

# CTAS STICKS & STRINGS NEWS

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# A Note From the Editor

## Hello CTAS Family!

I hope this newsletter finds you well, enjoying the start to what appears to be a good winter! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the successes pour in from everyone's fall hunts and hearing the stories from the summer's High Country Shoot.

I'll start out with an introduction to the events you'll find highlighted in the remainder of the newsletter, starting with the annual 2023 Rabbit Hunt in Rangely, CO. Bobbie and Dan Fiscus have quite the tradition going at this point, gathering the willingly hearty individuals each January to chase hares around the sage brush. The 2023 edition will take place on January 14 and 15. Each year a group of hearty individuals take to the sage brush to chase the cunning and fast rabbits of the high rocky mountain valley, finishing the day off with a warm cup of chili. Contact Bobbie in the info listed further on in the newsletter for more information.



Next on our schedule is the Annual Banquet, Friday February 10th and Saturday February 11th at the Wine Country Inn in Palisade, CO. Friday evening will consist of an evening social. Saturday morning will kick-off in the morning with a 8AM Board meeting. Breaking for lunch, we will then have seminars in the afternoon and the main event, dinner and speakers, that evening. We will be joined by South Cox of Stalker Stickbows and Chad Slagle, singer songwriter for entertainment throughout the night followed by live auction, raffle, and silent auction. For those that came to last years event, I won't need to spend much time highlighting the new venue. It is a great fit for the night, plenty of room, great food and hospitality. For those traveling, rooms are available at a discounted rate, \$115. Registration will be available via colotradarchers.com in the near future. Look for an email blast with final information. Contact Brad Parkhill 720-989-3389 or Scott Hargrove 970-209-2281 to field any questions. And don't forget to bring your trophies to display, call Barry Smith to arrange, 303-919-2755.

Last note before I let you read on, next year's High County Shoot is locked in for the weekend following Father's Day, June 23-25, in the White River National forest, just up the road from New Castle, CO off the New Castle to Buford Rd in the same location as previous years. Hope all have a great Holiday and I look forward to seeing you at the coming Banquet!

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# CTAS Youth Hunt

Each year, CTAS extends an invitation to any youth, under 17 with a hunter safety, that would like to learn and experience hunting with a traditional bow for the first time to a long weekend in the fall hunting mule deer as a mentee to several dedicated volunteers. This year our volunteers were Karen and Dean Derby, Mark Kadnuk, and Steve Shuey; along with many others throughout the rest of the year. This incredible opportunity is only made possible with the donations we receive through the Banquet and High Country Shoot from our membership. The other critical piece to the puzzle is the participation of our youth. All experience levels and backgrounds are welcome. If you have a bow and are outfitted to the gills, come along! If you have never experienced the outdoors aside from your backyard and through stories of others, but have a drive to experience what these woods have to offer, go get your hunter safety and hitch a ride out to ranch to join the group!

This year, we had two of our youth join the group for the weekend. It was full of laughs, teachings, and long tales. For many, this is an opportunity that may not exist elsewhere in their day to day life. Be an advocate and share the opportunity with your friends, family, and other organizations. WE NEED PARTICIPANTS! Help us share this way of life and encourage a kid or two to go outside into the fall colors to invigorate that primordial drive to be in nature!

If you or someone you know is interested or has a connection to an younger individual that is in participating, send an email to [hoff.davidb@gmail.com](mailto:hoff.davidb@gmail.com) or Call 720-775-9141.

Last but for certain not least, we extend a sincere thank you to Karen, Dean, Mark, and Steve. They have dedicated years of service and are truly the life blood to the program.



# Announcements

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## 2023 Rabbit Hunt

<b>When:</b>	January 14th and 15th
<b>Where:</b>	Main Street Coffee House—124 W. Main St, Rangeley, CO
<b>What:</b>	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.
<b>Contact:</b>	Bobbie Fiscus—970-629-0039; Daniel Fiscus—970-629-3946

## 2023 Banquet

<b>When:</b>	February 10-11
<b>Where:</b>	Wine Country Inn, Palisade, CO Mention CTAS o take advantage of the group, discounted rate (\$115/night)
<b>What:</b>	Friday night social starting at 5 PM Saturday board meeting starting at 8 AM Happy hour and dinner starting at 5 PM Saturday Music by Featured speaker is Chad Slagle, and guest speaker will be South Cox of Stalker Stixkbows

**For more information and registration, visit [COLOTRADARCHERS.com](http://COLOTRADARCHERS.com)**

## 2023 High Country Shoot

<b>When:</b>	June 23—25, 2023
<b>Where:</b>	North of New Castle, Colorado, White River National Forest
<b>What:</b>	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.
<b>Contact:</b>	Brad Parkhill—720-989-3389 or Scott Hargrove—970-209-2281



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# A Note From Your President

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Greetings to All,

This morning I was sitting at my desk and thinking about our upcoming banquet. Wondering what the weather would be like in Colorado this February. We just never know, but hopefully we have a repeat of last years banquet weather to ensure that we have another great turnout. The banquet in 2022 was awesome and everyone enjoyed The Wine Country Inn so much that we have decided to have the event there again in 2023. For those of you on the Eastern Slope, you should make the drive. It was quite pleasant last February. Cross your fingers we hit the weather perfectly. We have negotiated a special room rate of \$115.00/night which includes an excellent chef-prepared breakfast and a free glass of wine at happy hour for those people staying at the Inn. Once again, we will be joined by Chad Slagle and his guitar as well as this year's guest speaker, South Cox from Stalker Stickbows. Registration for 2023 CTAS Annual Banquet will begin soon. There are plenty of available rooms at The Wine Country Inn but regarding the banquet table, register early to reserve your spot because space is limited. I am looking forward to visiting and catching up with all of you!

With kind regards,  
Brad Parkhill

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# High Country Shoot Chair

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Hello Everyone!

I'm sure most of you don't know, but I have recently accepted the role of the CTAS High Country Shoot Chairman. That may sound impressive, but I think it will just give everybody someone to blame if things don't go smoothly - you know, like 6"-8" of wet, heavy snow that crushes tents and makes a mess of the roads! Seriously, though, since I am a recently retired Engineering Project Manager, where I designed power substations for utilities, I now have more time to do the things I like to do and decided to accept the position of shoot chairman.

For those who don't know me, I have been with CTAS and coming to the shoot since 2007 (had to look that up on my hat of shoot buttons!). I moved to Palisade, Colorado from Idaho in 2006 with my wife, Heidi and two kids Anders and Greta (many of you probably know my kids more than me) where we continued with our passion of traditional archery, hunting, fishing, camping and just enjoying the outdoors. My first year at the High Country Shoot in 2007 is still very memorable - I was completely enthralled with the ranges and targets, the number of traditional shooters and how much fun it was to shoot continuously for three days straight! I couldn't wait to bring the kids the following year. As I mentioned in an article recently published in Traditional Bowhunter Magazine, getting your kids involved with traditional archery and making sure they fall in love with it is a win-win. The kids love to go to the shoot and/or hunting now and the wife will ALWAYS let you go if you take the kids away!

So from that point on, we have come to the shoot every year and have always tried to help out one way or another, especially helping pull the ranges at the end of the shoot. I have always enjoyed being involved (helping Kristi with registration) and getting to know more and more folks and I am looking forward to working with everyone to continue making the High Country Shoot one of the most envied traditional archery shoots in the country. With that said, if there is anything that you can think of that could make the shoot more enjoyable or interesting or ?? (I'll even take complaints), please feel free to reach out to me via a phone call, text or email - my contact info is below. And, finally, just so everyone is clear on this, I am probably THE worst in recalling people's names and faces, so please do not feel offended if I can't remember your name or don't seem to recognize you - at least my wife and kids are no longer offended...

Looking forward to 2023 and hope to see many of you at the banquet in February and ALL of you at the shoot in June! Cheers for now and happy holidays.

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# Member Success





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**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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