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# A Note From the Editor

## Where do I begin to outline this year

This has been a trying time for all of us regardless of age or location. Because of the current times, it has been a minute since we have all had the chance to sit down in person to enjoy the CTAS community I know we all cherish. Perhaps this has been the most difficult part of the last year, the lack of in person kinship. Unfortunately, there is still much uncertainty around the time we will all once again gather, but I know I speak for all of us when I say it will be quite the reunion!

Aside from the news headlines, whether it be a political division within the election, the ongoing pandemic, or another sensationalized story, I know at least for myself, there has been a silver lining in the past year. Inevitably, we have all spent more time with our closest friends and family. These relationships stand the test of any pressures outside of our control. Along with these relationships, I depend on my time in the woods with stick and string to heal any misgivings I may feel. Writing to this group of individuals I know I am not alone in this pursuit for solitude.

Onto current business, I first want to apologize for the time since our last Newsletter. Some software issues had us hamstrung, but with all resolved, we will be back onto a regular, quarterly distribution with the next issue coming in the spring. Next inline is some unfortunate news. Given the current state of gathering restrictions and risk on the organization if we held what would be the banquet this February, we have been forced to postpone the banquet until 2022. I am sure this news will not settle well with most, as it does not with the board. This is a difficult decision that was not made in haste. We did our best to evaluate the current situation and the risk to the organization if we were to move forward with the planning efforts.

With the difficult news out of the way, let's move onto a more positive note. Bobbie and Daniel Fiscus will be hosting the annual rabbit hunt in their home area Northwestern Colorado. This is a great time for some winter practice and to get the kids out of the house during these shorter days. See further on in the newsletter for more information. Next, get ready to mark your calendars for the 2021 High Country Shoot, June 25-27! We just purchased a handful of new targets to resupply the inventory and are moving ahead with the planning efforts. Keep an eye out in the Spring Newsletter for more information on registration and the schedule of events. For some eye candy, flip to the end of the Newsletter to see what a few of our fellow traditional archers have been up to this fall. There have been some incredible animals taken with the single string this season!

I will leave you with one final ask and that is to stay kind to your neighbor and show thanks for each day we can spend doing what we love; shooting our bows and immersing ourselves into the field abroad.

As always, if there are any questions or comments to the newsletter or current events, please email [hoff.davidb@gmail.com](mailto:hoff.davidb@gmail.com) or get ahold of any other CTAS board member.

- David Hoff, Stick and Strings Editor





# 2020 Youth Hunt Recap

**“What a crazy year it has been. It was refreshing to have something “normal” to partake in this year.**

**The October 1-4, 2020 Youth Hunt was a great success!”**



I believe this was a first, we had more girls than boys on the hunt. We had three girls, Audrey, Ayla and Raine. We had two boys, Jacek (Jack) and Joe. They were all a pleasure to be around, I think they learned a lot and I know they had fun. It is always nice to see how well the kids get along. Their parents were also a pleasure and very helpful. We may have even converted a couple parents to traditional gear. It was great meeting all of you.

The hunting was pretty typical hunting. The full moon and mild temperatures didn't seem to slow down game movement much and it made for a comfortable hunt. Everyone saw game including some coyotes and a bear. A couple hunters got shots, but no deer were taken. The kids were always positive, new friends were made and every-

one was safe. Overall a successful and rewarding hunt.

This hunt is special, working with the kids is a joy and it is all made possible by the CTAS membership. To all who have donated raffle/auction items, bought raffle tickets and bid on items at the shoot or banquet, donated dollars or equipment and volunteered on the hunt itself, THANK YOU!

Steve Shuey and myself volunteered to put on the hunt this year (and future years) on the condition that Karen and Dean Derby would support us. As usual Karen made sure we all had plenty of good food and drink and Dean helped with camp, cooking and mentoring. Thank you guys. Denny Behrens volunteered as a mentor as he has done many times over the years. Thanks Denny. Chad Slagle was a first time volunteer who mentored and provided some musical entertainment around the propane campfire. Thanks Chad, we hope to see you again. Tracy Gulliksen helped us out with some equipment via RMSG. Thank you and RMSG. Thank you to Patti and Frank Adams for signing all the kids up for Compton's memberships. Also thanks to the parents and kids for taking the time and putting in the effort to go on this hunt.



This hunt should always be a priority for CTAS. It is a means to continue our tradition into the future. I am amazed at how difficult it is to recruit kids to participate in this all expense paid hunt. I would like to ask all members to keep this hunt in mind and if you come across kids, 12-17 years old, who are new to traditional bow hunting, let them know about it.

Included are some photos from the hunt. There are more photos on the CTAS Facebook page and website. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet. I hope the rest of your fall includes some good hunting.

— Mark Kadnuck, Youth Hunt Coordinator

# Announcements

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## 2021 Rabbit Hunt

**When:**

**Where:** Main Street Coffee House—124 W. Main St, Rangeley, CO

**What:** Join in on this years Rabbit Hunt outside of Rangeley, CO! Bobbie and Daniel Fiscus have been gracious enough to once again host this years Rabbit Hunt get together. Break up the winter slump and come out to enjoy some good laughs. The group will meet Saturday morning and hit the field for a full day of hunting the sage country.

**Contact:** Bobbie Fiscus—970-629-0039; Daniel Fiscus—970-629-3946

## 2021 Banquet

Due to current gathering restrictions in the state of Colorado, CTAS has been forced to cancel the 2022 Banquet. We appreciate the communities understanding and forgiveness in this decision and look forward to the next time we are all sharing a campfire ring.

## 2021 High Country Shoot

**When:** June 25—27, 2021

**Where:** North of New Castle, Colorado, White River National Forest

**What:** Mark your calendars, the annual High Country Shoot on the Flattops in Colorado is coming! The shoot consists of 6 3-D target ranges, a kid's range, novelty shoots, vendors, and evening gatherings in the shoot's commons center. More information on the schedule, registration, and events will be forth coming this spring.

**Contact:** Brad Parkhill—720-989-3389 or David Hoff—720-775-9141

## CTAS and King Soopers Program

CTAS has joined with King Soopers to create a donation stream to the organization through the use of your King Soopers Loyalty Card. Simple to set-up, go to [www.KingSoopers.com/Community Rewards](http://www.KingSoopers.com/Community Rewards) and create an account if you do not already have one. Once you have an account, sign-in and select 'My Account' from the drop down selection, then select 'Community Rewards from the left hand side under 'Account Summary'. Under find an organization, enter the NPO number PX375 to find CTAS. Enroll with CTAS. Now a portion of every purchase you make will be donated to the organization, no additional cost to the shopper.

Contact Ron Rockwell if you have any questions or issues enrolling in the program—[ron-karen@comcast.net](mailto:ron-karen@comcast.net).

# Chairman's Column

## Greetings to All,

I thought that I would write a few words as 2020 continues to surprise most of us; it has certainly surprised me.

It seems that almost everyone has been caught up in the whirlwind of the times. Each of us has had some kind of adjustment, hardship, disappointment or worse this year.

It hasn't been easy for your CTAS Board of Directors to make the difficult decisions surrounding the Coronavirus restrictions. We cancelled the 2020 High Country Shoot after much deliberation, especially after getting snowed out the previous year. Now we find ourselves at a different crossroad. I am disappointed to say it but now we have been boxed in again and have to cancel our 2021 annual banquet.

I know many of the personal feelings that are out there, frustration, anger, disappointment, and fear. I also know that we are a tough group of archers, hunters, and outdoor loving folks. We are survivors and we will get through this. When we emerge on the other side, the Colorado Traditional Archers Society will continue with the traditional shoots, banquets, and the outdoor events we all love and cherished.

CTAS has not changed. Our commitment to traditional archery and the legacy we leave for our children and others must continue. It is in our blood, a gift from God. We will never leave it behind. Each of us must keep the vision.

Be safe, find time to shoot your bow, and get outdoors; it will do you good and lighten your soul!

Best wishes for the holidays and better times ahead.

Sincerely,

Brad Parkhill

Chairman of the Board



Brad pictured with Josh Neil during last years banquet





# Member Success



Board Member, Scott Hargrove, with a great Colorado bull



Scott White connected in the high country of Colorado with his first stick and string bull



South Cox owner of Stalker Stickbows and big CTAS supporter with a dark timber bull



David Hoff found success in the aspens this fall



Board Member, Steve Shuey with his Colorado antelope from this fall.



David Hoff with a Nebraska Whitetail



Nick White on Kodiak Island with a Sitka Blacktail

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# Member Success



*Board Member, Tavis Rodgers with an great CO Antelope*



*Scott White with a unique Sitka Blacktail from Kodiak*



*"Dubs" Dubord's with a dandy antelope*



*Tavis Rodgers took an incredible Columbian Blacktail in Oregon to round out his deer slam. The deer green scores 184 6/8" gross, likely putting him top 5 in P&Y*



*Fulfilling a dream of hunting Kodiak, David took his first Sitka Blacktail this November*



*Taking advantage of his once-in-a-lifetime Shiras Moose tag in Colorado, Todd Brikel took a great bull after a fall snow.*



*Bill Vanbuskirk with his long beamed five point bull from New Mexico*

Send your photos to [hoff.davidb@gmail.com](mailto:hoff.davidb@gmail.com) for feature in the next newsletter as well as our social media!

**CTAS Membership Form:** New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*Family Membership includes Head of Household/Spouse & Children under 21 year of age

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