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## EDITORIAL

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Thank you to the few that submitted articles for the newsletter, much appreciated. However, we have none left so please keep that in mind this fall as without them, we'll have no features for our membership to read.

Summer months are filled with much to do and there never seems to be enough time to do all the scouting I wish to do. Nevertheless, I daily grab my Bear KUMA everyday and fling many arrows to ensure I am ready for opening day. My bow feels great and my groups are tight. I have the draw cycled memorized and I know right away when something isn't right. I guess Fred Bear was right when he said "nothing clears a troubled mind like shooting a bow". Since I have a desk job for 8 hours a day I have made archery practice part of my lunch time routine to get me out and about. It sure does help break up the day and ensures I'm ready for opening day.

We'll soon be releasing a survey to members about anything and everything the ABA does. A section will be included about the newsletter, so please keep it in mind and think about what you'd like to see improved or changed in the newsletter or just how we communicate as an association.

On page 4, member Clint Taylor submitted a story about his mother who, at an uncommon age, got involved in archery. After knocking off her small game award she managed to take down a moose this past fall. It just goes to show you that you are never too young to start something new.

Speaking of new, if anyone has not bear hunted before, think about purchasing a bunch of tickets for our bear raffle with Alberta Prairie Outfitters. They are raffling off a hunt for 2 Alberta residents next spring in their remote area that has been untouched for years. They had a great inaugural year this past spring with many big boars taken - see back of newsletter for more details.

Please keep the stories and pictures flowing this fall and good luck to all. Stay safe, shoot straight and cherish every moment a field.

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# MOOSE TASTES BEST

by Clint Taylor



How do I tell a story that took 70yrs, in the making? There is so many little things that made this hunt so special but I need to give kinda the "short version".

My family was raised hunting and trapping. My dad was the type of guy that always come home with a moose or elk. Trouble was that, when he seen a moose, it was very hard to wait for his loving wife to shoot. One of the straws that, broke the camels back, was mom was making sandwiches for the days hunt, elk were bugling all over , so dad being in a hurry to get out after them, grabbed mom's sandwiches and headed out before her. Of course he shot an elk and 47 years later he still hears about it!

Mom quit hunting when I was just a baby, she still enjoyed going out but had given up trying for herself. Now there's a couple versions of how mom got started, here's the real version, since it's my story.

We were combining, on our last field, mom and I made a bet on whether we would finish that day or not. If we finished she would have to buy a hunting license and hunt with me, if not I'd have to go riding horses with her. The combine may have thrown more grain over that evening but we finished! Little did I know what can of worms I'd just opened?

Mom wanted a moose because they tasted the best. Trouble is, all rifle tags for moose in Alberta are draw, so I suggested trying to learn to shoot a bow. First it was my wife's bow then a demo bow from APA then I got her a green APA Rattler, that she called Kermit. Mom practiced daily all summer and managed to just squeak into the 40# minimum draw by fall. We tried a moose hunt but with just limited time that year it didn't happen. She did manage to get a Mule deer doe after many attempts and found out that "buck fever" is not just for bucks. The following year we hunted gophers all summer, joined Team APA in On Line Archery Challenges that helped to the point where moms first attempt at a mule deer buck landed her a nice fork horn! When the big 3 point jumped up at the shot, mom just looked at me and said "oh"

Season 3 for mom, and this time my son would have a moose draw and my dad! Alberta has a partner License for moose, so it was decided that mom could partner on dads tag. She had all Sept an Oct to bow hunt moose, if she didn't get one, my 85 yr old dad would get one more with a rifle.

My son hasn't shot a lot of bow but after a few weeks of practice he was ready and got his first moose. Mom was there watching with me, all excited as now it's her turn!

I knew the rut hadn't really started yet and wanted to take it easy so mom wouldn't get burnt out, but the cell would be ringing wondering where I was every morning at about 5:00am, just in case I might be sleeping in! Poor dad got drug out of bed day after day just to keep things legal. After 1/2 a century of hearing about those dang sandwiches, he wasn't about to complain though.

The moose were usually in standing canola fields, herds of bulls to begin with. We would usually get within 40yards



but with mom's low poundage, we had decided that 30 yards was the max distance she would shoot. One morning we had 5 bulls beside us, all within 50 yards, one very nice one at 25 yards but I was helping mom climb a ditch bank when he stood, by the time mom got up the bank the closest was 37 yards!

When they started to respond to calling, we called in a nice 45" to under 15 yards but as this was the first time mom was truly close to a big "live" bull, she was scared to move. I was whispering to "shoot", "Draw your bow" and maybe a couple other words of encouragement but all I got was "I don't have a shot" as she huddled behind me. After all her effort "she had froze"! Mom was so disappointed in herself and vowed that she will be making a quiver out of the next one!

The next morning we had a bull coming in nice but mom wasn't going to freeze on this one, and drew back too quick and at 20 yards the bull stood angling towards us, not giving us a shot at the vitals. Mom made a valiant attempt at holding her bow back but eventually she had to let down and away the bull went.

The following evening, we walked a mile into an Island of bush and slough that was in the middle of a field. We had moose all around us as 2 bulls were chasing a cow with 2 calves, it got too dark for mom to see her sights good so we snuck out, but I'm sure we heard every sound a moose can make that evening. Next morning we were back again, a bull coming in perfect through the head high grass, just a couple more steps and he'd be ours. Goose hunters opened up in the next field and



away he goes.

One morning the wind was howling, it was snowing, and I sent mom a text that maybe we should stay home. I was informed that she's been up for an hour already and we bet-



ter be going! As luck would have it we got on some moose tracks and played around in the bush until a very big bull, nicer than any me or dad has shot was coming in. At 20yards I whispered to mom "let him take one more step out of that hole, an give it to him!" Suddenly another bull went running by, our big bull took after him and the cow run away. I could only stand there in shock!

This was the start to how days would go, with the next 10 days of having a bull within 30yards every day, only to have something happen in the last seconds that was out of our control, helicopters flew over , dogs would run out, people on the road would stop to call the moose, etc. Every morning we'd be soaked from the waist down but mom would keep her spirits up by singing a little song we'd wrote when I was in school.

"there's a beaver swimming down the creek, there's a muskrat chewing grass

I'll get there hide's all stretched an dried an I'll turn them into cash. I fell right in where the ice was thin an I splashed right out again

Now it's no joke when your feet are soaked an it's starting in to rain"

I remember failing that assignment in school, but it somehow always comes to mind when I'm soaked.

Mom was starting to think she was never going to get her moose, I was secretly thinking I may need to get a rifle ready for her. We were tired, mom has followed me through more standing canola, head high grass, deadfalls, snow and rain. Some evenings she would let me go on my own to find a new wallow or "hunt elk" while she needed to tend to her garden but for the most part we were running on pure bullheadedness! She would be hurrying as fast as she could go as we would be heading out but be completely exhausted trying to walk back to the truck.

Our final morning, we seen 3 moose in a slough

bottom, the wind was blowing rather strong but I thought we could maybe bring a bull to us. We finally give up and walked back to the truck, just to see the bull standing where we were calling from. We would of snuck back in again but a dog comes running up and scared everything off again. This was getting typical and we decided to go home. We only went a short distance and we seen a young bull coming towards us along a fence line. I got mom to hide in a bit of regrowth poplar by the fence and I drove away to keep him from heading across a field and maybe keep his attention on me. When the bull seen me, he went from crossing the field to going back along the fence. As I watched, the bull stopped then spun around at a fast trot back the way he'd come. I was just thinking it was yet another close call, when I seen an arrow sticking out his side! Holy cow she hit one!

Now comes "my buck fever", as I'd got her to shoot my favorite broad head, Tooth of the Arrow and if this moose don't die, it's going to be much worse than stealing her sandwiches! Luckily I didn't have long to doubt the equipment, as the moose trotted 135yds and fell over, it was dead in about the longest few seconds I've had!

Everyone was in shock, just that easy, mom has got her moose! As I think back to all the times we come so close to getting a shot, I'm thankful it didn't happen in them first couple tries. We experienced moose swaying back an forth, rolling their eyes, cows squealing as they teased the bulls, sunrises and sunsets that can never be taken from us, making this the best trophy bull out there.

I'd told mom that all this hard work will just make the meat taste better. Our first barbecue was tenderloin and mom said it's the best she's ever had.

I'd like to thank the landowners in the area, we had some



raise an eyebrow, one that laughed an said the moose don't have much to worry about, then others that would show us their favorite little honey holes, but not one refused to let mom hunt moose. Hopefully they come to our fish an game banquet to try mom's best tasting moose this winter.





# Jack's Bow

## CAME HOME

by Brent Watson

It was 4:00am of the third day (Aug 27 2017) of our archery season. I was planning to get up early and head to a tree-stand on a small waterhole that I had sat the previous day. Sign looked promising but only action I had was a fight with some wasps that had a nest about six feet above the stand. Trip to a hardware store for some long range wasp killer and that problem was taken care of..

light came, Carrie and I walked a bunch of the Park trails and neighboring back alleys to see if he maybe threw the bow as he made his getaway – it would have been awkward riding a bike and carrying it. No luck there.

I am usually pretty good about taking everything out of the truck each night but we had had a birthday party the night before at our house for Carrie's mom. I had come home early to help get things ready, pick stuff up for the supper and company was coming when I pulled into the driveway. People left around 11:30 and I never even thought about emptying the truck. Until I heard the window break. Of all the luck!

For all of you who have things stolen, you know the drill. Police reports, call to your insurance company, inventory the stolen property, getting together receipts and item values, getting the broken window fixed, checking pawn shops, etc etc. It is a real pain in the rear and until you have been a victim of this kind of thing, you really can't appreciate what the experience does to you. We installed a RING camera/ alarm system overlooking the driveway so we could at least get video of any future culprits. The insurance company (Johnson Inc) was great and it was a very quick turnaround in replacing the items stolen and I finished out the season using another one of Jack's bows from my collection. But the bow was one of a kind and "non-replaceable".

Fast forward to \_\_\_\_\_. I checked the phone messages when we got home late and a fellow I know asked me to call him. The next morning I gave Ron a shout and he mentioned that he had been in a local pawn shop the day before and noticed a nice traditional bow hanging on a rack. He asked the clerk if he could look at it and seen on the bottom limb the writing of the bowyer (bow length, poundage) and the fellow's name – Jack Kempf. Slightly covered by the slip-on-quiver was some more writing and he slid the quiver down – "Built for Brent Watson." Ron figured something was odd for this bow of mine to be at a Pawn shop so he put a deposit on it and asked the lady to hold it for him. The bow still had the quiver with its three arrows and broadheads. The pawn shop had it marked for sale at \$125. I couldn't believe my ears and still have trouble believing it. Eight months after the theft, the bow shows up in a pawn shop, Ron comes in a couple of hours after it was brought in and he sees it, knows me and knows enough about bows to realize this is odd. Very lucky! I called the RCMP and talked to a constable who gave me a new case file. Ron and I went to the pawn shop with my initial statement and the new file number. The pawn shop folks were excellent. The next day the RCMP investigating officer met me at the pawn shop and after a couple



It wasn't the alarm clock that woke me this morning however. I had heard an odd crash sound from right outside our bedroom window. It sounded like a bag of crushed ice being dropped. The sleeping fog started to clear as I got up and looked out the bedroom window into the driveway. A fellow was standing at the back passenger side window of my truck – only 15' feet away. He was reaching in when I yelled "Good Morning" "Can I help you?" – well, something to that effect lol. He never hesitated. I was on the phone to 911, grabbing pants, headed for the front door. The thief had just jumped on his bike and took off down the street. He had something long in his left hand, a pack on his back and a small bag in his other hand. I jumped in the truck but he had too much of a head start and was gone. A quick look in the back seat confirmed that he had got away with my hunting pack, a small duffle bag with my spotting scope, trail cameras and the worst of all, my favorite Jack Kempf custom Kwyk Styk recurve. The RCMP were great and were on the scene in less than ten minutes. We both drove around and searched till daylight but no sign. He had likely ducked into the network of trails in Muskoseepi Park that runs along Bear Creek through the city- a haven for these types and only a couple of blocks from our home. As day-



of signatures, I walked out with my bow!! The RCMP were following up with who brought the bow in but it was highly likely that this person wasn't the one who stole it originally and if they were, smart enough not to admit to it. But I had the bow back!! There were some scratches on the riser that looked like it may have been dropped in the gravel at one point but very fixable. Shot it a bunch and it was perfect. I called Jack right away about the good news and he was as surprised as I was.

The next order of business was to shoot the bow lots and get ready for spring bear. Hopefully my luck would continue and there was a 20" bear in my future. I had a goal to take one more 20" plus bear with a recurve before my bear hunting career is over. Son in law Steve Rogers, fellow ABA executive Neil Johnson and I had booked a hunt with Wes Schuett of Alberta Prairie Outfitters for spring bears at his new fly in remote bear camp 125 miles north of Fort McMurray. Wes had a booking agent drop the ball and Wes was looking for resident hunters to fill some spots to help offset expenses. It would be a great way to see a remote part of the province that we'd never see otherwise plus a chance to hunt bears that had not been hunted for eight years. And the price was right. We flew into Wes' camp on May 12 and hunted for seven days, flying out on May 19th. Trip was great. Super camp, lots of fun and lots of bears. Very neat country and tons of history – all the way back to 1670! I passed on a decent PY bear mid week. Steve and Neil sat that bait after that and he never showed. Another bait had a PY bear on it but he never showed when Neil sat it several times. Bigger bears were showing up on camera later in the week. The late spring impacted things for sure. Subsequent hunters had better luck with bigger bears and several over 20" were taken. That's hunting!



We have found over the years that to be successful on big bears you need to have quantity and quality at your bait sight. There is lots of other hunter pressure – some years hardly anyone and then there are trucks parked at every cutline running a bait. To have the bears come to your bait and want to stay around you need different types of bait and lots of it – sweet is key and beavers are the best. Otherwise they just go down the road a mile (or less) to someone else's. Bears and bigger boars will travel (especially in the rut) and I know of several instances where the same bear (easily identifiable by color or markings) was hitting different baits up to 14 miles apart. In addition to the bait used, you have to maximize your time in the tree. More hours in the stand raises your odds immensely because, especially from the last part of May and to mid June in the rut, that big bear could walk in at any time of the day and may only stay a few minutes. And never be back. Big bears coming in right at last light is another given. You must be willing to let the 18" and 19" bears walk – not every bear out there will grow into a 20" or 21" and if you keep thinning out the ones with potential, your odds go way down. Scent control is something that few bear hunters use and it is very important if you are to fool a big guy's nose. Many bears will tolerate your human scent but the bigger ones less if ever. I know some successful big bear hunters and outfitters who use scent control techniques as part of their every day bear hunting activity – and their results show it. Ozonics has been a proven winner and is one of the things in our Tool Box. It is almost impossible to completely eliminate your scent once you are on stand but anything you can do to tip the odds in your favor is worth it.



In addition to this trip, we run our own bear baits and have been doing so since 1988 – a year after bear baiting was legalized. As anyone who hunts bears knows, bear baiting is not a slam dunk. It is lots of work, expensive and takes up a great deal of time. But it is so much fun – bears are a very neat animal with a wide range of personalities. The scale of difficulty goes up when you narrow your focus to "big" bears. "Big" bears are not behind every tree. As bears get older, they get wiser. Become more cautious and shy. Most bears do not use these baits as their sole food source – shortly after the season opens, grasses and dandelions emerge and that is their focus. The baits for the most part are like us going to Dairy Queen after supper for a treat. And they become a spot for boars to check to see what sows are around and if they are in heat.

The spring of 2018 was very late. We didn't get bait in until near the end of April and there was still 18" of snow at the sites. It was going fast and we figured it wouldn't be long before something black would show up. And we were right. The big brown we had been after for several years was the second bear to show at one bait – at night but at least he was there which was encouraging. Carrie and I started sitting that bait to see if he would show in the daylight and get in as many sits as possible before we left on our fly in trip. He didn't cooperate and just before we left we filled the baits to capacity to keep things going until we got back.

Once we got back, we checked the baits and the cameras. The brown one had been back at the one bait but at night, just twice more and only very brief stays. We continued to sit it lots with fingers crossed but no luck. Steve figured we should resurrect another old bait which had been lucky for us in the past and had left sit for almost two years. We hauled in a big load of bait and got it set up May 26th. Friends

Doug and Tracy came up for five days hoping to get Tracy her first bear with a bow. They had lots of bears every night at the "East Bait" but the black one we had seen earlier that would make PY and was on camera at the bait the afternoon they came, never came back. Even after they left. No idea why. The big brown was a no show as well.

We kept at it though. Prepping and hauling bait, fighting muddy rutted roads, lots of mosquitoes, long sits and short nights. Steve had checked the one newly set bait a week after we got it up and running and it was hit hard with what looked like eight different bears with a decent one from the looks of a night time picture on the camera. He was standing beside a 45 gallon barrel stretching up to the muskrat carcasses hanging from a rope over the bait and his elbow was as high as the top of the barrel. A check mid week (June 6) showed less activity and no pictures of anything big. There was lots of bait at this site and we never went back until the following Tuesday, the 12th. We had been holding out for the big brown one at a different bait and tonight, we were going to bait this site for one last time and leave the camera over the summer, bait in the fall to see what might show and then start up earlier next spring. We had thought about sitting

but it had rained during the afternoon, the road wasn't great and looked like more showers rolling through. The bait showed a fair bit of activity and we loaded it up with some fresh pastry courtesy of a friend, Wilf "Big Boar" Lehnert, who had some left over bait after taking a great 21 7/16" bear mid May (at the same bait he shot a 20 5/16" bear the year prior). A quick change of the camera card and we got out before the showers hit. Stopped at the car wash on the way home and \$30 later we could see the truck and stopped dropping mud at every bump.

Once home, I put the camera card in the laptop and started looking at a week's worth of pictures. Bunch of ravens, some smaller bears, a blonde bald thing and then – Holy Cow – a big guy. His back higher than the barrel, stove pipe legs, low belly, wide meaty forehead with a big grease, big square nose. He had hit the bait the evening of June 6th and came pretty much every day in the morning or mid afternoon but most frequently around 8 in the evening. Not once during the night which is so odd for a bigger bear. Got us excited!! We started putting a plan in place for the last three nights of the season.

We stayed away Wednesday. Carrie had to golf but we also figured that a night off would give him time to relax a bit if he came in and smelled our fresh scent. The forecast looked good with no rain and he would get a chance to taste the new

bait which he had never had before. Thursday we went with a load of other new bait for him – popcorn with icing sugar, oats with bacon grease, honey and a new beaver which I cabled to the crib so he would have an easy time to enjoy. All in the hopes he would have a real buffet and not have to work at any of it. Make it easy for him. I checked

the camera card reader in discouraged to at the bait the day at all. We our window bunch of t h a t were

on my iPad with a the stand and was see he had not been night before or to-might have missed of opportunity. A bears showed up evening but none very nervous, didn't act like a bigger guy was around.

Fri-



day, the last day of the season. Carrie and I headed up mid afternoon. The plan was to sneak in with no quad. Less noise. I was going to drag the beaver carcass out the quad trail and back in to help cover our scent walking in plus help draw him in if he crossed the quad trail circling downwind. There was an east wind and that was a possibility for sure. The only bait we were taking in was a small pail of honey to spread around on the barrel tops and small logs at the bait to position him for good shots plus the Ace In The Hole for tonight, a bottle of Liquid Smoke. I have used it before occasionally when trying to give the bait a new, unique, tasty smell to maybe trick a bear into coming when he might be hesitant otherwise. We slipped into the bait at 4:50 and had bears scattering – the small sow ended up in the stand! We backed out and she came down. We went in and I prepped the bait with the honey and the Liquid Smoke. Couldn't find the beaver – just the cable sticking out from under the barrel. Nothing to drag – a 50# beaver with nothing left but the stripped backbone and ribs.

Up in the tree, we got settled in. The Ozonics and the Enforcer units up and running. Jack's stolen bow on the hanger. Checked the camera card and Bingo. He was back! Once at 7am for an hour enjoying that beaver and the other goodies. And again at 4pm, leaving about 15 minutes before we walked in. We wondered if he would come back. Could only hope. Within minutes the crew we spooked out were back – the little black sow and her brown boyfriend plus a new black long headed young suitor. They worked the bait a bit enjoying the new honey and sniffing the new smell. Following the sow around trying to convince her who she should marry. It was 5:30 when there was a loud crack downwind right behind our stand in the thick small spruce. The three bears at the bait all scattered – standing at the bottom of trees waiting to go up if need be. The little sow took off. I had Jack's bow in hand and could see the noise maker out behind us. It was brown not black – turned out it was another small brown that had been here before. He circled the bait and never did come in. But he definitely had the attention of everyone not knowing who exactly he was.

The crew of three all came back and were wandering around the bait, coming in and out, doing the courtship thing. They had our attention and then Carrie said "There's another bear behind you". I looked over my shoulder and a black bear was looping downwind about 12 yards from stand heading towards the quad trail. He looked bigger than anything we had seen but the bush is thick enough that we still couldn't get a great look at it. He stepped into the quad trail, paused and then crossed. Two of the Three Amigos lost their nerve and took off leaving the small sow on her own. We could hear some low clucking and couple of small branches breaking as this new bear made his way back to the quad trail. I could see bits of him as he stepped into the trail. He was sniffing blades of grass and stems of the tall weeds. Couple more steps and he sniffed the branches of the small willows lining the trail. He shifted his front feet and turned looking down the trail and as his front end moved into a small opening, I whispered to Carrie "It's him!!" You could see the massiveness of his head, thick neck, ears way down the side.

I hoped he wouldn't walk out the trail and be gone. You

never know what they are thinking, what they are analyzing. "Should I go? Should I stay?" After a few seconds he turned back towards the bait. But his nose never quit working. Sniffing the air, sniffing the ground. Take a few steps. More sniffing. Gradually he made his way closer. The little sow held her ground on top of the one barrel but finally she had enough and bolted. He stopped directly in front of us at eight yards broadside at the top side of the bait. Sniffing and looking all around and then, right up at us. Head bobbing slightly, mouth partly opened and sniffing. The stand is in a great spot with lots of cover – likely saved our bacon. I had told Carrie that the first chance I get I would shoot – you never know when they might to decide to leave for whatever reason and you have lost your chance. He seemed satisfied with things and took five steps ahead, stopped and turned his front end ever so slightly towards the first barrel. I don't remember finishing my draw but watched the arrow streak to his opposite shoulder a third of the way down. I knew before the arrow hit he was done. Those 5" bright chartreuse yellow fletch are like a ball of light showing your flight. The arrow hit with a loud crack almost to the fletch and he spun and took off out the trail he had come in on. We heard several loud crashes and then some heavy gasping and knew he was done. It was 6:15.

A short 50 yards later and there he lay. His body size looked small compared to the trail camera pictures but there was no ground shrinkage on his head. We skinned him there as it was the last night of the season and we weren't concerned with the carcass affecting the bait. Had three Thermacells going for the bugs and kept a lookout for other inquisitive bears. In an hour we had the hide off, the back straps and hind quarter meat off and into a meat bag. He had almost no fat on him which is odd for a big bear – usually they have many inches of fat even in the spring. Rolled everything up in a small tarp, tied the ends off and made a shoulder strap and out we went to the quad trail. Bit of a grunt but not bad for an ole poop.

It is always exciting to be in the presence of these big bears. They are indeed awe inspiring, take your breath away and are completely different than other "bears." Deserve your respect in so many ways. They are hard work and you may only glimpse one every once in a while but when it all works out (even if you don't put your tag on him), it is so worth it. This big bear did so many things uncharacteristic of big bears. He was hitting the bait only in daylight hours. He hung around this bait in the bear rut for 9 days only missing a day and a half – normally they are a one and done act on the move looking for sows in heat. I think the key to getting him was the different "new to him" baits we used the last three days, the new smell with the Liquid Smoke on the last night and the ozone units to help kill any scent of us in the tree as he circled downwind. And a great big HORSESHOE!

And to harvest this great bear (my last 20+ – maybe lol) with my stolen and then recovered Jack Kempf bow, have a strategy pay off, have hunting partner wife Carrie there to witness it, truly was one of the highlights of my bowhunting career.



## ANCHOR POINTS

Mark Twang



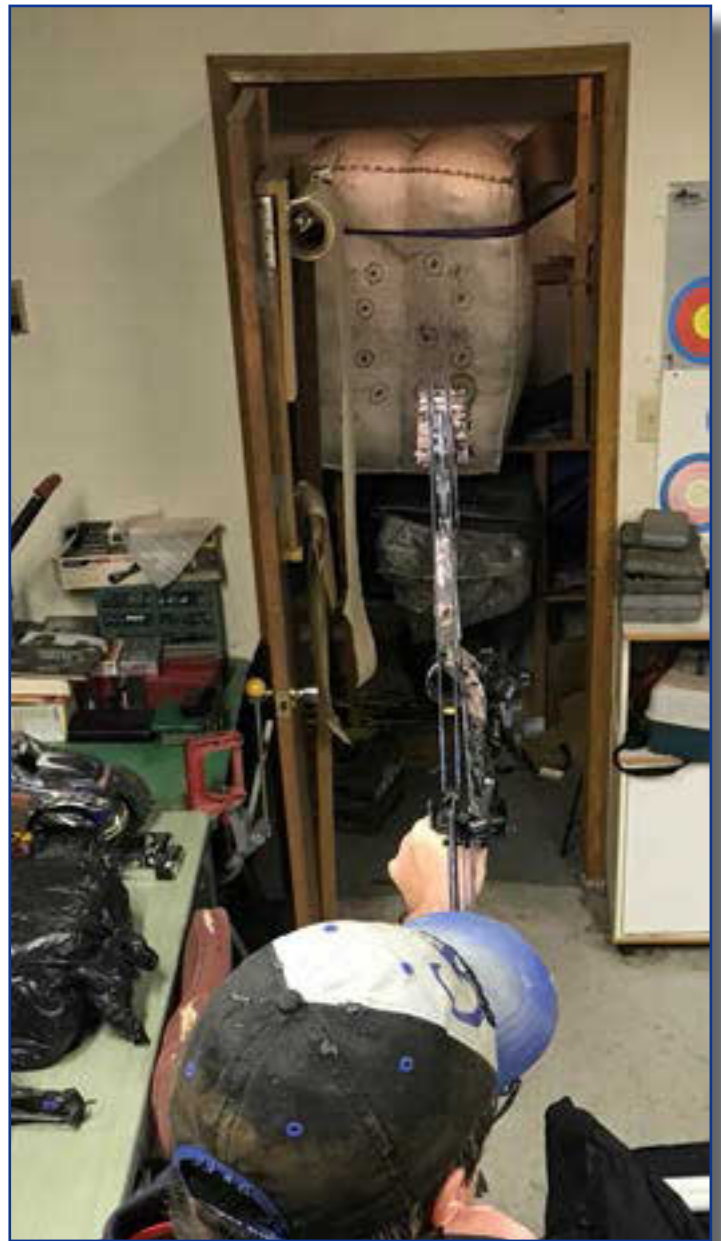
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### *Too long of a draw length*

In a past article I talked about bow fit and I put draw length down as the most important parameter. A proper draw is very important and it is very important as it is also one end of the “power stroke” of the bow. The other end is brace height. So the Power Stroke is Draw Length minus Brace Height. Having consistent draw length is paramount to accuracy. Even today when I instruct young archers I like to use a recurve or Genesis type bow without a solid wall to help archers learn their draw length. Often these youngsters are much smarter than I am and they figure out that the further they pull it back the faster the arrow goes but it gives me a teaching opportunity on importance of consistency. This allows for archers to learn their draw length and what it should feel like. Then as they move into a compound with a fixed draw length they have better habits already ingrained.

Draw length is the one variable we can adjust after the bow is bought. Some bows allow one to adjust draw length with a module or others with draw length specific cams where you have to change the whole cam to change the draw length more than ½”. The draw length specific cam bows typically have higher performance than those that allow adjustment on the cam. These draw length modules adjust how much of the cable is taken up by the cam without changing how much string is being let out and for each bow there is an optimum performance level for the amount of cable take up for amount of string being let out which is what the draw length specific cams allow. One can also adjust draw length with draw stops as well. These are devices on the cam designed to rotate against cable or limb to stop the draw cycle and give the bow a harder “wall”.

Way back when I started 3D archery I stretched by draw length to 31.5” by using a high wrist grip and reaching way back and shooting release directly off of string and I could get some amazing speeds out of bows which helped with 3D when I could shoot 320 fps when everyone else was at 250 fps. But while I had less high low misses my accuracy did suffer as well because I was too long and could not engage proper release technique and led



Vertical Alignment



to poor release execution.

So I learned the hard way about proper draw length by shooting too long of a draw length for years. I see people still doing it today and insist they have good form and release execution but their arrow placement tells a different story.

So why do people want to shoot too long of a draw? This goes back to what I said with teaching kids. Extending the power stroke means the arrow gains more energy and speed. Over time this becomes comfortable and when they get a new bow they transfer these bad habits to the new bow.

As discussed before too long of a draw reduces accuracy as then the archer cannot engage proper back tension for a clean execution. I describe it as well as the bow then operates the archer vs the archer operating the bow.

#### Signs/Symptoms of too long of a draw length:

1. Archer leans back when shooting
2. Archer often slaps bow arm with string
3. Sight picture is unsteady
4. Inconsistent shot execution

So with that all being said what are signs of a proper draw length? Nock of arrow is somewhere between corner of eye and corner of mouth. Arm is not sloped backwards (if you put marble on elbow it will roll back off of elbow). When viewed from behind, front sight, peep, eye and draw elbow is all in line with the arrow. When too long the elbow will be further behind the head of the archer.

I challenge people to try shooting a draw length 1/8" of an inch shorter for a full week and see if accuracy improves. I actually change my draw length very slightly according to the target game I am playing. If I am shooting for small 10's I shorten up a 1/16" and I find my hold will be choppy but hold in the middle 90% of the time and will take the odd sharp bobble out but a 10 or a 9 counts the same and I increase x count and therefor score. When shooting for Big 10's where x and 10 are the same I adjust a bit longer and while the hold is not as tight I don't have the sharp bobbles out into the 9 which takes my x count down but I shoot less 9's as well. I encourage people to play a bit with their draw length and often I find people having "release issues" are often not anything to do with execution or release but is actually from shooting too long of a draw.

In pictures below I have side view and top view of archers. With top view the elbow, eye, peep, sight, string, and arrow are all aligned vertically which will maximize accuracy and is the result of having the proper draw length.

#### Conclusion:

Proper draw length puts the archer in control and you get a steadier sight picture which leads to better execution. The other thing is that this allows archer to shoot from a wider variety of situations found in hunting whether it be from a tree stand, ground-blind, on a slope, from a crouch etc.

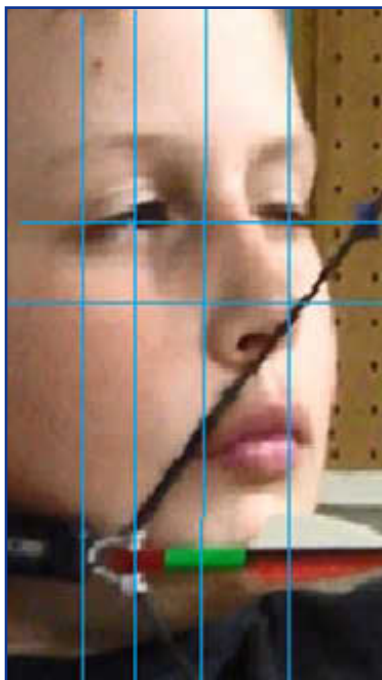


Figure 1: Note the reference points.

- 1) Draw length: The string comes back to a place between corner of mouth and back of eye. This is also with bow drawn against the bow's "wall".
- 2) Nose on string gives vertical and horizontal reference points
- 3) Peep in alignment with eye with head level (eyes same height) gives vertical reference.
- 4) Not pictured: Hand position on face gives horizontal and vertical reference point as well.
- 5) D-Loop length is irrelevant to bows draw length! The length of D-loop can change hand position on face, and can be adjusted to allow for variances in string angles. A steeper string angle usually means bow ends up further back to get nose on string without tilting head forward.

#### 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.

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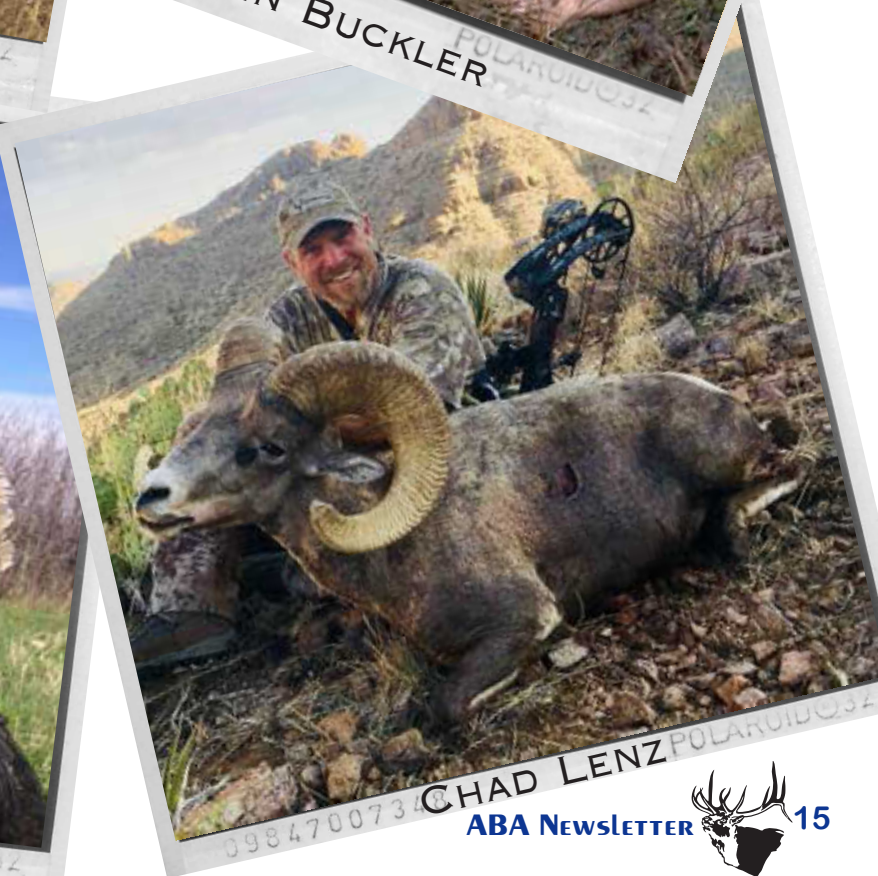
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brent Watson

Hope everyone had some luck in the draws, have had a chance to do some scouting, get treestands up, shooting your bows lots. Archery season seemed to come much too fast this year. It wasn't that long ago we were getting bear baits set up in the snow!!

### Alberta Environment & Parks HOTLINE

1-800-222-6514

I want to relate an experience I had this summer that hopefully will motivate each of you in doing something if you happen upon something while out hunting, quadding, fishing – anything while in the outdoors – that you do not think is right. It could be industry related or recreational use.

Like many traplines in Alberta, ours in the northwest has been hit hard by the “Alberta Advantage” – oil and gas developments, logging and the miles of roads and pipelines that come with this. Most of us have seen things that we think or know are “not right” but feel powerless to do anything about it. We don't know what avenues are available for us to initiate action. That does not have to be the case and something can be done with one phone call.

One of the many oil/gas companies that are working our trapline had mulched a line app two miles through virgin country down to one of the rivers that run through our trapline. This was the first part of December and I had seen this line just after they had mulched it and were starting to lay out water line hose. The consultant was very good and was willing to make crossings over this line in the two places our trails cross it. A few days later I called him and advised that we would not bother with that portion of the trapline for this year – just too busy with all the drilling and logging going on. We'd save it for next year.

When I first seen the freshly mulched line, it was flat and the ground was frozen. They were driving pick-up trucks down its entire length right to the river. Fast forward to July 8th of this year. We had been at the trapline clearing some trails and went to this particular waterline to check it out and GPS the crossings to forward to the contact people of this particular oil company. The first quarter mile on the quad was really good traveling (was an old oil lease road) but when we rounded the corner and hit the big timber at the edge of a newer cutblock, that changed big time. Someone had been using the line with wide tracked machines and it was torn up from bush line to bush line. Water oozed from places along the line

right of way and then ran down the water line as far as we could see. Churned up ground mixed with water made for nothing but soupy mud. We went a bit farther but turned around fearing we'd just get stuck and make the situation worse. We went out another way.

We knew what we had seen “was not right” but were unsure as to how to do something about it. The next day was a Monday and I went to the local FW office to speak with the biologist. He advised that they no longer had anything to do with these types of things – that the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) are the government watchdog. He gave me a number to call – the Environment and Parks 24 hour HOTLINE 1-800-222-6514. This is for anyone to report something they see on the landscape that they feel is “not right.”

What follows is the timeline of events:

- Monday July 9 4:30pm -- I called the 24 hour number and passed on all the pertinent information to the call taker. As soon as you make the call, a case number is generated. The information is then passed on to an AER Investigator.
- Monday July 9 4:50 pm -- I got a call from the AER Investigator, answered his questions. I emailed him the video and pictures I had taken on my iPhone.
- Tuesday July 10 1:45pm -- The AER investigator called me to update me on the case – my pictures and statement were sufficient enough that he did not have to visit the site personally. He had researched the permits that were given out for this particular waterline approval and found it was not the original company I had dealt with but a new one. He had already called that company's head office in Calgary and advised that they needed to have some of their people do an assessment ASAP of the entire waterline, take more pictures of the ground disturbances, a plan to deal with the problems, a timeline to have this done.
- Wednesday July 11 1:05pm -- I got a call from this company's head construction foreman who had come up from Calgary and was headed out to the site to walk the line's entire length and was dealing with the AER's requests/demands.
- Thursday July 12 9:00am – After the company's head construction foreman and his local counterpart walked the waterline, they formulated a plan





and submitted their thoughts to the AER Inspector. That plan was approved.

- Thursday July 12 11:00am – The company had two small tracked hoes on site to create cross ditching to divert running water into the bush. They smoothed out rutted sections of the line. Rig matting was piled to be removed once ground conditions improved (dried up or froze). Ditching will be smoothed out once freeze up commences and re-vegetation will be allowed to occur naturally. Monitoring will determine if further action is needed.

I was thoroughly impressed with how quickly things happened in just a few days after that one phone call. The company was very willing to make things right,

thanked me for being concerned and making the call and admitted that “they” had dropped the ball. Both the company’s construction foreman and the AER investigator followed their investigations with personal phone calls to me.

Another number to call is 1-800-642-3800 if you come across any damaging activities or land abuses on our public lands. Garner as much information as you can – pictures, license plate, descriptions of individuals and/or vehicles etc and an investigation will be launched.

These numbers are on speed dial in my phone and we all need to have them handy to enable us to “make a difference.” Empowers each and every one of us!!

Good luck this fall!!



By now everyone should have gotten their copy of the 2018 Hunting Regulations and the latest changes that have taken place. We also concluded an Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council (AGPAC) “hunting regulations” meeting, June 28 2018 with senior FW folks and stakeholders.

- **Allocation Policy Review progress** – the package of allocation policy recommendations from AGPAC stakeholders has been sent to Travis Ripley (Executive Director of F&W Policy). From there, these recommendations will be sent out for broader consultation and to the Minister. Timelines are unknown at this time and the upcoming provincial election could be a hurdle.
- **Regulation Review package** – This review was undertaken by FW and with input/feedback from stakeholders 72 changes and updates to the hunting regulation policy were compiled (many were administrative in nature, correct spelling mistakes) and sent to the Minister in Dec 2016 and thus far nothing has happened. The Minister recently did implement a change to the weaponry allowed for hunting big game in Alberta which led to only the current equipment and their respective minimums as outlined specifically in the present regulations as being legal going forward in the fall of 2018. Everything outside of those specified will not be allowed (spears, atlatls, sling bows, using a knife, dropping a rock, etc etc). However, anyone can present a case at any time to the government/FW to allow any of these weapons that are now no longer allowed.

An interesting twist to the weaponry allowed is an article I seen in a magazine about an Alberta resident using an air rifle to take a black bear in Alberta. His inquiries to FW confirmed that if the projectile was “not less than .23 caliber as per the regulations”, air rifles were ok to use. He did take a bear effectively with this new weapon.

- **Mandatory Harvesting** – will be coming in 2019. FW Licensing have been reviewing other jurisdictions for some time. Suggested penalty for late harvest reports would see an increase in cost for future draw applications. For those who do their harvest reports on time, thought is being given to having a prize draw for a unique hunting opportunity. With the improvements in technology and the recent upgrades to the RELM system, mandatory harvesting is now very doable. It is something that every stakeholder group (at the request of their respective memberships) has been wanting for many years – more data and much more accurate data.
- **Larch Island (Canmore) closure** – you may be

aware of the issue that arose last fall in Canmore where a cow elk was legally taken but expired right behind a landowner’s property. The landowner had issues with the hunter leaving the gut pile there (has no issues with “hunting”) as it could be a draw for predators/scavengers – he was most concerned about grizzlies and cougars. The hunter left the gut pile and the landowner took his concerns to town council, to the media and to the Minister. He had a personal meeting with the Minister and there was talk of changes coming to alleviate any future like issues. We had several ABA members from Canmore contact us and in turn we reached out to several FW people for any information they were aware of. In order to make this change, the Parks Act would have to be opened (which is not easy to do supposedly) and there was some talk that there would be public meetings on the issue. The concerned ABA members also had written and had some brief discussions their MLA. It was a very big surprise when we all heard in early July that hunting would no longer be allowed on Larch Island – calls to our FW contacts showed they were just as surprised as us!! They were able to find out how all this came about so quickly with so little public or internal government notice etc. It appears that “the Town of Canmore under the Municipal Government Act applied Section 7 for Public Safety and created a bylaw to limit the discharge of weapons”. AEP (not sure who in AEP) supported the change and is within the rights of the Town of Canmore. The WMU boundaries have not changed nor the Hunting Regulations.

- **Black Bear seasons/baiting closing October 31** – is a direct result of enforcement issues dealing with “bear” hunters baiting “bears” in the fall with oats and having other things come to their “bear” bait – namely deer. As anyone who hunts bears in the fall knows, most black bears are long gone by the end of October.
- **Seniors get break on hunting licenses** - Seniors (age 65 and over) will be able to buy a Wildlife Certificate/Upland Game Bird license combo for \$8.30, a general whitetail license for \$ 8.25 and can partner on any hunting license. Was great to see. Surprised as it was never discussed at the regulations meeting June 28 but glad that the powers that be took the initiative to move forward on this. Rumor has it that the Minister was approached by one person at some public gathering and they presented the idea and she liked it and magically it happened. Rumor also has it that is one of the reasons the regulations were so late in getting printed was her last minute “ideas”.

As a side note, stakeholders and FW are moving for-

ward on lobbying for change to the minimum age for hunting and we will be bringing more details forward as they are available, to memberships for input/feedback. Hopefully the “powers that be” are just as quick to act!!

#### MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **Grizzly season re-instatement.** FW currently have two areas to finish studies in – should be done in two years. There will then be a review of all grizzly bear management areas, populations, trends, their status, etc etc. Likely be four years before anything would be suggested one way or another. Political and social acceptance huge hurdle.
- **“Hunter Apprentice License”** – Presentation by Delta Waterfowl group. Would be for first time hunters who would hunt initially with a mentor for one year and would not need to take a hunter education course until their second year. Other jurisdictions have this license and has shown to increase hunter numbers.
- **Residency requirements for Alberta** – is in the works. Has been agreed on by stakeholders in the past. Part of the regulation review package.

Likely be 6 months time period to mirror other government residency requirements. Possibly include clause that you cannot hold residency in any other province as well as in Alberta.

- **Black bear season alignments** – submitted by ABA and APOS. Make the black bear season and baiting dates uniform to end June 15 province wide.
- **Reduce draw weight minimums from 40# to 35#.** Submitted again by ABA (been endorsed by membership in the past). Discussion around the history of the current requirement. How reducing it would still maintain efficiencies and effectiveness but allow for greater hunter recruitment and retention.
- **Increase cost of draw applications for lifetime draws.** Discussion as to people applying because it is so easy and cheap, getting drawn and not buying the tag and/or not making an effort to use that tag. Same thoughts within FW/stakeholder groups. FW licensing looking at draw application costs and scenarios of other jurisdictions.

## In Memory Of

Our affiliated Springbook Archers club lost a dear member last fall.



### Galan Osbak

Dec. 3, 1963 - Nov. 26, 2017

Galan Osbak was born in  
Edmonton, Alberta on

December 3, 1963.

Galan grew up in Warburg,  
Alberta and moved to Red Deer  
after graduating from

High School. After High School

Galan became a journeyman

Carpenter, and started

Go-Renovations until the time

of his passing.

Galan is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jackie and two sons  
Tyrel and Logan

He leaves to mourn his mother, Bernice Osbak

Two brothers, Glen and Erin; three sisters, Elenor, Marilyn and Florence;

Sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many aunts, uncles,

nieces and nephews.

Galan was predeceased by his dad, Albert; three brothers, Vernon,

Milton and Wayne; and mother-in-law and father-in-law

Barb and Vern Bowie.

## SAVE THE DATE

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# 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](http://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:

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## 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 nocks (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:

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# ALBERTA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION BLACK BEAR HUNT RAFFLE

**ONLY 500  
\$20 TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

**LICENSE # 499828  
Draw January 5, 2019  
Jim Bows, Calgary**

Tickets available either on the ABA online store [www.bowhunters.ca](http://www.bowhunters.ca) or cash/cheque sales available directly from the raffle chair person Brent Watson ([brent@albertabowhunters.com](mailto:brent@albertabowhunters.com) - cell 780-978-1195, 10238-110 Ave., Grande Prairie, AB T8V 1S7). Sales will be time stamped once the transaction is completed online/cash or cheque in hand, to ensure first come first served.

**Guide/outfitter is Wes Schuett of Alberta Prairie Outfitters in Brooks, AB.**

- **Hunt is for two people – the winner designates who the second person is and confirms with outfitter.**
- **Each hunter will be allowed to harvest one black bear each.**
- **Value is \$12000 CDN + GST. No cash equivalent.**
- **Open to Alberta residents only. Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets.**
- **Hunt is NON-transferable.**
- **Hunter can use any legal hunting equipment as outlined in the current Alberta Hunting Regulations.**

**Responsibility of raffle winner – any transportation and/or accommodations both to and from Fort McMurray, tips to guides/cook/helper, Alberta resident black bear license.**

**Exact hunt dates will be for one of the four weeks between May 11 and June 8, 2019 to be agreed on by raffle winner and outfitter. The weeks available are May 11-18, May 18-25, May 25-June 1, June 1-8.**

**To ensure the best opportunity to choose any one of the four weeks available, the raffle winner must notify the outfitter of their preferred week no later than 14 days after draw date/notification to draw winner. This is to facilitate and avoid conflict with other bookings in the outfitter's operation. Confirmation of the chosen week will be when the hunt contract is completed and received by the outfitter.**

**If, after 14 days the winner has not yet chosen a week, the ABA in consultation with the outfitter will pick a week on behalf of the winner.**

**If, after the close of the outfitter's bear hunting season (June 8, 2019) and within 365 days of the draw date, the winner has not gone on the trip, the winner of the raffle will be awarded 20% of the total raffle value and that will be \$2000 CDN.**



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