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Hello CTAS, It's banquet time again so make

your plans now to attend. The banquet will be held at the same location again this year and the information for tickets is on page 9. Our speaker this year will be Judd Cooney. Many of you may know Judd but if not I'll give you a run down on Judd from what I know about him. Judd is a past DOW officer. He is no stranger to the bowhunting fraternity. He is a well known guide and outfitter and has done so for many, many years. He is past state record holder for antelope back in the 80's which held for around 20 years. I have known of Judd not only through bowhunting but in the trapping fraternity also. One story he wrote that stands out in my mind was published in the Fur Fish and Game. This is a magazine that has been around since 1900. Sold a few times with name changes but still going. Anyway, I began my trapping career when I was around 9 years old and have done so all my life up until the animal rights folks had it banned here in Colorado. Back in the late 80's I produced a video (VHS) on marten trapping. I knew quite a bit about it and all of it's pit-falls that seem to sneak up and grab you. Marten trapping on a snowmobile in the back country is hard work, and dangerous at times. I remember reading Judd's article about using the latest and greatest long track snowmobile to get into the back country to make the biggest catches. He wrote the truth about it's difficulties that day and the thing that stands out in my mind (and I had to laugh) was when he wrote "by the end of the season, I was capable of holding the long track over my head in shoulder deep snow and throwing it back up on the trail" How true it is Judd. Judd should be quite entertaining for all that make the banquet.

Many of you may remember several years back when I posted my grandson Saxton's photo on this page. He was a baby at the time and today I just wanted to pass along the photo's on the right to show you his first deer (doe) at age 8. He took it during the KS rifle season a week ago and as you can see he is one pumped up hunter. The photo's are cell phone photo's and not that good of quality but better than nothing. I can only hope his dad took a few with better quality. At the look of things he will have experience for a moose hunt someday as they too quite often end up in the drink. The tradition continues here as I took my first deer at 8 years old too. Congrats Saxton....

Back to the Banquet for a moment. Remember to dig out your photos to enter in the different contest categories- Bowhunter, scenic, and wildlife. Bring your best work for the arrow art contest and your latest for the bowbuilding contest. There will be seminars of course by Jake Powell for building selfbows, Mike Moore on knapping stone points and Tracy Gulliksen showing his award winning methods of arrow building so make sure to attend and learn from these guys. Marv Clyncke is putting together the Saturday pheasant hunt as usual and his info is also on page 9.. Bring your antlers and get them officially measured by the measuring group, Ron Rockwell, Barry Smith, Scott Hargrove it's free!!...

Since I hunt on Public lands in Kansas I have had several encounters this year with crossbow hunters. Kansas (along with many other states have literally destroyed a beautiful thing called bowhunting and it's very sad indeed. Why, if it's supposed to be a primitive, close range sport do they need to have scopes on them???

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Hello fellow stickbowers. Sorry about being a little hard to get ahold of. I have a new job and it's been taking a lot of my time. Thank all of you on the board for filling the void while I was gone. To all the members, your board is the best there is. Don't forget to tell them how much their service means to all of us.

I hope your season was full of adventure and wonderful memories. Mine was again this year. I even had a little success. We all are enthralled with the hunt because it's in our hearts and our spouses often would say it controls our minds. I guess they would be right.

With that being said it's time to all get together and talk about our adventures and maybe plan new ones at our annual banquet. Don't miss what many of us think is the highlight banquet of the year. Larry and crew always put on an outstanding weekend and this year won't disappoint. As with all past banquets board elections will be held at the annual membership meeting. Many positions are up for reelection so if you have ever wanted to become more involved this is your invite. Please be there Saturday morning - your CTAS needs you. Because of time constraints, I would like to step down this year and have a fresh face as your chairman so I'll see you there. If anyone would like to discuss a position, please call or email me.

I would like to take this time and thank all of you who take the time to make CTAS work whether it's High Country, the banquet, rabbit hunt or on the board. A heartfelt thank you goes to each and every one of you. I'll have to do "thank you" all in a group because there are so many who have stepped forward to help with the promotion of traditional archery. It makes an old trad'er shake his head in awe. I'm not going anywhere. I'll still be here to help, because like I said, it's in our hearts.

I have to go for now and THANK YOU for allowing me the privilege to serve.



Dean and his 2014 Kansas Buck



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

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We can put the 2014 Colorado archery season in the scrap book. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and successful season. For me it is getting harder by the year and by that I mean, I know what it takes to kill an elk. Over the years I have seen the woods taken over by hikers, mountain bikers, aspen watchers, dog walkers and just people enjoying the beautiful fall colors. I can't blame them, that's why they moved here to enjoy the scenery. Hiking or biking on front range trails must be pretty boring. Add the smog, people, and traffic noise and that is what drove me out of what I call the "Mile High Pig Sty". I left in 1970 and now make an occasional trip down to see my relatives. They love it down there and for the most part, city people belong in the city.



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

2014 saw 8 fatalities on the Arkansas River from rafting. There have been other years with more and some less. Search and rescue stays pretty busy in our county. I know a few of the guys that do the rescues and some of the stories they tell me are very interesting to say the least. Here where I live we have 15-14,000 ft. peaks to keep everyone busy. I noticed they have so much activity, there is a parking lot at the trail head and an overflow parking area not far away. Put all of that activity in elk habitat and guess where the elk go? They go to private land. With that, land vouchers are worth money. I have been fortunate in the past and gotten vouchers for the asking from a friend. My friend is getting older and wont be around to much longer. When he is gone that opportunity for me will be gone too.

I have mentioned this before, take advantage of whatever opportunity comes along. They just don't last that long. Time slips by so fast it is scary. There are people my age with a "Bucket List" but I can say mine is all scratched off. I am happy just to be on the right side of the grass. My bowhunting career has been very successful in my eyes. I will continue to hunt elk here in Colorado and continue to support wildlife management by buying licenses.

I wish everyone the very best and good luck in your endeavors. Hope to see everyone at the banquet....**Ted**

From page 1.....

Following is a bit of useful info, For those of you that still shoot wooden arrows, —I want to introduce you to a new tapering tool that we have been working on for the last 4-5 years. It's called "Perfect Taper", made in the USA and soon available at www.traditionalarcheryproducts.com. It's a tool with the best of all worlds. One nice feature is that the blades are very thick and robust, unlike the thin blades everyone is used to. Most of us have worn ourselves out using these tools by hand. This tool is extremely versatile and can be used chucked up in a drill motor or in one of the new snap chucks on the impact tools or heaven forbid, you can use it by hand in comfort with it's ergonomic shape. The tool comes with 3 nominal shaft sized extensions to give you a longer surface area and help align the tapers better on the shafting. One unit is made for the nocks and the other is for the point's. We have recently filed for the patent on the tool. Available in limited supply at the moment but somewhere around the end of March we should have it stocked up. We are driving out to Michigan to attend the "Traditional Expo" at the end of January and plan on showing it to everyone there at our booth. We think everyone will love it so watch for it down the road.



Sadie Jo Accashian has asked me to again remind you that CTAS has a facebook page that she monitors so join in at anytime if you're a facebook fan.

On page 8 you will find a bunch of success photos from members. I'm sure there are many more but this was all that came my way at print time. There are some real dandy critters this year but a couple I would like to mention is 1.- Sadie Jo's antelope—Her first traditional harvest, congrats goes out to her for sure. 2. Steve Byerly from Ohio, a Canada moose and Co. elk. The thing about Steve is that he is 74 years old and best of all he did it with wooden arrows. This illustrates the young and the old.. Congrats to everyone...

I'd like to end the editorial and mention Larry Fisher, co-founder of Traditional Bowhunter Magazine. Larry recently lost his battle with cancer. He was steadfast with his views about traditional archery and a great hunter having hunted the world. He pushed for a traditional only season in Idaho years ago where he lived. Connie and I met him 20 some years ago at the above mentioned Traditional expo in Michigan. His son Blake is the owner of Eclipse broadheads. Larry traveled all across the country promoting the magazine and the traditional way. He and his wife Belinda worked tirelessly in advertising for the magazine. They were the front lines folks that did not allow some garbage gimmick ads to be put in the magazine just to make a quick buck. They kept it clean and on track even though it would have made the magazine more money. It's people like Larry and Belinda that hold nothing back and tell it like it is for traditional bowhunting. A few years ago Connie and I drove to Boise to pick up our little pup- Sage from the breeder and Larry and Belinda insisted we stay at their home while there. Their hospitality was unprecedented. Larry was a super nice guy that all of us that knew him will miss dearly. **See ya at the banquet....Gary/Connie/Sage**



Please note: this will be the last issue that Connie and I put out as editors. Jim Shanks has been approved by the board to take over and he will do a great job for you as always. Thank you CTAS for the opportunity, it's been a labor of love for both of us...

2015 Hal Burdick Memorial Rabbit Hunt January 10th-11th

All participants will meet at the Country Café (970-675-2604) on the west end of Rangely Colorado, next to the Blue Mtn. Inn between 6:30-7:00 am each morning. For those that are not bringing a camper, you can reserve a hotel at the contacts below. Don't wait to long as sometimes they are maxed out with nothing available. Should be some good hunting this year..

Mike and Tammie Stewart are the coordinators for the shoot as usual. They can be contacted via Phone-970-620-0762 Lunch will be served each day for all participants.

Available Hotels:

Budget Host Inn, 1175 Grand ave. Rangely—970-675-8461

Andora Inn, 206 E. Main St., Rangely —970-675-5035

Blue Mountain Inn, 37 Park St. Rangely, 970-675-8888



ATTENTION ALL CTAS MEMBERS

Calling All Colorado Traditional Archers Society Members. Your Club Needs You! Please mark your calendar and make a point to attend the Annual Meeting of the CTAS Board February 7th.

Make a Day of it. Join The board of directors for the Annual Meeting starting at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the seminars and activities while attending the banquet throughout the afternoon. Participating in the raffles and live auctions .

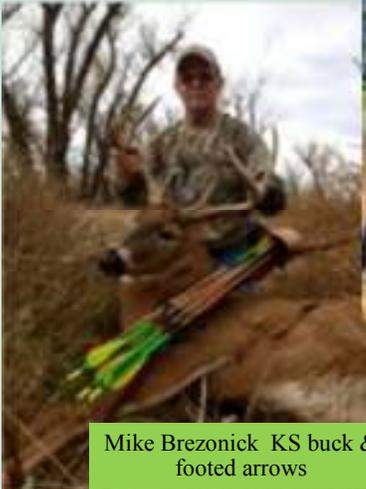
CTAS values all membership input and would appreciate new ideas and new board members to help carry us into the future. Won't you step up and give CTAS some of your time, energy and Ideas to keep traditional archery alive and vibrant?

2014 Youth Hunt Report

We were finally blessed with nice weather this year on the CTAS Youth Hunt. The last few years we have had miserably cold weather that really tested the young hunters. We had 6 youths on the hunt this year including Tanner Vines, Lydia Kanous, Colin Morrison, Tanner Bibeau, Joe Norbut and Jessica Ross. Although the weather was nice, we were just not able to kill any deer this year. Most of the kids had close encounters and saw plenty of deer but it was just one of those years. I would like to thank all of the CTAS members who helped fund the hunt this year including all of the donors and sponsors at the High Country Shoot. Without this support we could not put on this important event. I would also like to thank those members who helped with all of the logistics and set-up: Dean and Karen Derby, Steve Shuey, Mark Kadnuck, Denny Behrens, Phil Belchar, Dick Railsback and each of the youth hunter parents. This hunt will be my last one as the Youth Hunt Coordinator. We need to have someone step forward and take the lead on this effort. If you are interested, please contact one of the CTAS Board members. Jim Shanks

A big thank you from all of CTAS Jim, Job well done...





Mike Brezonick KS buck & footed arrows



Steve Byerly ctas member-Ohio—Ca Bull



Dave Hoff Co. Bull



Dereck Renfro & Family KS



Steve Byerly ctas member Ohio—Co Bull



Marv Clyncke Co. Antelope



Sadie Jo Accashian CTAS board member



Phil Belchar KS Buck



Dean Derby Co. Bull



Erick Sawyer Co. Bull



Scot Hamilton Co. Bull

Pheasant Hunt at the Valhalla-Bayou Hunt Club

located in Bennett, CO February 6, 2015

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

No broadheads allowed for the dogs safety.

Hunt fee includes lunch at the club house.

Contact Marv at 303-494-7727 for driving directions and to grab your spot.

CTAS Annual Banquet February 7, 2015

Hotel (Located at Wadsworth and 285 (Hampden))

Holiday Inn Lakewood

7390 West Hampden Avenue

303-980-9200 (for reservation)

\$69.00 Room Rate (Mention CTAS)

Bring your tall tales and join us for the CTAS
"Social Hour" on Friday the 6th at 4:00 p.m. till - ???

RETURN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

E-mail or Telephone number (If you want to receive confirmation of payment) _____

- # _____ Prime Rib Dinner - \$30.00
- # _____ Chicken Parmesan Dinner - \$30.00
- # _____ Grilled Halibut Dinner - \$30.00
- # _____ Kid meal, Chicken fingers with fries - \$10.00

Make checks payable to CTAS and send to:

Larry Alma (303) 421-7534

7837 Lamar Street

Arvada, CO 80003

Cocktails starts at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

You can receive your meal tickets prior to the banquet by checking in with Larry Alma starting Friday night.