

# CTAS STICKS & STRINGS NEWS

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# A Note From the Editor

## Hello CTAS Friends and Family!

Spring is definitely upon us in the Rockies from early, sunny 70-80 degree days to blizzards in the mountains and passes closing from snow storms. I guess it is just another typical spring in Colorado! As we sit and write this letter and think about getting back out to chase the wily gobbler, we are busy with many things CTAS. First and foremost, our awesome editor over the years is becoming overwhelmed with family and work and has asked to step down. We can't say enough good things about David Hoff and we will definitely miss him as editor of Sticks and Strings but know he will continue to be around and be a big part of CTAS. With that said, we are looking for a new editor so if there is someone out there that has a penchant for editorials and putting news letters together, (or would just like to be more involved) we would love the help and will support you 100% of the way. Please reach out to Scott Hargrove or Karl Van Calcar if interested.

CTAS is again helping in sponsoring, with the American Bowman Club, a spring 3-D shoot outside of Bailey, CO. The shoot is being held Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (just a week away) and pre-registration is available online. You can find the registration on the CTAS website – look in the upper right hand corner and click on the bullseye “Get Started” to register. You can also register at the shoot – cash only. There is further information about the shoot on the following page.

Next in line is our annual High Country Shoot to be held June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> in the White River National Forest above Silt and Newcastle – same location as in past years. There is further information further in this newsletter about the shoot and registration.

We do want to thank all the CTAS members on this distribution for their continued support of this organization and all the help everyone provides. We look forward to seeing you at spring shoot and/or High Country Shoot to share a few tales and fling arrows in the high country.

If there are any questions or comments to the newsletter or current events, please email me or Scott Hargrove or get a hold of any of the board members – we are here to help!

Cheers,  
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# CTAS Spring 3-D Shoot

## May 19, 2024

**What:** CTAS has partnered with the American Bowmen Club in Bailey, CO to host a fun, traditional only 3-D shoot to dust off the cob webs and fling some arrows! There will be two 20 target rounds as well as an available sight-in range.

**When:** May 19, 2024, Trickle Start beginning at 8AM

**Where:** American Bowmen Club 1015 Co Rd 64, Bailey, CO 80421

Adults (18 and older): \$20

Youth Adults (14-17): \$10

Youth (10-13): \$5

PeWee (9 and Under): Free

Pre-Register at [www.ctas.wildapricot.org](http://www.ctas.wildapricot.org)

On-Site Registration - CASH ONLY

Contact Kristi Hargrove for registration questions:

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**COLORADO TRADITIONAL ARCHERS SOCIETY**

# 2024 High Country Shoot

**Hello everyone!**

It appears spring has sprung as the peach blossoms are done blooming here in Palisade and all the leaves are back on the trees. However, with the current snow flurries and 80-degree temps mixed in, it's hard to say what is going to happen. But I am expecting the turkeys to continue gobbling and just maybe I'll still have an opportunity at one with my bow this year!

And with spring in the air, we are working thru all the details for the High Country Shoot this coming June. As always, it is the weekend after Father's Day and will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be in the same location as last year above Silt/New Castle up in the White River National Forest. Registration is open and can be found on the CTAS website "Colotraders.com" and click on the bullseye on the upper right hand corner - and remember, you will need to be a CTAS member to register for the shoot. We are eternally optimistic that without the record snowfall up in the mountains that things will dry out and we will have a normal shoot – whatever normal is (sun, rain, thunder, snow...)?? Regardless, it will be great fun and memorable, as always.

As you know the shoot relies on lots of volunteers so if you able to come up early and help set up (set up of tents and placing targets out on the ranges starts Thursday morning, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am), help during the event, or help with take down, all support is greatly appreciated. And, as always, anyone helping to set up or take down will be provided with a free lunch!

We are also wanting to make sure we have volunteers for our medical staff. Much thanks go out to Christine Hamilton and Brad Jones as our main medical folks and we are looking for others who are EMT trained or higher. If you are trained and willing to help, please let me know. Volunteering as medical support entails getting familiar with the medical tent and getting you a radio to help if a situation arises. This has always been a safe event with the only medical events having been cuts or bruises but we need to have support available in the unlikely event something happens. Any medical support volunteers shoot for free.

Last year our food vendor was unable to make it and we are working to find another vendor with a couple showing interest so far. Without a food vendor fully committed yet, I wanted to ask if anyone out there may know of a food vendor who may be interested, and if so, to please give me a call (text or email). I will then follow up as needed.

I am really looking forward to the shoot and seeing everyone again and wanted to thank everyone in advance for your participation and support of this great event. It wouldn't be the same without each of you there! As always, if there are any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me. Cheers for now and see you all in a couple months!

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High Country Shoot Chair  
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# 2024 High Country Shoot

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, June 20

8AM – Volunteer Setup – All volunteers get a free lunch

3PM – Sunset - American Round Targets available to shoot

3PM – 5PM - Pre-registration packet pick-up available

### Friday, June 21

Sunrise – 3-D Ranges open

8AM – 5PM - Store and Raffle tents open

8AM – 6PM - Registration Booth Open  
(May be closed 10-11AM and 3-4PM)

12PM – Water Balloon Shoot

2PM- Battle Clout shoot

6PM – Board Meeting

Sunset – 3-D ranges close

### Saturday, June 22

Sunrise – 3-D Ranges open

8AM – 5PM - Store and Raffle tents open

8AM – 5PM - Registration Booth Open  
(May be closed 10-11AM and 2-3PM)

9AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Biathlon Shoot

12PM – Water Balloon Shoot

1PM – Tom Clum Shooting Clinic

2PM – Jug Shoot **(PLEASE BRING GALLON MILK JUGS FULL OF WATER!!)**

2PM – 3PM – Blanket Trading

3PM – All Competition Cards Due (Fred Bear, 3-Arrow and Kids/Youth Rounds)

4PM – Battle Clout shoot

6PM – Ice Cream Social/Awards/General Raffle Close  
(Raffle winners posted / Announced)

Sunset – 3-D ranges close

### Sunday, June 23

Sunrise – 3-D Ranges open

11AM - RANGES CLOSE

11AM - Volunteer Takedown – All Volunteers get a Free Lunch!

# CTAS Youth Hunt

A large goal of CTAS is to get ours and other kids involved in the sport of traditional archery. Each year we host the CTAS Youth Hunt on the Western Slope where up to six kids, ages 12 to 18, can hunt on a private ranch in the Glade Park area of Western Colorado to try and harvest a doe deer. CPW provides us up to 6 doe tags for the youths. Last year was a huge success with all the kids having opportunities, although no deer were taken. On the next page is a write-up from one of the participants which I believe truly exemplifies the goal of the hunt – it isn't necessarily the taking of game but the overall experience!

So far this year, there is only one coveted opening left for the CTAS Youth Hunt. If your child or someone you know is interested, get your application in soon. Any youth not chosen for this year's hunt can reserve a spot for next year. Also, we do have last minute cancelations for one reason or another, so if your in a position to be able to show up with only a couple weeks notice, please let us know that as well.

In addition, we do need mentors for the youth hunters. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to shape the future of traditional archery by teaching skills and ethics to these young hunters, so if you are interested in being a mentor for the weekend, whether your child is participating or not, please let us know.

Please contact Steve Shuey or Karl Van Calcar if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

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# CTAS Youth Hunt (Cont.)

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## Story from Jolene Flaherty

Anticipation and excitement were killing me in the days leading up to the CTAS youth hunt. I was so excited by the time we finally made it up the mountain! The first thing we did was meet everyone and then the host went over what the hunt would look like. We got spoiled with a new pack, a knife, knife sharpener, saw, hand warmers, a head lamp and there were always snacks out for us to fill our bags with. There were three big wall tents. One for the boys, one for the girls and one for all of the meals. Before the end of the first day, us girls were fast friends. We found out that we all have the same interests and I am still in touch with some of them.

The first day we got up around 6:00 AM and gathered in the food tent and ate breakfast together. Next we geared up and jumped in the back of the truck, which took us to our blinds. Day one, I had no action, but I got to have quality time with my dad in the blind. We got back to camp around noon, ate lunch and then went back out until dark. The rest of the night, we all hung out until we couldn't stay awake any longer.

The next day, our guide Dean Derby, took me and my dad out stalking. The only time that I had a really good shot was on a buck, but the problem was that I did not have a buck tag! When we came back from lunch, some of the girls and I grabbed some apples, cut them up and went to find the horses. We would coax the horses over to us with the apples, then pet them and chat until it was time to hunt again.

Throughout the weekend, I had three good looking bucks in front of me. One of which, the guide said, was the biggest buck that he'd seen on the ranch. The third day, we repeated this process. This time after lunch, us girls were drawn away from our equine friends a bit early to do a money shoot. There was a \$1 and a \$5 bill on the target, if you shot it, you got to keep it. I walked away with \$6!

I learned new hunting strategies and that I need to work on my stalking skills. I didn't even know that you could stalk deer. I also learned that hunting is not just about filling your tag, but about the experience. There was beautiful scenery around me and every night and morning we heard elk bugling, coyotes yelping and turkeys gobbling. The food was awesome. The cook put a lot of time and care into feeding us. I didn't expect to be having steak dinners at camp. There was a father/daughter mentor team there and it was neat to see how well Greta and her dad got along. Dean was funny and a really fun person to hang out with. If I can do this hunt again next year, I definitely will and I hope that my siblings will get to have this experience when they are old enough.

# Announcements

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## 2024 High Country Shoot

<b>When:</b>	June 21—23, 2024
<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 six 3-D target ranges, a kid's range, balloon shoot, jug shoot, archery biathlon, battleclout shoot, vendors, and evening gatherings in the shoot's commons center. More information can be found on the CTAS Website: <a href="http://COLOTRADARCHERS.com">COLOTRADARCHERS.com</a> .
<b>Contact:</b>	Karl Van Calcar—970-314-4588 or Brad Parkhill—720-989-3389

## 2025 Banquet

<b>When:</b>	March 14th, 15th and 16th, 2025
<b>Where:</b>	Denver West Marriot, Golden, CO
<b>What:</b>	<p>The CTAS annual banquet will be combined with the Compton Traditional Bowhunters Big Game Classic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Fred Eichler will be keynote speaker</li><li>◆ Many seminars and vendors will be present</li></ul>

**More information will be posted at [COLOTRADARCHERS.com](http://COLOTRADARCHERS.com)**

**As it becomes available**

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# A Note From Your President

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Greetings to All,

Spring is upon us. Turkey hunting and other outdoor activities are in full swing, and that includes your CTAS Board of Directors. Several of us are working on the 2024 High-Country Shoot schedule, organization and registration process, stocking up the CTAS store with hats and shirts and finding participants for the annual Youth Hunt. CTAS Board members continue to work with Compton Bowhunters to organize and schedule events for the combined 2025 banquet and we are currently working on a small marketing piece to be aired on Channel 7 News in May of this year.

Our banquet in February already seems like it was forever ago, but it was just a few months. We had a great time with two wonderful guests. Chad Slagle provided us with music while Brian Koelzer captivated us with his storytelling. We had beautiful weather in Palisade, Co., and a first-class facility at the Wine Country Inn. If you have never been to the banquet, you need to get it on your calendar for next years 2025 banquet at the Denver West Marriott in Golden, Co., on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us.

I am continually impressed by the men and women that serve on our Board of Directors, for their commitment and the perseverance that is needed to keep CTAS a viable and effective organization. We currently have over 30 years of success bringing core values and the rich history of traditional archery to CTAS members.

I look forward to seeing each of you this Summer. Be safe and get those outdoor shoots on your event calendar!

With Kind Regards,

Brad Parkhill

Chairman of the Board



# Member Success

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