He'll be here on the next round though by golly.

Connie and I are packing this week to give mule deer a go this time around. We are hoping to find a nice buck for her and as everyone knows, it's not easy and only time will tell.

I'm not sure how life is where you live but around here it has turned into a 3 ring circus. I'm talking about people—lots and lots of people. I used to recognize folks 30 years ago and knew just about everyone in town but now days I don't recognize anyone. The county is full of strangers. The I-70 mess that takes place every weekend is not getting any better and will probably only get worse with the influx of new people that are here to stay now. We try and hibernate at home from Friday through Monday. It's crazy. In the last few years there have been close to a dozen new rafting/zipline companies start up here. Each one of them have several old school buses to haul the rafters and each bus pulls a trailer that will hold 6-8 rafts. Along with the rafters comes looky-lu's, support vehicles and photographers smaller buses etc. The photoggs place themselves in the best spot to take photos of the people rafting and then sell them to the rafters later on that day. I saw one photo person the other day standing on the side of the creek waiting for the next wave of rafters in an unbelievable down pour.. and no rain gear. It seemed hard on equipment to me. I have no problem with any of this except we live in a narrow canyon with limited roads and I can tell you that it is really tough if not impossible just to go to the store at times.

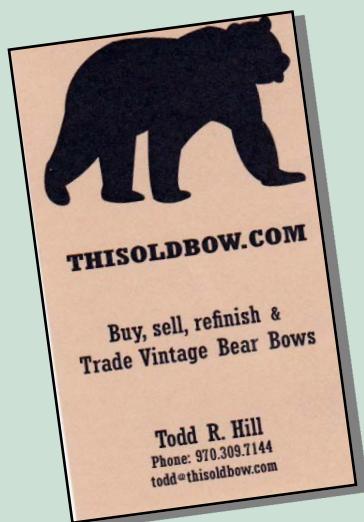
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We also have at least 6-8 bike races, 6-7 marathons, half marathons, slacker races and this does not include the ever present tourist flow. I had to turn around the other day and take a different rout to my shop because a race was just beginning and they literally had the road blocked with people and no one was going to move to let me through. I was asked to drive a couple people to the top of Guenalla Pass to pick up their car a few weekends ago and was astonished at the amount of people camping up there. It was not a sanctioned event either and the amount of people would make our shoot site look tame. I looked at all the campers that was set up in one willow bottom and it hit me how much things have changed over the years because I used to trap beaver out of that meadow and back then there was nobody to be seen. We have an influx of new people that look like they came straight out of the sixties now that marijuana is legal. Cracked me up the other day when I stopped at an intersection and saw this guy and gal standing on a 5 foot square concrete divider in the middle of the street. He was a strumming on a guitar and singing away like he was on America's Got Talent. His hair was a-flying and she was dancing around holding up a cardboard sign that read "Need Smoke". Imagine waking up in the morning knowing full well that you had to perform on that concrete stage that morning. They probably didn't look at it that way. I'm just glad I get more out of life than doing something like that. Bowhunting is one of my passions and besides, I can't play a guitar or sing anyway. HA!

Running out of room here so I best tell you a little about the photograph on the front page. It's a photo of my great-granddad on my grandmothers side around 1900 give or take. It's a pretty neat photo seeing him with a bunch of coyotes, muddy boots, and what looks to be one of the old trusty 30/30's. While Connie's ancestors homesteaded around here, my ancestors homesteaded south of Craig and this is where the photo was taken I believe. I guess he was an ornery son of a gun because one very interesting thing about him is that he was one of the last 5 men legally hanged in Colorado. He was hung in Steamboat (Moffat county). He killed a man and his son over a land lease dispute and in the end all three of them lost. I have copies of the paperwork given to me by my second aunt several years ago. In the paperwork I can remember reading a clipping from a newspaper of that time (probably out of Steamboat) and it was titled "It's time to stop this wild west gun sling-ing" (and they were referring to granddad's episode). Yep, people were getting fed up with folks taking the law into their own hands at that time and I suppose it was the beginning of what some would call a civilized society. Personally I wouldn't have minded living in those days. It would have been tough hard work as many didn't live to be much over 45-50. Although his wife (my great granny) lived to be 103 years old—WOW!! She died in Craig when I was a youngster BUT the highlight is—there wouldn't be 30 mile traffic jams, and zillions of people from who knows where on every corner.

Enough babbling, the last thing Connie and I would like to say is that we are looking for someone to take over the newsletter. Years ago after we figured out how rewarding bowhunting has been for us, we wanted to give a little back and have done so through working on the newsletter and putting our two cents in while serving on the board. So, if you are an interested person/couple please step forward and get a hold of us and we will walk you through it. Afterwards, you can use your artistic creative ability's to do whatever you want. It's pretty straight forward for the most part and you know dang well if we can do it anyone can.—Good luck this fall and remember to always respect the wildlife. They are what makes this place so special.....

**Take care—Gary/Connie**



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

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**The High Country Shoot** for 2014 is history once again. Thank you to all that worked to make it a success. It is repeated on a regular basis about the amount of help it takes to put this event on each year and I'll have to say it has paid off. Thank you again to all the volunteers!! I know I always look forward to and enjoy this shoot very much. It was great to see everyone. I'm already looking forward to next year.

I live in Chaffee County and over the last several years our DOW personnel and county officials have made a

combined effort to put in a rifle range which led to other folks pushing for and completing an archery range. My dad and I were involved in making the shooting benches out of concrete. We made the forms and poured the first 6 of them. Since then our DWM took the forms and has poured at least 6-8 more. The range will accommodate pistols to shotguns and has targets up to 500 yds. The range is located on the north side of our landfill and the archery range is located on the south side. Both ranges have enthusiastic people who work to keep it up and running. Both have applied for and received grants to help fund these ranges. The results of these efforts are ranges that are open to the public free of charge.

The archery folks have several shoots throughout the year. I am consulting with them on traditional events. I don't know how it will work out but I'm working on it. I am impressed with how well the interested groups and the county has worked together. It's too bad other agency's can't work together like this.

About a month after our CTAS shoot, is the CBA Jamboree. It is fairly close to where I live so I usually run up to see a few folks I won't see at the high country shoot. I used to go and shoot the jamboree but their targets are too far for me. They weren't always like that but as the years have gone by and the equipment has evolved, it's become easier to shoot at longer distances. To each his or her own. I'm totally satisfied with my equipment. I know it's harder but I think much more satisfying when we have success. As season approaches, keep practicing and good luck to everyone. You never know when that big one will show up. Focus and make that shot count!!!

-----**Ted**



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

# High Country Shoot Wrap-Up—Bill Lloyd

## 2014 High Country Shoot

Time sure has a way of flying by if you're an old guy like me. Seems like just yesterday we were getting ready for the HCS and now look at where we are....getting ready for hunting season! The shoot itself was quite an event this year from a lot of different avenues: Setting up the weekend before brought a raucous group that liked mechanized toys followed by a strong wind on Monday that left all the tents we had put up looking like a jungle gym wrapped in a sheet. Those were minor inconveniences though and the shoot was once again a fantastic event. There were some great shots (although Ron Rockwell won the long distance shoot, that was a great shot Chris Reilly made!) and some lucky shots (yes, I'm talking to YOU Mike Hays). Sincerest thanks goes out to all of those that came up and shared their weekend with us and a huge thanks for all who pitched in to help out setting up, tearing down, in the booths, in the kitchen and running the fun shoots. It seems we are able to tweak and refine a little bit each year to make things better and we hope to continue to do so next year. Thanks goes out to Jim Brooks for building the Jug Shoot apparatus for us this year – what a great addition to the shoot. As always, when you plan to join us next year, please think about helping out in any of the aforementioned ways as it helps everyone when the effort is spread out. It's also a wonderful way to connect with the other members of CTAS. For those of you that weren't able to attend this year, keep a lookout for next year's shoot and we hope to see you there! Good luck in the woods this fall and be safe!

Bill Lloyd Shoot Chairman  
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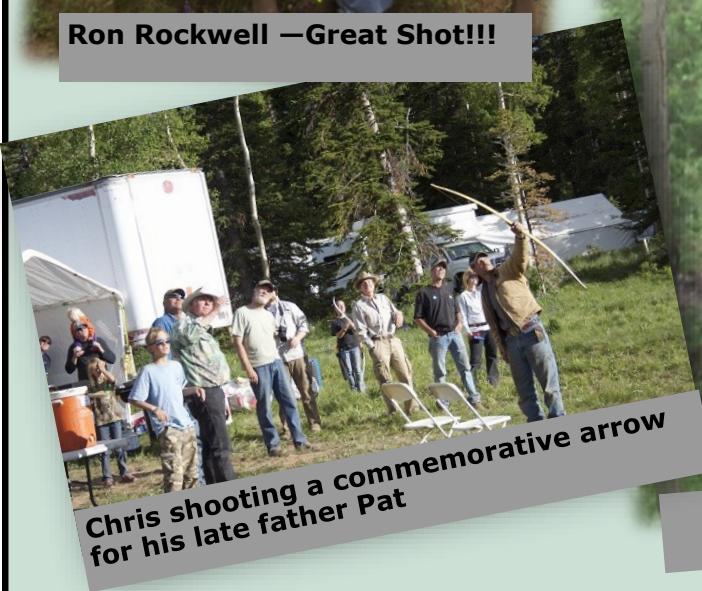
Ron Rockwell —Great Shot!!!



Pretzels anyone????



Chris Reilly even got close!!  
(and then he took the shot) Ha!



Chris shooting a commemorative arrow  
for his late father Pat

I don't think this was the visitor at  
Wayne and Colleen's camp

# Contest Winners

Well, here we are again. Reading the newsletter, looking back at the High Country Shoot and looking forward to hunting camp with friends and family. I look back at the High Country Shoot with pride and excitement. Pride because I am part of such a great organization with so many members who love the shoot as I do and take so much pride into making it what it is. As we all know it takes a massive amount of work to get the shoot set up and put away each year. So I want to give a big thank you to everyone that helped, especially the army of kids that help get the targets out on the courses so fast. Now on to this year's shoot results. Pee Wee Boys 1<sup>st</sup> -Casen Barclay 2nd - Cody Dade 3rd - Josh Shanks. Pee Wee Girls 1<sup>st</sup> -Zala Smalls 2<sup>nd</sup> -Sydney Silzell 3<sup>rd</sup> -Kaydence Barclay Cubs Boys 1<sup>st</sup> -Flint Oulton 2<sup>nd</sup> -Jason Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> -Brock Mast Cub Girls 1<sup>st</sup>-Cedar Mast 2<sup>nd</sup> -Katelyn Mentink 3<sup>rd</sup> -Sarah Kracht. Youth Boys 1<sup>st</sup> -Weston short 2<sup>nd</sup> -Andy Kracht 3<sup>rd</sup> -Patrick Kardels Youth Girls 1<sup>st</sup> -Kaitlyn Ahlstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> -Eve Roberts. Young Adult Boys 1<sup>st</sup> -Isaac Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> -Marcos Vargas 3rd -Matthew Kritner. Young Adult Girls 1<sup>st</sup> -Greta VanCalcar 2<sup>nd</sup> -Sofia Gamba 3rd -Lexi Montoya. Three Arrow Challenge 1st -Men Jake Downs 1<sup>st</sup> -women Kim Young. Fred Bear 1<sup>st</sup> -Men- Evan Stewart 1st -Women-Lona Vroman and Nan Sowieja.

I hope everyone had as much fun at this year's High Country as I did. Shoot often and shoot well. -**Chris Reilly**



# Contest Winners Continued...



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