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## EDITORIAL

Gord Nuttall

My dad used to tell me that September needs to have 60 days to fit in all the bowhunting opportunities. That's true, but I have come to realize that even May and June need to have 60 days as well given all the 3D shoots, bow-fishing, fishing and spring bear hunting outdoorsmen can take part in. Spring was successful for myself, family and friends. My Bear BR33 bow performed well taking a couple decent black bears and my Cajun Sucker Punch help land a boat load of carp for trap line bait.

This year, after getting my bow tuned at Cabela's I had to get used to the single pin sight. I loved the single pin setup in the tree stand for bowhunting baited bears, but I have setup a practice routine for the summer to get used to bowhunting from the ground with a single pin. Long shots out to 60 metres, shots at 40 metres with a 30 metre pin and all combinations in between to learn the trajectory of my Carbon Express arrows and how high/low that I'll need to aim with various pin locations (distances).

I also like to practice in realistic hunting situation which include: tall grass, low light, bright light and tight wooded areas with narrow shooting lanes. In addition, shooting from awkward positions rather than the perfect shoulder width apart standing stance. I will likely be decoying antelope this fall as well, so I'm going to try shooting beside and over decoys. I also have the Heads-ups decoy with mount to my bow so I'll see if I can shoot that in any sort of wind (which I doubt). So many variations to practice and not enough time, maybe every month needs 60 days.

Alberta Bowhunters Association has agreed to take part in Cabela's Fall Great Outdoor days in which they promote conversation partners within the store. We are looking for volunteers to work either a 3 hour morning (9-12) or afternoon (1-4) shift on August 20th to occupy the ABA booth in the Cabela's North Edmonton store. It's a great opportunity to promote bowhunting and you will have the chance to purchase any in-store items at employee pricing just five days before bowhunting opens in Alberta. Please contact me if interested (gord@albertabowhunters.com).

Have a great summer and I hope to see you in Drayton Valley at the ABA bowhunter challenge.

*Gord Nuttall*



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# FOLLOWING

I started bow hunting about nine years ago. I walked into a ¼ section of bush, bugled, cow called and three minutes later in walked about a 280 inch bull elk. He stood at 12 yards for about five minutes and there was no shot but I could see half of his head, his breath, nostrils flaring as he checked the wind. It was like an out of body experience and I was slam bam hooked.

The buck you see in this article is my very first Alberta buck taken with a bow and for the last five years I have been trying pretty hard to do so. I also managed to self-film the bowhunt. I am pretty proud of that fact. There are bowhunters out there who have killed countless animals with their bows and I congratulate them but this is my memory and story that I am going to share with you.

My whitetail season started in June, setting up trail cameras to scout for a good mature buck to harvest. In the eight or ten years I have been operating trail cameras the biggest buck I have a picture of is a 170 inch five by five typical. That was in 2013 and after the winter kill it has not been easy to find a good buck since and I did not see that 170 inch buck ever again. Cry me a river right, this is Alberta there should be giant bucks everywhere.

2015 trail camera pictures captured one good mature buck, the rest of them were young up and comers. I have been hunting this buck for the past two years but I could never catch even a glimpse of him live on the hoof and the pictures I had were weeks apart, but I was not giving up on him, you just have to be in the right place at the right time and then you have to make the shot. By mid-August and I did not have a picture of that big buck for about two weeks. I happened to be talking with my Dad and he told me he saw a good buck on Igabigs place. I set up some trail cameras upon hearing this news as I am a bit desperate and it's the middle of August. I wait a week and sure enough I have smaller bucks and one mature buck on the Killn Kam. I set up a ground blind in the corner of the field and brushed it in hoping a week would be enough for the deer to get used to this new tent in the their back yard. The beautiful thing about this spot is you are up on a little hill and the deer travel on either side of the fence, if they travelled down the trail on my side of the fence it's a 20 yard shot if they came down on the other side it's a 30 yard shot. Opening day of archery season in my zone is September 1st and I was not able to sit in the blind until September 3rd. That day, I settled into the blind for a four hour sit, the wind was good and two smaller bucks made an appearance out about 100 yards down the tree line and a doe and fawn came right by the blind. The doe acted a little weird but did

not totally spook and at the end of the evening there were about 12 deer in the field, which, in my books, is a good night. What I did discover in my first sit is that my field of view was less then desirable I need to take advantage of the trees. I had set up a ladder stand on the north side of my place which had been there for two years and I had sat in it at total of five times (I think we have all done that), so I put my plan in motion to improve my viewpoint and took it down and relocated it five feet from my ground blind. The first time I climbed up and sat down it was like hal-lalujah!, it was going to be amazing even if I don't kill one I would get some good footage. It was getting a little late in the day so I decided to head out of there and as I was leaving I was debating in my head, should I sit tonight, wait a week or tomorrow night?

I decided to sit the following evening and after gearing up and spraying down, a wind check proved the wind was perfect. It was about 20 degrees outside which allowed me to dress light, but when I arrived at the base of my stand I realized that I had forgotten my safety harness. Once again the voices in my head started debating if the two person ladder stand would be safe without the harness, but level headedness won out and I decide to run back to the truck and to get the harness. I arrived at my truck and could not find it. Realizing it was at home, I drove home and literally ran back to get into the stand. The sweat was dripping off me, maybe because I am not in the best shape of my life and it's hot, but I was confident in knowing that I was not going to kill myself and I would be able to hunt another day as well as take my daughters out one day when they get older. Safety first people!

The wind was perfect and the sun setting. I setup the video camera and out walks the first deer, it was a nice young five by five about 200 yards away. After about ten minutes out came my target buck with an hour of daylight left, putting it mildly.... I was jacked! He started moving up the tree line towards me, at about 100 yards a doe and fawn popped out into the field and proceeded to feed which made my buck stay within 20 yards of the tree line the entire time. After about 45 minutes, my intended target was at about 75 yards from me and he suddenly stepped back into the trees. Meanwhile the young five by five had fed out into the middle of field and slowly headed my way turning south which would take him out of my line of sight, my heart sank as the light was fading. Suddenly the old buck steps back out of the trees and starts walking down the tree line right to me it was game on! I hit the record button and watched him through some trees in front of me. I had cut shooting lanes earlier that day and had been rehearsing the different scenarios in my head. What if he came from the north, what if he came from the



# THE SCRIPT

by Calvin Buckler

south, what if he had read the script and then it was happening. The old boy stopped and stared out into the field for about two or three minutes not moving a muscle. I had no shot as there was a tree in the way. The light was fading fast and I was trying not to stare at him to keep calm. Finally he started to move and as he entered my shooting lane, I made a burp sound to stop him and I drew my bow; put the red pin on him and touch the trigger. The arrow found its mark and passed through completely. After a 20 second sprint I heard him hit the fence and I, Calvin Buckler, had just harvested his first Alberta whitetail with a bow. I immediately called Jason Acorn, my partner in crime, and told him that the Alberta drought had ended and that I was also going to call Lee Hicks and ask if he will come and help film the recovery. After reviewing the footage Jason and Lee could not believe that I had burped the buck before I drew my bow but video does not lie.

For anyone who does not know me I have a TV show called The Boneyard, thus the reason I filmed this hunt and the picture with the lighted nock just before

it ventilated the buck, is from a screen shot off the video. Season four is currently airing on Wild TV and this hunt will be part of season 5. Jason and I have had people come up to us at sportsman shows and say "Hey it's the celebrities", some are teasing, some are being jerks and some really mean it. Jason and I are hunters and we like to film and share our hunts with people. When I was young lad, I just wanted to kill something, I still have that feeling but it is tempered with a lot more respect for the animals I hunt. It's not so much about killing the big one as it is the outdoor nature experience. I still would like to kill the next world record but I am ok if I do not and I am also happy for the neighbor's kid if he does. As a 20 year old student attending NAIT I had a professor ask everyone in the class what they loved to do, I said I loved to hunt in which he exclaimed "you can't love to hunt! You can love your mother or your brother but you can't love to hunt". Well he was wrong, some of us have that love to hunt and some do not, but you know when you love it and I love it. Good luck to all my fellow hunters this season, get out of the truck and into the field.



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# Little Grizzly

## STRIKES



by Brent Watson

I have always liked hunting bears. They are such fascinating creatures - each with their own personality, attitude. And the fact they can turn the tables and become the hunter/you the hunted, get into your kitchen adds another adrenaline filled element to the equation! I started bear hunting first with a rifle spot and stalk and continued when I started bowhunting

in the early 1980s. When bear baiting was legalized in 1987, several friends and I tried this method and that has continued to this day. It has evolved over time but without the help and support of wife Carrie (avid bear hunter in her own right), son David (and now his wife/our daughter in law Nadia), son in law Steve, friends Doug and Les, I doubt I could have



kept going on my own. As any of you who have tried hunting bears using bait, you all can attest to the huge amount of work involved, the time commitment, the costs associated with it.

To add fuel to the fire this year, longtime ABA member and one of the best bear outfitters that exists, Mike Ukrainetz was the guest speaker at our banquet and he has bear hunting/bear baiting down to a science. Mike covered every detail, understands bears like few others and does lots of little things that increase ones odds at getting a chance at a big bear. His presentation definitely gave us some more pointers and ramped up the excitement. Couldn't wait to get going!

This year started out very early - the earliest I can remember in 28 years of baiting bears. We got the two baits set up April 1 and April 10 and had bears active on them both within days of setup. Our season ends June 15th and it was shaping up to be a long season.

Also this year there was extra incentive - I was up to bat and had ordered a "Little Grizzly" longbow from Jack Kempf adding to my collection of Jack's bows (I have two of Jack's KwikStyks and they are great shooting bows, works of art). Many if not all of you know Jack - indeed a legendary custom bowyer who has built bows for people around the globe and a huge supporter of the ABA. Jack said he would have the new bow ready by mid May so I could use it bear hunting - pretty exciting. Steve had also ordered a Stealth recurve - his first bow from Jack. The bears could be in trouble!

We started to actively sit the baits April 18th and the trail cameras showed we had several pretty decent bears coming in but nothing that was going to be big enough to make me put tension on the string. The season days started ticking away - we had a big colored bear on one bait and I insisted Carrie try for him. She was reluctant as it was my turn but I wanted her to take this bear to replace the great colored one she had taken several years prior but was stolen from our outside freezer (along with a generator). We did see this big guy several times at the end of April/first part of May but had some bad luck (forgotten release, just over top, another bear keeping him from coming in, skirting the edge till dark, then disappearing coming back just once in the last five weeks) and we are hoping that next year we get another chance at this guy.

The bears were very active and it was a real chore keeping the baits full. Our theory is to use lots of bait and a good variety - oats, grease, pastry, candy, meat scraps and a bear's favorite, beaver. We were seeing good numbers of bears each night we sat - new ones were showing up regularly. On a cold evening April 27th, we had several bears at the "north bait"

when a dandy walked in, scattering bears in every direction. We passed him up - a long, chunky bear taller than the barrel, big head, gorgeous hide. I told Carrie if she wanted to take him it would definitely be her biggest bear to date. But she had her heart set on the big colored one and we let this nice black walk.

Right about now the province imposed a total OHV ban in response to the extreme fire hazard and dry conditions in much of the province. That meant we would need to use alternate means to run the baits. Because one was quite a distance we decided to drop it completely and finished the year using a game cart to haul bait to the "west bait". The cart worked awesome and it is amazing how much weight they can haul.

We continued to sit and on May 10th a new bear came in to our "west bait". He was completely black except for brown upper lips. Long and tall bear - 3-4" over the barrel. Very sure of himself. I watched him intently but decided he was not big enough, yet. The next night he came back in early in the evening and had a showdown with "Baldy" - a decent bear in his own right but his face had no hair - a result of demodectic mange which occurs occasionally in bears and appears to localize only on the head and face according to Margo Pybus, Provincial Wildlife Disease Specialist with Alberta Fish and Wildlife. The





two bears danced around the beaver cage and then a stand up scuffle ensued with Baldy getting the worst of things and high tailing it out of there. He had met his match.

The big black worked the bait for a few minutes when a small scruffy sow came in. This ugly 100# bear was a regular and very popular with some of the boy bears and the big black was quite interested as well. They left the bait together and went off on a nature walk.

Not long after they left, the big black sow with her three yearlings came in. She is quite aggressive and will not tolerate other bears around. She ran off the several that were at the bait and finally her and the three cubs settled in. She kept an eye out for any other bears sneaking in and then the kids climbed a tree beside the bait, playing and sleeping in the upper branches.

We were just watching her and a couple other bears who had slipped into the edge of the bait when she suddenly huffed and tore off in the direction of the tree her yearlings were in. Standing at the base of the tree was the all black boar. He had caught her

(and us) by surprise. The big sow charged right to him, huffing and popping her jaws. Both bears got up on their hind legs with the sow pushing the much bigger black backwards. But then he stopped and pushed back, knocked her to the ground but she was up in a flash right into his face again. They faced off voicing their displeasure with each other and then the sow backed off. The big boar circled and came to the bait - paying her no more attention and she had got the message as well. He worked the bait for a period of time, tolerating a few other smaller bears who were also there and then he left. We had seen him two nights in a row and he was a really good bear. Was he big enough? Not yet - we had a month of season left and the best was yet to come.

We got out of the bush and back in cell service late the night of the 16th and one of the messages on my phone was a call from Jack saying our bows were ready. WOW! I called Jack the next morning and he said he would put the bows on the bus that afternoon - he was heading to Saskatchewan the next day to do some carp fishing. Thursday morning found me at the bus depot bright and early to pick up our shipment - just like Christmas!!





Once I got home I opened up my box and just stared at the beautiful bow in my hands. 56" long, 50# at 28". Black phenolic lines ran thru the Shedua riser - a light brown East African wood. The bamboo limbs had layers of carbon and were colored to match the riser. Jack's signature antler arrow head embedded in the riser and antler thumb rest/limb tips finished things off. I quickly strung the bow and headed to the garage to get the noc point set, fling a few arrows. It didn't take long and I had things tuned in and hitting the "spot" consistently. I mounted a Thunderhorn strap on four arrow quiver on the bow, loaded it up with Carbon Express Heritage arrows tipped with the deadly 150 gr Magnus Stinger broadheads. This heavy/extreme FOC combination has worked extremely well in the past and these arrows flew like darts out of this bow.

With new bow in hand we continued sitting hoping for a big bear to come in and get to anchor. Things didn't last long however as a couple days later we had a late spring major snowfall that saw large amounts of snow fall - pretty much shutting us down. The bush was hit hard - leafed out trees had many broken branches and snapped trunks. Roads were in poor shape. It would be six days before we could get back into the swing of things.

There were still bears hitting the bait but the two big guys (the brown and all black) had completely disappeared. No trail camera pictures; no appearances when we were there. We just kept toughing it out - the rut was on and you never know what might show up at any time. It wasn't until June 8th that the all black returned - his picture was on the trail camera when we checked the next day, rebaited and prepared to sit. Several bears entertained us that night but he was a no show. The next night found us in the stand early - it was warm and sunny. We spooked the big sow off the bait when we went in to rebait - she was all by herself which seemed odd at this time of year. Where was a boyfriend? The bait site was a sloppy mess with the rains from the previous day so we piled the bait at the end of the crib on higher ground. Other bears wandered in off and on as the evening wore on. Clouds started to build and it got darker. The weather radar app on my phone showed a small system was coming our way and it wasn't long before big rain drops starting coming down. We covered up the bows/packs/backup gun and added layers - it wouldn't last long but that was little reassurance as the sky opened up. Fifteen minutes later it slowed up and finally stopped. Throughout the rain the three bears who were at the bait stayed there - didn't bother them at all.

I was standing up in the stand scanning around the bait site (bear trails come from every direction) and looked south of the bait just in time to see something big and black move through a small opening. I had forgot the video camera at home (DUMMY!!) and the plan was to use our iPhones to record if needed. Carrie was getting hers ready and I used my phone

to power up the GoPro that we have mounted on a bracket at the bait (it gets great ground level footage). I looked up and the bear was coming down the trail to the bait at a quick pace. I got the "Little Grizzly" off the bow hook and when I turned around the bear was feet from the corner of the crib. It was the big black faced one. He came around the corner and stopped - nosing and sniffing the fresh bait. He was as we remembered - tall, long, thick chested - a really good bear. I had tension on the string and he slowly moved his off leg ahead. Took a big step with his right leg as he nosed the bait, opening things up to his off shoulder. I hit anchor and the bright yellow fletch showed the short seven yard flight of the arrow, hitting him in the middle to the opposite shoulder right to the fletch. He belled, scattering the other bears in all directions. As he ran underneath us and down a trail, I could see the arrow confirming placement and knew he was done. He tore right and then left for a short distance before a big crash. The death moan confirmed he was down - less than 30 seconds and under 30 yards. The effectiveness of a well placed arrow never ceases to amaze me.

Was very exciting. The new bow worked awesome and what a great way to initiate it. I looked down at my phone and it showed the GoPro app blinking red - appears the battery died one second into the recording. It all happened so quick that Carrie barely got her phone up and hadn't hit record before I launched the arrow. We both had a chuckle - regardless, it was a great hunt and a great bear. We got down out of the tree and it was very easy to follow the short blood trail to the bear. It was a bit of a struggle to get him moved around for pictures. His hide was thick and flawless. The only brown on him was his upper lips - in all the years of bear hunting I had never seen one this "black". After pictures, we brought in the quad and skimmer (ban had been lifted after the big snow and subsequent rains) and hauled him out to the truck. Once loaded we headed to Steve and Laurie's to skin him out. We were a tired bunch when we finally crawled into bed at 3:30am!!

Just after lunch, I emailed pictures and phoned Jack telling him all about his bow making it count, how great it worked and how appreciative I was. I think I was as excited and pleased to be telling him the story as I was when I let the string slip from my fingers.

We only got one more sit in before another big weather system moved in and dumped mega rain on us right through the end of the season. Even though it was a long season on paper (we sat 28 nights and that didn't count days we spent just baiting) it didn't seem to be that bad.

With the "Little Grizzly" making it count, I was now "back of the bus" and have to wait my turn to work through the line up once again. But one thing is for sure - we will be hitting the baits again next spring. Keeping the spring tradition alive.



Jack Kempf is a prince of a guy and one of the continent's best known and most well respected custom bowyers. Jack lives with his wife Pearl in Sherwood Park. Jack has been building bows for many many years, since 1961 - both custom recurves/longbows but in the past, has also built compound bows with wood riser/limbs. His hobby turned into a job once he retired he says with a chuckle. For every bow he has built, he has it recorded in one of his ledgers. My bow was #1506! Jack and Pearl's basement is his workshop - there are lathes, sanders, bandsaws. Stockpiles of different woods. Lots of memorabilia. Lots of archery/bowhunting history. Anyone who gets a bow from Jack realizes what a treasure it truly is - it is more than just a custom bow. Jack has been a huge supporter for many years of the ABA and the ATBA (Alberta Traditional Bowhunters Association) - donating one of his custom bows every year to our banquet and to the ATBA Jamboree. His bow is the most sought after prize/auction item we have every year and through his unselfish generosity, much needed funds are raised to support the ABA programs and initiatives. "It is my way of giving back and supporting what the ABA does for bowhunters in Alberta" he always says. The ABA cannot express its appreciation enough and personally, it is a real privilege and honor to be a customer and a friend of Jack's. I still don't have one of his Stealth recurves

and may have to think about completing the collection with one of them lol.

Check out a YouTube video that was done several years ago by a local interviewer featuring interesting people of the area. Just search "Jack Kempf".





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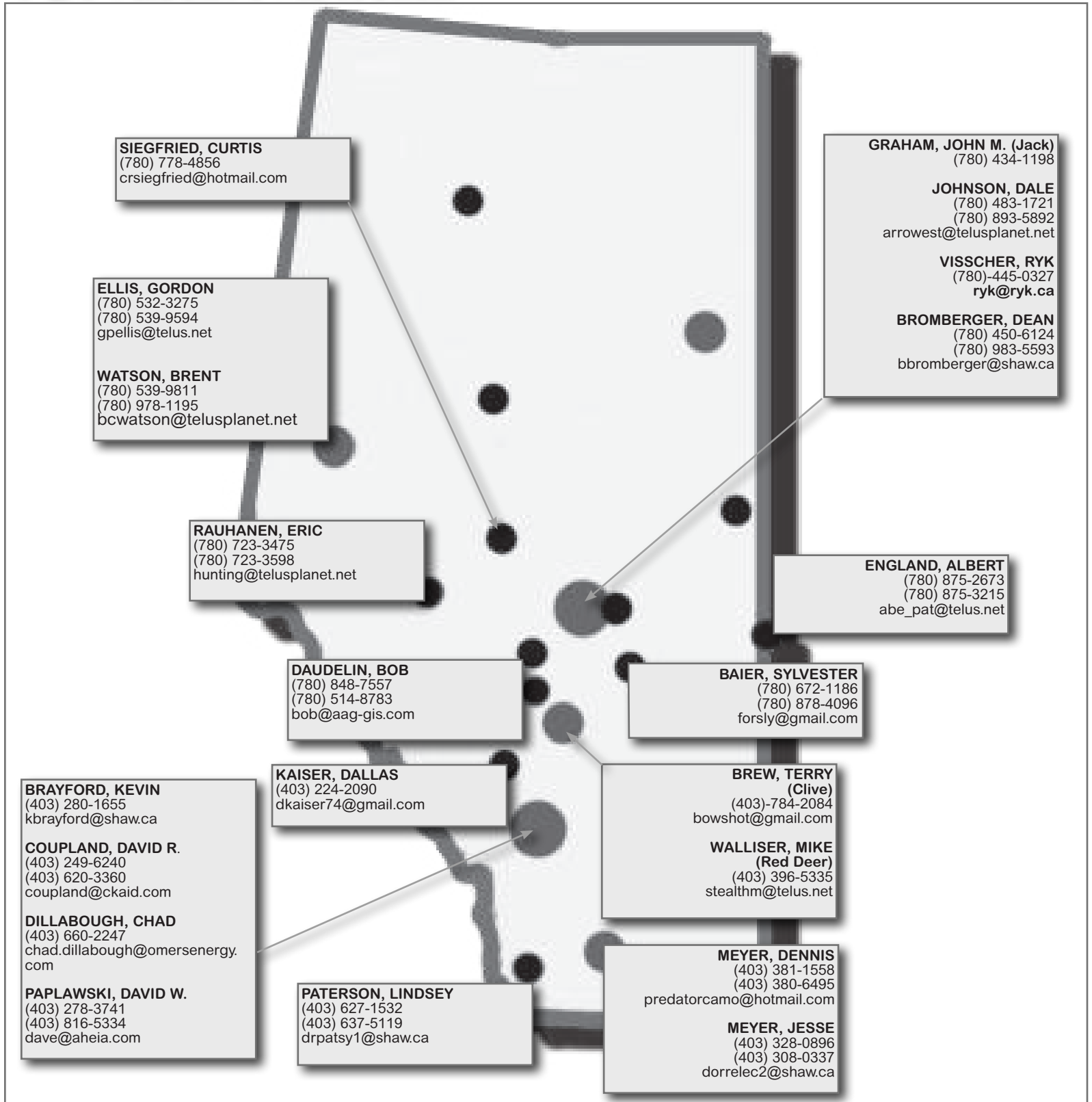
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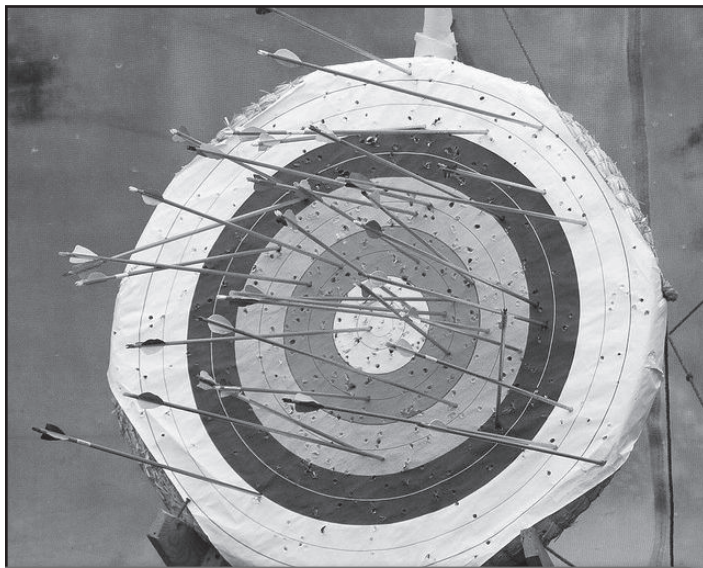


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### *Compound Bow Tuning - My Methodology (part 3)*

#### **Introduction:**

In this article I will go into my tuning methodology and what I have found works for me. I try to keep things simple by getting rid of the unnecessary steps. You can add in anything you want and make it your own. If you feel it is important and it adds confidence to your archery then by all means. There is more than one way to tune a bow. I start off with paper tuning when I get a tear that is within fletches if it is a setup for more than 20 yards (i.e. not indoor target) Then I go to walk back tuning. I



Proper tuning will result in better groups (not shown)

then verify with either bare shaft tuning for target arrows, or broad head tuning with hunting arrows, and conclude with group tuning at longest distance I expect to shoot that setup at.

#### **Paper tuning**

Start with paper 3 arrow lengths from front of bow. This will usually produce the worst tear and also gives the archery system time to stabilize. Shoot your arrow and concentrate on very good form and shoot at least 3 shots and see what they show consistently. If you do not have a tear you are happy

with, then make a big adjustment on rest or nock point 1/8" to 1/4" one way or another to see if you can make it change. If it gets worse, then bring it back and go the opposite way a big amount. If you still have no change then you have an arrow or archer issue. I then change arrow tip to 25 grains heavier or 25 grains lighter and see what happens. Make the same rest adjustments for each arrow combination and see what happens. If you are still not happy move paper back 2 yards and try it all again. Maybe with your setup it just taking time to stabilize. Remember it can be an art, not a science and will often show archer input more than bow input. Then chose to either move onto gravel tuning or group tuning. When you get a bullet hole (point is inside fletching marks) it is an indication you are getting close. Then I move onto bare shaft tuning.

#### **Walk back tuning**

In order to remove as many variables as possible I use my 20 yard pin or set my sight for 20 yards. I use a level and draw a black line down the target face. I also use the level to ensure my bow is level and check my first axis that my pins are level to the target line when bow is level. Then I only use my 20 yard pin as well. I shoot 6 arrows at 20 and adjust sight until I have 5 repetitions (30 arrows) with equal number of arrows on right or left side of line. (Allows for different group sizes that different archers have.) Once I know my left/right grouping is good I then walk back 20 yards and using 20 pin at top of line I again shoot three repetitions (18 arrows) I then count how many are right, how many are left, to determine if equal. If I have a 10 to 8 ratio or 9/9 ratio I back up another 10 or 20 yards and shooting at top of line (big target helps) I again do three repetitions and again count left or right. If I have an inequality of 4 arrows to one side or the other (i.e. say I had 11 to 7 ratio or worse) Then I have an issue so I will move my rest (a very tiny amount 1/64th ") to adjust to get arrows from most to least. Then I repeat. Go back to 20, re-sight and then continue and repeat as necessary. I do this out to 40 or 50 yards to get an idea and then move onto group tuning.



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## Bear shaft tuning

I will start this at 10 yards. I will shoot a fletched arrow and then an un-fletched arrow a few times and see the trend and then move the rest ever so slightly like 1/64th of an inch in the direction from fletched to un-fletched. Then you will have to re-sight in with fletched arrows and try again. VERY IMPORTANT! You need a baseline to go from. Then do it again, when you have bare shaft group centered your fletched group (remember bare shaft arrows are less forgiving) then you are in good shape. Then I move to walk back or group tuning. However if your arrows have a spine issue this method will not work at all.

## Broadhead tuning

This is very simple I will shoot my broad heads at 50 yards and ensure they hit same left right as my field points. Often the group will be 2-3 inches lower than my field points due to increased drag but are on left right. I also group tune these at same time and broad heads not in group get the broad head removed and a field point permanently glued in and become a practice arrow.

## Group tuning

I group tune at maximum distance I will shoot for that setup. For example hunting will be 50 yards, 3D again 50 yards, Outdoor FITA, 90m, Indoor Target will be 18m or 20 yards. I take all my arrows and number them and I shoot them and find the best 3 or 6.

## About Mark Twang

Mark Twang is an average Alberta Bowhunters Association Archer, with 20+ years of archery experience and has decided to share some of the archery technical information he has gathered over the years as a bow hunter, archery tech, competitor and coach.

Step 1: take those arrows and I shoot 12 and record the score. I repeat this 3 times. (Out of 120)

Step 2: I adjust nock point and rest height because the previous tuning methodologies have helped me be confident that I have found the best left/right alignment.

Step 3: If I shoot a higher average score I know I am moving in the right direction so I will make a small adjustment again or, if it gets worse I will move the opposite way from original starting point and test again.

This is where I find out what a particular bow likes, whether it likes to shot, nock high, nock low, or though middle, bottom or top of the Berger hole. Each brand and each bow is slightly different. I have found that different bows and archers have different preferences. I have found that this finds the "sweet spot" of the bow that has the most forgiveness. I believe that the orientation of arrow height to hand preference is different for each archer and bow because we all align slightly different.



For bowhunters, broadhead tuning is critical, even for mechanicals which usually require less effort to fly like field points.

## Conclusion

In the end the whole point of tuning is to find the magic set of adjustments and variables to give us the tightest group and this is the methodology I use. One can never achieve perfection but one can get close and one can have 100% confidence in their equipment and knowledge.





# NEWS



## PRESIDENTS Report

Brent Watson

Spring bear season started very early (earliest in recent memory) and ended June 15th in our region of the province. Made for a long season but it seemed to go by very quickly. We ran several baits again, sat 28 total nights. I was lucky to get a beauty all-black and we seen several other great bears with a very nice big brown that was on Carrie's hit list. We had big snows mid May, big rains on several occasions that knocked off a bunch of hunting days. But all in all, it was a great season and before you know it, it will be time to set up baits and do it all over again. In the meantime we will be scouting, setting up stands, making plans for the fall hunts. When that is finished we move on to winter predator management. Not many days off.

Alberta affords us an incredible number of hunting opportunities and bowhunters even more so. Even though we have such a wide variety and quantity of opportunities, bowhunters have lost a great deal of opportunity - especially in the way of moose, elk and antlered mule deer in some WMUs, in the archery seasons. Over the coming months, we will be involved in more AEP/stakeholder meetings, decisions will be made in regards to the "Allocation Policy Review" that will determine whether our "archery season draw" proposal will be implemented, what share bowhunters will get of the harvest, if the current share system will even exist in the future. Once the draft is put together, it will be reviewed by AEP internally, then to

the Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council and to the public for feedback and comments. We will keep everyone informed as the process moves along and what to be concerned about.

This is where I'd like to talk about "THE POWER OF ONE LETTER." Many of us have pounded this drum for many years but it doesn't seem to have convinced people as to the effectiveness and influence of what your one letter can have on an issue. I know many people who work in various government agencies and departments, who work on various government committees and councils. They may be working on "saving the world" and will have the answer tomorrow but a single letter lands on their desk from a concerned constituent through their MLA and EVERYTHING is put on hold until that person's concern has been addressed. It is not an exaggeration - EVERYTHING is put on hold. The time and energy people put into discussing an issue around a campfire, at the coffee shop, in the bar could be more effectively utilized if they penned a single letter to their MLA on the issue. It doesn't have to be lengthy and wordy - explain your concerns and possibly supply some solutions. If you don't like the answer you get, write another letter. Don't give up. There could be some major issues facing bowhunters in the near future and a letter campaign might be very advantageous in convincing the decision makers of what "bowhunters" would like to see. Watch for communications on the

issues as things develop and don't hesitate to send that letter.

Our latest wall tent/accessories raffle was rather disappointing. We thought it was an awesome package, ticket price reasonable, odds of winning very high. We notified the membership through the last newsletter and once members had it in their hands, we launched through our other communication/social media avenues. Response was slow but we thank everyone who did buy a ticket. We made it past the breakeven point so that was good but the funds generated by these raffles helps offset the costs of the association and keep membership dues low. We would really like to hear from you, the member on what to do for future raffles. Preferred ticket price? One big prize or multiple prizes? What prizes would you buy a ticket on?

This time of year is rather quiet for the ABA. We have some meetings and newsletter deadlines, a booth at Cabelas Fall Outdoor Event Aug 20/21, our "ABA Bowhunter Challenge" 3D shoot hosted by the Brazeau Bowbenders club Aug 6/7 and for the most part the ABA ship is sailing along nicely. If you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to call me (780-978-1195) or send me an email (Brent@albertabowhunters.com).

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND GOOD LUCK THIS FALL!!

# GAME AWARDS

Ryk did a neat presentation at banquet on “Game Awards 101” - how to properly fill out the entry form and the importance of filling in all the necessary information. Along with this crash course for the need to fill in all the information, we have been taking lots of extra measures in making people aware that you need to be a member prior to harvesting an animal/bird etc and you need to enter it the year it was taken/into that current year’s awards. Updates with extra clarification in the synopsis have been made. These requirements are not new and are necessary to maintain the integrity of the awards program.

When you send in your entries to Ryk via whatever method you have chosen (mail, fax, email) CONFIRM with Ryk that he actually got your entry. He processes hundreds every year and with issues arising with the mail service, with faxes not getting through for whatever reason, emails going into his spam/junk mail (often because of too big a file with ultra big attached pictures, Ryk has gotten into the habit of checking it often) we need you to confirm so your entries are not missed.

The ABA continues to get entries into the ABA Game Awards Programs from people who have not renewed their membership or send in entries for animals they killed years prior. We only have a few “rules” and all are listed on the Synopsis (is in every newsletter, on website) and have been talked about in various newsletter reports, mass emails, at banquets, at AGMs. These rules were put in place many, many years ago and maintain integrity and fairness in our awards program. But the two top ones (which seem to be an issue in varying degrees almost every year) are:

1. Applications for these awards will be accepted only if the bowhunter is an ABA member at the time the game entered is taken.
2. Entries must be received by March 1 in the year following when those animals were taken – NO exceptions!!

With several issues arising from entries sent in this year, we convened (as per the constitution) an ABA Awards Committee - this version of the committee consisted of the twelve ABA Executive and our three Directors (15 in total). The two rules mentioned above were discussed by 13 of the 15 and the decision was to follow them to the letter. The Game Awards Chairman (Ryk) followed up with the questionable entries/entrants and advised them of this decision.

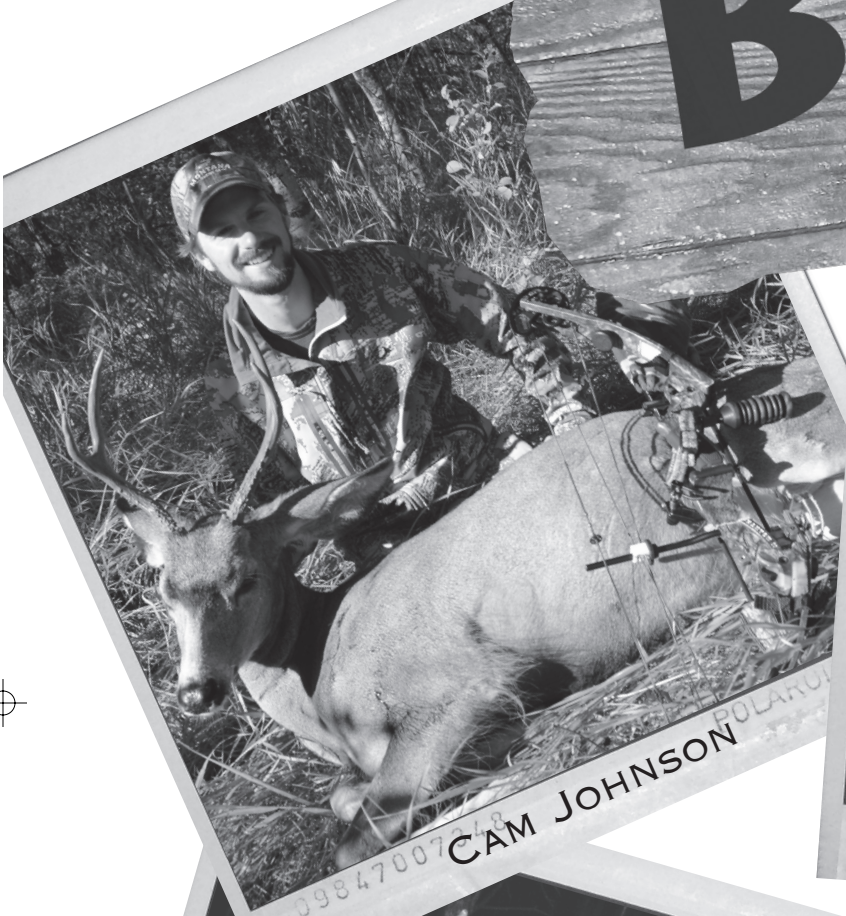
It is unfortunate that members who forget to renew will not have their animal be eligible. Over the years, the ABA has tried very hard to notify members to make sure they renew. Not only to be eligible for 3D or Game Awards but to also aid the ABA in having strong numbers to help in lobbying for bowhunters. We know the importance of renewing and being a member. We recently tried mail out notices for a period of 2 1/2 years going to app 5000 mailboxes at a cost of \$1 per. We estimate a <1% return on that investment and decided to stop that effort. We send out regular emails to over 1700 viable email addresses. In the first two issues of the year we have notices all over the newsletter “It’s Time To Renew” or “Last issue Before You Renew”. Your expiry date is on the mailing label of your newsletter. If anyone has a question on their membership status, a quick email/call to John or Brent and they can check the database to see how you fare. If anyone has any ideas on other ways to do this, please let us know!



Have something to brag about?

Then send a high resolution photograph of your memorable accomplishment to: [gord@albertabowhunters.com](mailto:gord@albertabowhunters.com)

# BRAG



CAM JOHNSON



DARCY FLETCHER



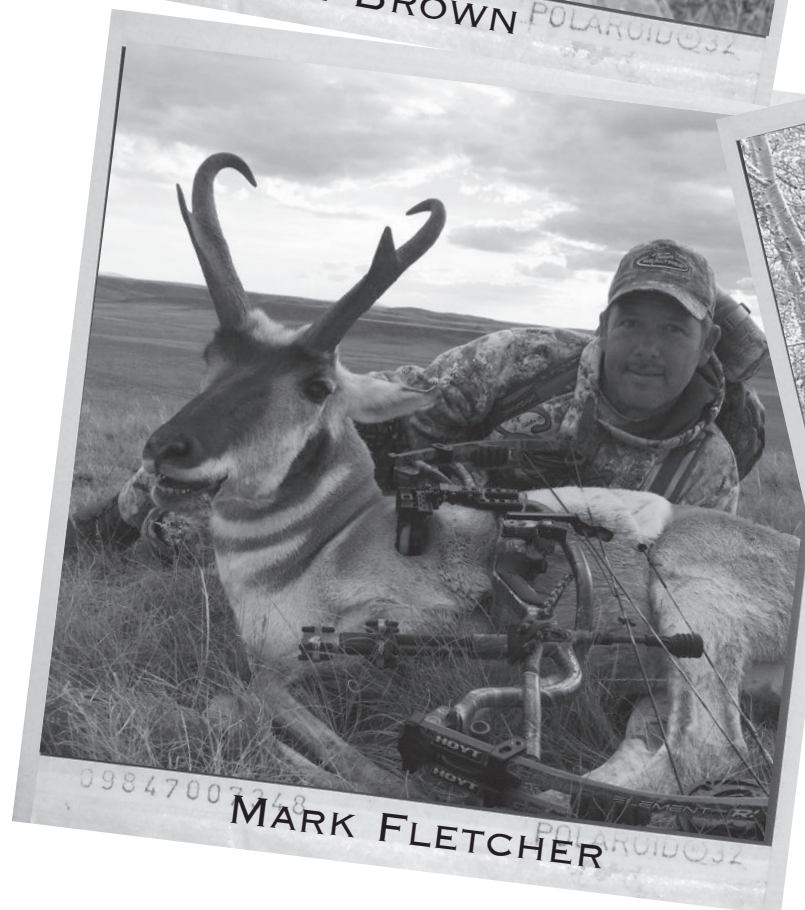
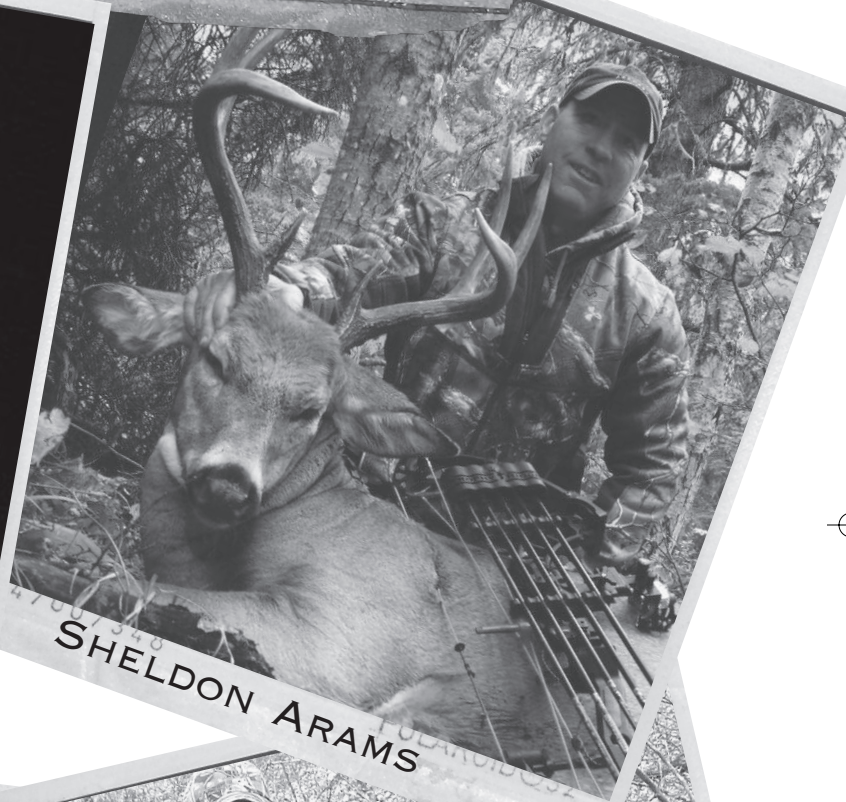
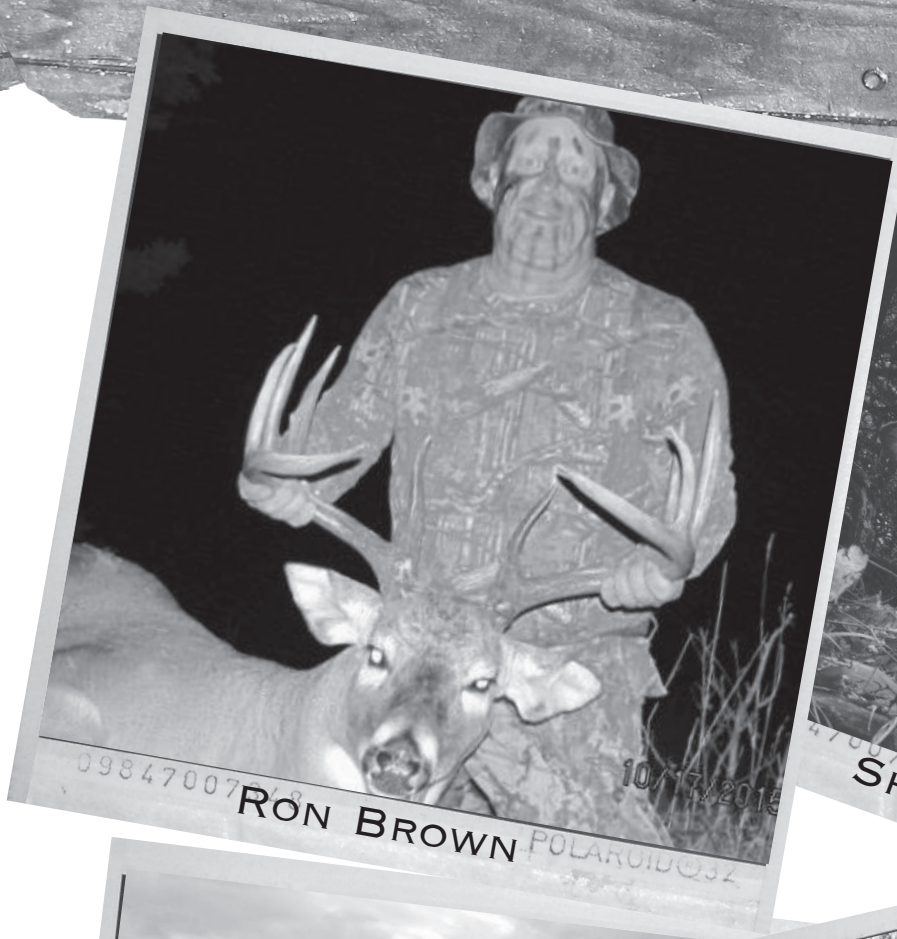
LOUIE DEBRUSK



RYAN KOHLER



# BOARD





## 3D Report

Kris Skelly

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. The outdoor 3D season is well underway and sadly is almost over! This season we had four ABA affiliated clubs host the Bowhunter Challenge class. Whitecourt, Parkland, Lamont and Drayton Valley all supported our new format and all are great hosts! We are all looking forward to the upcoming Final shoot in Drayton Valley hosted by the Brazeau Bowbenders on August 6-7.

Also a quick reminder that this shoot is open to all archers of all skill levels and disciplines, the focus is on the Bowhunting aspect and Bowhunting situations but everyone is welcome. To compete and be eligible for placement plaques (handed out at the banquet) and the Buckle Shoot-UP (sponsored by Jim-Bows Archery) you must be a current ABA Member in good standing. Those who are not current members or those using equipment that falls outside the guidelines will be placed in a non-competitive category.

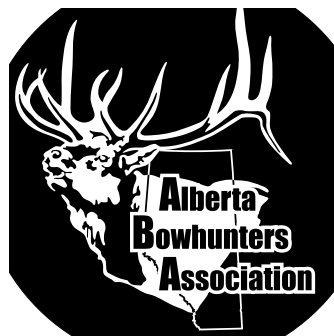
Again here is a list of our goals for this shoot and the 3D Program:

- Promote a fun and safe family atmosphere
- Appeal to the hunter, competitive and recreational archer
- Promote sound and ethical field decisions and shots
- Promote the ABA and grow our membership numbers
- Break down the barriers some may feel and promote a "come and shoot what you hunt with" attitude.

Please go to the ABA Facebook page for more information regarding the format and the exciting prizes and information surrounding the final shoot.



**Alberta Bowhunters Association**  
**“Bowhunter Challenge” 3D shoot, Brazeau Bowbenders**  
**Archery Host Club.**  
**August 6/7 2016**



**JIM-BOWS ARCHERY**  
2016 Championship Buckler Sponsor

2 Rounds of 20 targets on Saturday  
1 Round of 20 targets Sunday Open to all Classes of Archery. With “Hunter Challenge” Scoring for ABA Members.  
Fun Shoot and prize shoot as well!

Registration 7pm - 10pm Friday & 8:30am - 9:30am Saturday  
Starts at 10:00am Saturday, 9:00am Sunday  
Immediate Family = \$80, 18+=\$40,  
17-13=\$20, under 12=\$10

Full Meal on Saturday Evening (price TBD).  
Rough camping available on site.

Travel east of Drayton Valley on Hwy 22 and turn north towards Wiley West  
Campground. Turn right on RR71  
Follow signs.

Questions contact Leonard – [leonard.claffey@servus.ca](mailto:leonard.claffey@servus.ca) 780-898-2489

**\*Must be current ABA member in good standing for Buckle Shoot & Placement Plaques\***

# ABA GAME AWARDS PROGRAM

Small Game, Big Game, Master, and Grandmaster ABA bowhunter Awards (no time limit to earn), as well as the Annual Big Game Awards program have been established for ABA members only. Applications for these awards will be accepted only if the bowhunter is an ABA member at the time the game entered is taken. Must be taken in a regulated hunting season and on a valid hunting license. All animals entered must be taken under "The P&Y Rules Of Fair Chase" (www.pope-young.org) (NOT allowed are draw lock devices, battery operated sights, bow mounted rangefinders, use of cellular trail cameras, etc.) (lighted nocks (Lumenoks) and bow mounted cameras ARE allowed). Entries must be received by March 1 in the year following when those animals were taken – NO exceptions!! For example: any ABA eligible animal taken in 2016 must be entered by March 1st of 2017 – the only exception are Cougars taken in Dec 2016 as they fall in the following Awards year (2017) to be consistent with the dates of that particular Cougar season.

## SMALL GAME AWARD (CERTIFICATE)

ABA Bowhunter must take 1 species from 5 of the following 6 categories:

### Rodent

Jack Rabbit  
Snowshoe Hare  
Cottontail Rabbit  
Woodchuck  
Gopher  
Porcupine  
Beaver  
Red Squirrel

### Varmint

Crow  
Magpie  
Pigeon  
Starling  
Skunk  
Free ranging wild boar  
Raven (private land)

### Carnivore

Wolf  
Coyote  
Badger  
Fox  
Raccoon

### Game Bird

Hungarian Partridge  
Grouse  
Ptarmigan  
Merriam's Turkey  
Pheasant

### Migratory

Ducks  
Coots  
Common Snipe (Wilson's)  
Geese

### Fish

Species according to Fishing Regulations.  
Examples:  
Sucker  
Lake Whitefish

For entries and any information regarding the ABA Game Awards Program contact:

**Ryk Visscher**  
1166 68 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB. T6k 3K4  
780- 445-0327 (Anytime)  
780-450-0386( Fax)  
ryk@ryk.ca (Email)

## BIG GAME AWARD (CERTIFICATE)

ABA Bowhunter must take any 3 of Alberta's 10 species (can be male or female)

Whitetail Deer  
Mule Deer

Elk  
Moose

Bighorn Sheep  
Antelope

Black Bear  
Cougar

Mountain Goat  
Bison

## MASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD (PERSONALIZED BUCKLE \$275 VALUE)

ABA bowhunter must take four of Alberta's 10 species and, with the exception of bears and cougars, all must be legal males (> 4" antlers, 4/5 curl, etc.). Two of the four must meet Pope & Young's minimum score. Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award, and have taken at least one carnivore.

## GRANDMASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD

ABA bowhunter must take six species of Pope & Young animals.

Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award, and have taken at least one carnivore.

## ANNUAL GAME AWARDS (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

ABA Bowhunter must take the largest of Alberta's species. Typical and Non-Typical species for Whitetail and Mule Deer(Dec. 1st thru Nov. 30th).

## TRADITIONAL AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

ABA Bowhunter must take the largest percentage of P&Y minimum score of any of Alberta's ten species

## LADIES AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

ABA Bowhunter must take the largest percentage of P&Y minimum score of any of Alberta's ten species

## YOUTH AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

ABA Bowhunter must less than 17 years old on day animal is taken.)

ABA Bowhunter must take the largest percentage of P&Y minimum score of any of Alberta's ten species

# GAME AWARDS APPLICATION FORM Deadline March 1st

(MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE, revised March 26, 2016)

## BOWHUNTER (Please Print)

ANSWER THIS QUESTION, IT'S IMPORTANT! Were you an ABA member at the time this animal was taken?

Circle YES NO ABA Memb # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (for youth entries 16 and under) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## ANIMAL

\*Species: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Sex \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Pope & Young Score (V,NT?) \_\_\_\_\_

Taken with recurve/longbow (traditional Equipment) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\* For Small Game indicate Category / Species e.g. Rodent / Gopher

\*\* To be male, must have 4" horns or better

\*\*\* Only official P&Y scorers can fill this in, and affidavit below; make sure scorer indicates Velvet and/or Non-Typical categories if applicable.

Date of Kill \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Kill (WMU) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature & Phone # of Witness (Verification of Bow Kill) \_\_\_\_\_

Photo of Bowhunter with Big Game animal entries are requested but not mandatory



## AFFIDAVIT OF FAIR CHASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, by my signature do declare that my animal was killed by me entirely by means of the bow and arrow, and in accordance with the "P&Y Rules of Fair Chase" (<http://www.pope-young.org/>) (NOT allowed are draw lock devices, battery operated sights, bow mounted rangefinders, use of cellular trail cameras, etc.) (lighted nocs (Lumenoks) and bow mounted cameras ARE allowed). Must be taken in a regulated hunting season and on a valid hunting license.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIDAVIT OF MEASURER

This affidavit shall be completed only when applying for "Annual Big Game Awards" and the "Master Bowhunter" Pope & Young Animals.

I certify that I have measured the above trophy on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

at (address) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

and that this score, is to the best of my knowledge and belief, made in accordance with the official scoring system of the Pope & Young Club.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (official P&Y measurer): \_\_\_\_\_ OM# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail, Scan & Email (preferred) or Fax (last resort) all entries to Ryk Visscher at:

1166-68st NW, Edmonton, AB T6K 3K4

Email -- [ryk@ryk.ca](mailto:ryk@ryk.ca) Cell 780-445-0327 Fax 780-450-0386 Call to confirm!

(DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES MARCH 1 – NO EXTENSIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS!!)



## Affiliated Clubs

**Alberta Traditional Bowhunters Association**  
Sandy Hrycyk  
(403) 283-3431  
Sandy.Hrycyk@gmail.com

**Bighorn Bowhunters Club**  
Leslie Cuthbertson, Airdrie  
(403) 948-4004  
BrentAlana@bighornbowhuntersandarchers.com

**Brazeau Bowbender Archery**  
Drayton Valley, Leonard Claffey  
brazeaubowbenders@gmail.com

**Calgary Archers Club**  
Calgary  
Vickilynne Schleppe  
vschleppe@shaw.ca

**Cochrane Archery Club**  
Greg Gerlitz, Cochrane  
(403) 280-5442  
greg.gerlitz@telus.net  
cochranearchery.ca

**Jim-Bows Junior Archery Club**  
Dawn Groszko, Calgary  
dgroszko@7genenergy.co

**Kneehill Bowhunters & Archers**  
Three Hills  
Shawn Kopjar  
(403) 443-7315  
smkopjar@gmail.com

**Parkland Bowbenders Archery Club**  
Spruce Grove  
Robert Smith  
(780) 916-8065  
treasurer@parklandbowbenders.ca

**Sherwood Park Archery Club**  
Sherwood Park  
Shannon Blyth  
www.sparchery.ca

**Southern Alberta Bowhunters Association**  
Lethbridge  
Bruce Drewry  
(403) 320-1262  
bruced1@telusplanet.net

**Springbrook Archers**  
Springbrook  
Dwight Morency  
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**Strathmore Archery Club**  
Strathmore, Kevin Kemps  
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**Yellowhead Arrow Launchers**  
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Tim Hooey  
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## Life Members

### HONORARY

Dave Coupland ('99)  
Mike Ukrainetz ('99)  
Court MacKid ('03)  
Ryk Visscher ('04)  
Jack Kempf ('06)  
Duane Hicks ('08)

### LIFE MEMBERS

#002 Tom Foss  
#003 Duane Hagman  
#004 Steve Hagman  
#005 Terry Hagman  
#006 Des Quinn  
#007 Allen Avery  
#008 Archie Nesbitt  
#009 Eric Ruahanen  
#011 Adam Foss  
#012 Cameron Foss  
#013 Flint Simpson  
#014 David Chorkwa  
#015 Dale Collins  
#016 Darryl Kublik  
#017 Reg Adair  
#018 Bill Gustafson  
#019 Gregg Sutley  
#020 Joe Winter  
#021 Bob Gruszecki  
#022 Robert Heubschwerlen

#023 Dale Hislop  
#024 Percy Pyra  
#025 Mark Demchuk  
#026 David Little  
#027 Cam Johnson  
#028 Andy Wiese  
#029 Gary Gillett  
#030 Ted Hansen  
#031 Vince Aiello  
#032 Leon Groves  
#033 Erin Wilde  
#034 Dale Johnson  
#035 Rob Kubicek  
#036 Robert Giles  
#037 Terry Brew  
#038 Kelly Semple  
#039 Dale Heinz  
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#051 Darrin West  
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#111 Corey Friesen  
#112 Matt Hunter  
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#114 Cory Geier

# ABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Yes! I want to protect bowhunting in Alberta.

Keep up the fight to PROTECT AND DEFEND BOWHUNTING



**THE VOICE FOR ALBERTA BOWHUNTERS SINCE 1956**

It is not by accident that Alberta has the most envied archery season of any province in Canada. It has taken years of dedicated work by members of the Alberta Bowhunter Association (ABA) to accomplish this.

The ABA continues to work in improving and retaining bowhunting opportunities.

We have also joined forces with other user groups in attempts to lobby government for changes to regulations and policy even though they many not be archery-only changes. We are focused on the "Big Picture" and are aware of the pressure we face in this fast paced, ever changing world we now live in.



Surname _____		First Name _____	
Mailing Address _____			
Town/City _____		Province _____	Postal Code _____
Home Phone _____		Email Address _____	
Date of Birth _____			
<b>Membership Fees:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Adult Membership	1 Year \$35.00	2 Years \$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Youth Membership	\$25.00	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Membership	\$70.00	\$130.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life Membership	\$500.00	\$190.00
<b>List Names &amp; Date of Birth Here</b>			
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<b>Children must be under 18 on January 1st.</b>		<b>Make cheques payable to:</b>	
<b>Minimum 3 family members must join to qualify for a family rate.</b>		Alberta Bowhunters Association	
You can also register online on our secure website		<b>Mail to:</b>	
<a href="http://www.bowhunters.ca">www.bowhunters.ca</a>		ABA Membership Director	
		Box 89021 McKenzie Towne	
		Calgary, Alberta	
		T2Z 3W3	
		Information is subject to change without notice	

## Hunting For Tomorrow



The ABA is a participating member of the Hunting For Tomorrow (HFT) stakeholder meetings. HFT strives to increase hunter numbers and lobby to make changes to hunting regulations.

### Some part successes are

- Allow the use of camo clothing (1969)
- Allow the use of aluminum arrows (1970)
- Legalized bow fishing
- Black bear baiting
- Archery pre-season province wide (1976/77)
- Antelope archery season (1976/77)
- Bighorn sheep season. 410 and 408
- Antlerless deer tags in 212 and 248
- Antlerless elk tags in 212
- Archery pre-season for elk (not requiring a draw)
- Archery only areas around Edmonton and Calgary (1975)
- Lobby for Sunday hunting in much of the province ('08-11)
- Successful lobby to retain Parkland County as archery only (2009)
- Successful lobby to crossbows out of the archery success (2011)
- Revamping of cougar management (general tag) (2011)
- Successful lobby to stop further erosion of archery seasons by muzzleloaders (2011)
- Standardized start dates for archery - August 25th and September 1st (2011)
- Earlier start and later end dates to black bear seasons in Southern portions of province (2011)
- Allow non-trophy or trophy antelope to be taken in archery only season in all antelope zones (2011)
- Archery pre-season for elk in WMU 164, 166 and 208 (2011)
- Hunt WMU 164 Monday-Saturday (2011)
- Allow hunting of red squirrel on private land (2011)

## Benefits of Membership

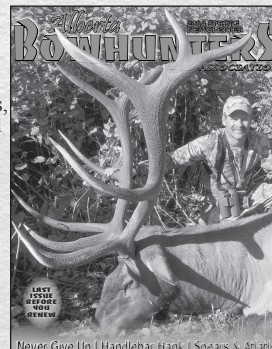
- Participating member of the Alberta Outdoor Coalition
- Participating member of SRD Alberta Game Management Advisory Group
- Supporting member of North American Bowhunting Coalition
- Working with other sporting groups in defending outdoors activities
- Single Voice for Bowhunters in the Provincial Government
- Extensive Youth and New Bowhunter Programs
- Liability Insurance for clubs and members
- Promotion of International Bowhunter Educational Programs and the National Archery Schools Program

## Annual Banquet/Convention

Come join fellow bowhunters at the annual banquet & convention to celebrate archery and bowhunting in Alberta. Lots of stories, lots of laughs! Guest speaker, awards, draws, raffles and game display.

## Newsletter

You will receive a quarterly newsletter which includes ABA executive reports, future events, hunting stories and much more.

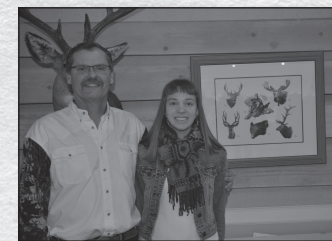


## 3D Animal Target Shoots



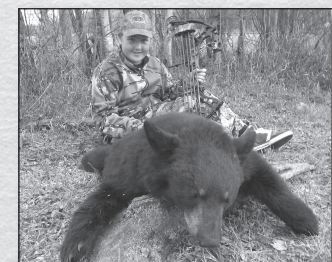
The ABA has a "3D Provincial Championship" program, which sanctions three, 3D animal target shoots each year across the province.

## Game Harvest Awards



The ABA has an internationally acclaimed Game Awards system which includes the Lloyd Mutter Grandmaster Award (framed personalized print) and the Fred Walker Youth Award, among others.

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