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## EDITORIAL

Gord Nuttall

When you think of vast open fields of canola and other crops moose generally do not come to mind. 20 years ago in Alberta, if you saw a moose out in those fields people would ask you if you were feeling okay. Nowadays, with the moose population thriving in the prairie regions, people ask you if you're feeling okay if you have not seen a moose.

With such a high moose density and open terrain, I decided to draw a bull moose tag there this past fall in hopes of trying a different method of hunting bull moose - challenging them while being the decoy. I had three objectives for decoy. One, it had to be hands-free because I still wanted to be able to shoot while wearing it. Two, it had to be easy to remove case things got too intense and I wanted to call off the stalk. Three, it had to be light yet durable. After a quick search in the spring for commercially made decoys that you could wear it became clear that no one has ever attempted something like this but I dared to be different.

Version one of the decoy consisted of a hockey helmet, some PVC pipe, an old winter sled made from styrofoam, burlap and twine. It was okay but it lacked ears, body realism and a proper moose nose. After studying some pictures of live moose from my scouting trips and observing them running in the field again I made the modifications to the decoy.

My good friend Gary laughed immediate upon arriving at moose camp when he saw me wearing the antlers. He is indeed a good friend because the next day he would be wearing this decoy I built and I would be trailing behind him in a full black outfit waiting to shoot.

The morning started out slow but we eventually bumped a good bull tending a cow and calf. We let them be and made a plan to circle around downwind of them using the vehicle. Once downwind we set out on foot until we found them again. We worked our way up a bush line bordering the field they were in and then geared up in the decoy. With Gary out front slowly rocking his head back and forth and me making the occasional bull grunt behind him wearing nothing but black we exposed ourselves about 200 yards from the bull. At first he took a few steps away from us, but then I grunted and thrashed a couple trees and he spun around and moved closer to investigate the intruder. At this point I knew we had his interest and he just slowly came closer and we helped closed the distance. I nocked an arrow onto my Bear Archery Kuma LD. At one point I think Gary was getting a little nervous and wanted to go into the bush but I insisted we keep going and I was practically pushing him onward. Unsure if the moose was going to remain slightly hidden in the bush or if he was going to come out in the open, we stopped. Gary and I each had different ideas and what to try next and quietly disagreed, but finally the bull made the decision for us and stepped out broadside in front of us at under 15 metres. It worked perfectly.

*Gord Nuttall*



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# NOVEMBER

by Dan Jackson

It was June 19th, the draw application deadline was closing in and I was still uncertain about what to apply for, what zones I could try and draw, or what I'd even have time for in the Fall. I knew I was in the top priority pool for Ptarmigan and it would line up well with some other planned hunts. I just happened to pick up the recent ABA magazine and flip through the article "The Juice is Worth the Squeeze". Written by Andrew Hartley, ABA small game award winner and one of the leaders in small game archery hunting around Alberta, it had an exciting story along with some great tips on game bird hunting in particular. Inspired, I decided to work towards more challenging achievements in our extended small game season, and so my mind was set: try and get a late-season Ptarmigan with my recurve.

Not knowing much about the habitat or habits of Ptarmigan, I endeavored to explore and learn more about some prime areas I'd researched on Google maps. I focused on

finding grassy slopes with willows, birch or alders in the alpine. During an early season scouting mission, I was able to find a few birds up and active at day-break and, more importantly, able to get into traditional archery range.

Looking through some of the documentation on game birds, I found that we have two common types of Ptarmigan here: White-tailed Ptarmigan and Willow Ptarmigan. Based on what I could find scouting, White-tailed Ptarmigan was mostly what I was finding. If a guy was hunting in more Northern zones (Mountains North of Jasper, Willmore, etc), Willow's start entering the picture. If you find yourself looking at a Ptarmigan in the wild, the colouration of the tail is the tell-tale sign: black tail = Willow, White tail = White Tailed. Straight-forward enough but worth mentioning.

I try and balance out my season a bit by having enough



# PHANTOMS

time set aside for filling the freezer, and then a good amount of time set aside to aim for a more lofty goal. Looking to clear a path for the late-season Ptarmigan hunt, I went out for a bit of archery elk action with my buddy Liam. We managed to knock over a pair of elk on day 1 of our hunt so the pressure for providing food for the table was lifted. That day may have started out easy, but packing out 2 elk was not trivial.

Knowing that the odds of generating quality encounters with Ptarmigan improved greatly as the November rut encroaches, I booked off time through November to try and seal the deal. In Late October, I packed in a wall tent and stove as well as prepped a reasonable firewood supply for the upcoming hunt. Late season alpine hunts are not easy and can be very dangerous solo so they require a lot of planning. Those last few weeks at work before the hunt

started were torture but I managed to keep the mind busy by prepping gear and setting up my pack. Finally, the day came; kissing the family goodbye, for what could have been the last time ever, I loaded up the truck and headed out to camp.

That first night in camp I barely slept due to the anticipation. I turned off my alarm before it even sounded that next morning. Not wasting a moment, I began my hike into the alpine in search of the November Phantom, the Ptarmigan. My routine most days was to get into the Alpine for first light and try to find the birds out in the open feeding. I learned early on that this hunt wasn't going to be as easy as hunting elk. There was no predictable way to find a Ptarmigan. Moreover, November conditions in the mountains are very challenging for a bowhunter and the White birds blended into the snow perfectly. I spent a lot of time



behind my glass and also searching out fresh wind-blown areas close to the alders trying to find tracks. Many days I'd find tracks but they'd be stale or partially wind-filled and impossible to track.

I don't know if it was day 6 or day 7, but one morning I crested a ridge at Dawn and there in the freshly drifted snow were Ptarmigan tracks. I looked around but couldn't see any sign. Frustration got the best of me and I yelled at them in anger. That's when the first one moved 10yds away from me and started to shuffle away. Soon, I saw 4 or 5 more birds scurrying about. The tips from Andrew Hartley came to mind - headshots ensure a quick kill and preserve the precious meat. The birds quickly put distance between us and it turned into a game of cat and mouse. As I tracked them I picked up motion near some of the birds. It took a moment to realize, but finally, things came into focus and I noticed that there were closer to 30 birds bedded in the snow drifts sitting motionless. At once, they all suddenly took flight; I thought I had lost the chance I was working so

hard to generate. Then I noticed there was one straggler left standing behind. At 15yds I took aim and delivered a clean shot on target. I can honestly say this was one of the more exciting moments in my bowhunting career. The effort and challenge of the hunt all added together to create a rewarding experience. As I hiked to get out of the exposure to the wind and cold, I managed to find a second Ptarmigan that morning and successfully harvested that bird as well. Satisfied with the achievement and eager to escape the elements, I retreated back to camp.

Tired from the morning journey, I set up a quick fire and cooked the Ptarmigan meat over the coals to pair with a perfectly prepared Mountain House Macaroni & Cheese Product meal. What a perfect way to cap off the hunt! Will also be a prized entry to my ABA Small Game award goals.

These late season hunts are not simple, but as Andrew Hartley says, sometimes the juice is worth the squeeze!



# Flyer

by Dallas Kaiser

I had not shot a whitetail in the past two seasons. Mature bucks were few and far between, everything I had seen needed another year or two. My whitetail trigger finger was getting itchy. In my previous 29 seasons I had only eaten my whitetail tag three times. My anticipation was high that 2017 would be the year a good buck would walk into my life and give me something to concentrate on.

All though a lot of whitetail does call the bush behind my house home, no bucks show up until the rut gets them moving. I couldn't believe it when the first buck trail camera picture I got behind my house in late October was a shooter. The buck was a nice 5x5 with a flyer off one back tine. Now the question was; is he just traveling through or here to stay for the rut? A week later when I checked the camera I was pleasantly surprised that he was coming through almost every day. The only drawback was all the pictures were in the middle of the night, like most smart mature bucks.

Opening day of rifle season showed up along with snow and -20 temperatures and I figured this would get the deer moving more and pull Flyer out of the river bottom brush in daylight hours. I was sitting in a brush blind I had set up in the summer time. It is in a transition zone the deer filter through between their bedding and feeding spots. Before I knew it nine days had gone by and Flyer had not shown himself. Although I was still getting night photos I knew

any day the rut would draw him to does on neighboring properties. Not the end of the world, but the landowner's are all hunters that would gladly put Flyer in the freezer! The joys of hunting private land as many of us know. I had been sitting most mornings and evenings staring at the same small area and even though I was seeing deer, squirrels seemed to be more active. The evening of November 10th was proving to be no different than the rest until the last 5 minutes of legal shooting light. The doe that was browsing a short distance away suddenly looked down her back trail. I knew a buck was coming but would it be him? First I saw movement, then legs, followed by a body with horns. Eventually the horns turned into a frame I knew very well and my instincts took over. Flyer was down after 24 hours of sitting my blind.

My 30th hunting season was now complete and it may have been my best in terms of trophies taken. My freezer is full and a couple other families benefited from the meat as well. I didn't mention any scores on my animals because I know numbers shouldn't be the measuring tape of a successful hunt. Being an official measurer, I've seen way too many happy, proud hunters go away disappointed after they learn their trophies scores. I was happy with my animals while they challenged me and caused my adrenaline to pump. And now when I look at pictures from my 2017 hunts and hold the racks I can't help but smile.



# Wear a # A R N E S S



**USE A LIFELINE**

by Tyler Penner





*Pretty sobering when it happens to people you know. Take the time to use the proper safety gear while setting up treestands, while using stands. It takes a little longer for sure but what does an extra half hour here and there really mean when it avoids the kind of accident Tyler had. Tyler got lucky – every year similar accidents claim lives, have far more debilitating outcomes. Life changing not only for that person but those around them (family, spouses, children, friends, work mates). Stay SAFE!!!*

### Sept 18 2019

“It won’t happen to me, these sorts of things happen to other people” were my exact thoughts as I fell 18 feet out of my treestand last night. People that are inexperienced or are in a hurry or that got in too much of a rush. I’ve hunted out of a tree for bear and deer for years and have honestly never wore a harness once! Why would I need to? I’m always careful getting in and out. It’s the same thing every time. What could go wrong? Well, last night I had my question answered.

It was last light and I had already lowered most of my gear to the ground and was just getting ready to head down as well. Same routine as I have done a half dozen times already this fall. Step off the platform onto the big branch that would connect me to my ladder stand. Except this time I paused just long enough to listen to a deer walking in behind me, when suddenly crack! The branch I was standing on had broke and I was FALLING. It was only 18 feet, but I remember thinking how long it was taking to hit the ground... and then I did -- hard! I toppled over into a willow tree and just laid there for a second trying to wrap my mind around what had just happened. Seconds later the pain hit. A dull pain in my back and for a moment or two remembered thinking I was paralyzed. That was until I rolled over and felt my left ankle loosely flop into my other leg. I tried standing up. Not happening. Tried crawling, nope. Tried slithering on my side, too painful. I was stuck! And to make matters worse my phone battery was dead. To make a long story short, my neighbour who unbeknownst to me had just stepped out to go bottle feed a couple of calves, somehow heard my yelling and 45 minutes later sent her son out to find me. They loaded me into the suburban and raced me to town. Where for the next few hours, hospital staff took x rays and tried to set my grenaded ankle. The decision was quickly made to airlift me to Edmonton, where I arrived shortly after 1:30 am. As I laid here 24 hrs later awaiting surgery on my ankle, (after which doctors will be able to take the proper Xrays of my back to see just how bad my fractured vertebrae is), I can’t help but think about how this could of been so easily avoided had I just worn a damn HARNESS!! I posted this story on Facebook and in the ABA Newsletter hoping that if even one person reads this and it makes them think twice before they head to the tree without using the proper safety gear, it will be worth it.

No one ever expects something like this to happen to them, until it does!

### October 1

After the successful surgery on my ankle, the Xrays of my back showed a compressed fracture in my L1 vertebrae. I stayed in hospital for 6 days and then was released on Monday Sept 23. I am taking it easy and am told at least 8 weeks for my ankle and close to 6 months for my back to return to “normal.”





## ANCHOR POINTS

Mark Twang



If you have any questions or would like to suggest a future archery topic please email: [MarkTwang@canadianhuntingociety.com](mailto:MarkTwang@canadianhuntingociety.com)

### *Compound Bow Fit and Selection*

When purchasing a bow there are many factors. However, I will focus on these characteristics.

1. Draw Length
2. Bow Length
3. Draw Weight
4. Bow Weight
5. Draw Cycle
6. Price



#### **Draw Cycle**

This is what many people use to judge the “feel” of the bow. Each bow will have a different draw cycle and to sum them up some come into peak weight earlier than others and some come into the let-off earlier than others. I refer to this as steepness. I think of coming into peak weight as a hill and coming into let-off as a valley. Today's bows all have

a fairly hard “wall” which is the back end of the draw cycle. Typically the bows with steeper characteristics have higher performance as they transfer more peak energy to the arrow in a shorter time. This is something that is really personal preference but typically newer archers will find the less steep draw cycle smoother and more comfortable. In reality this has very little bearing on consistency compared to the other characteristics.

#### **Bow Weight**

This is an important characteristic for archers. Heavier bows tend to hold better as there is more mass inertia BUT they are heavier. This may seem redundant but remember the purpose of the bow. If you are hunting, you will be packing it more than shooting it in the woods. If you are planning to shoot target you will spend more time shooting it than packing it. What I concern myself more here is with; ladies, younger shooters and smaller shooters. Having a bow that is heavy is going to be a chore for them to shoot. I have seen people who struggle in their shooting and have suffered injury simply because of too much bow mass. Again, this is a balance.

#### **Draw Weight**

If a person has a hard time drawing the bow, they will tire earlier and is not as comfortable to shoot. New archers typically take a bit to develop the neural reflex arcs (AKA muscle memory) required to draw a bow. It takes practice to develop this and thus while they are developing one needs to ensure they can draw safely and smoothly. When drawing: the archer's elbow should come smoothly back while pointing bow at target. They should not have to push the bow towards the sky while dropping elbow down below shoulders to draw. This leads to many inconsistent habits due to additional muscle recruitment. In a hunting situation it is not conducive to be waving at the quarry while grunting to heave the bow back! If the archer is shaking like a dog trying to pass a peach pit they are over-bowed. In hunting shot placement is more important than how far past the animal the arrow penetrated a tree



after it missed. So being comfortable and being able to repeat the draw easily and consistently is conducive to consistent arrow placement.

### **Bow (Axle to Axle or ATA) Length**



Results of a proper fitting bow.

The longer the bow the more consistent it will launch an arrow. This is because of geometry and physics. When the angle of deflection in the string is less acute it takes more force to move the string laterally. Again, there is a balance here; as one wants a bow that they can maneuver within the bush, in a blind, or on a tree-stand when hunting. What I have found is when string angle gets too steep the bow gets harder to fit. I have a general guideline I use. If a person has a 28.5" or longer draw length, then they should stay at 33" to 35" ATA for a hunting bow). If they are shorter than 28.5" of draw length, then they can use a 31" or shorter bow easier.

### **Draw Length**

I have alluded to this in a few of the other areas and the importance of draw length to enjoying accurate archery is of the utmost importance. Draw length affects so many other factors that are conducive to consistency. Having the proper draw length is critical. Using an analogy; the archer's body at full draw is the equivalent of the stock on a rifle. Too short or long of a draw and various body adaptations must be made which add variability and same thing with too long of a draw.

Determining Draw Length: I get the archer to stand in an archer stance, place bow hand against wall

in a fist (auto corrects for AMO) and measure from wall to corner of mouth and corner of eye and average these two to get a STARTING POINT. This will usually get us within +/- 1/2 inch. People have different body and face configurations.

When I get an archer onto a bow and get a few shots in I like to adjust where I can get string in line somewhere between corner of mouth and corner of eye, nose on string with a level head placement. Then I place the peep as the last reference point. The archer then has four reference points then: String drawn to wall, Hand on face, Nose on string, and Peep. This is a good consistent fit. Note that nose on string is not 100% critical but adds to consistency.

When I stand behind the archer with a proper draw length, I see good ALIGNMENT. This means rear elbow, eye, peep, sight, and bow hand all align with arrow on target. This is with a straight arm i.e. (not locked or bent) Many people bend their arm in fear of the string or because their bow is too short and this bent position is less consistent than a straight position as it requires muscle recruitment to hold the bend in place and higher front shoulder placement. A straight arm allows for lower shoulder (relaxed position) and less arm muscle recruitment leading to a smoother hold. Bow hand placement is also what I look at here too but will discuss this in another article on shooting.

What proper draw length does is allow for more consistency in other elements of the shooting process. It also provides more comfort and relaxation, less arm whacks and a more enjoyable archery experience because it is conducive to good alignment and thus with proper execution; consistency and accuracy.

### **Price**

This consideration should be the last one. An expensive bow that does not fit well will never be as accurate as a less pricy but well fitted bow. However, there is also a balance getting a cheapo bow on the internet that has been dry fired or run over by a vehicle or does not fit will never be the bargain it sounds like. Often first question a bow salesman will ask is "How much do you want to spend?" The answer to this question involves pointing feet towards nearest exit and walking away to a reputable pro shop that can help you find the right bow. Your first bow is the most important choice because every bow thereafter will be modeled on the bow you start with for feel!

"Straight Shooters Shoot Straight"

### **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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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brent Watson

It's incredible how fast the time passes. It just seems like we were getting ready for the banquet, then hauling bear bait in the snow and now we have the fall almost over. One thing we can't do is slow down or stop "Father Time."

Throughout it all, the ABA has been busy with the daily operations of running your association. Memberships to process, inquiries from members and affiliated clubs about the insurance, the game awards program, the 3D sponsorship program, etc etc. Not a day goes by that your executive is not doing ABA business.

We have had some big ticket items happen this year with the "new" website (a new, fresh look and great deal more functionality), a new provincial government and Minister (breathing new life into our stakeholder consultation processes), our acceptance as a Board Member to the Alberta Conservation Association and a renewed optimism at the Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council meetings (lots of discussion on a variety of issues and potential regulation changes, likely movement on stalled previous recommendations).

We follow these up with the biggest and most impressive raffle we have ever run – ELEVEN options for one lucky winner to choose from. Lots of variety – exotic hunts to other lands, local Alberta trips, hunting trips, fishing trips, trips that you can take a friend or family member on. Your odds are extremely good and we fully expect it to sell out very quickly. A quick

shout out to all the outfitters who have agreed to participate in this raffle – without their support none of this would have been possible. And to everyone who have bought tickets in the past and into the future!! Greatly appreciated.

**READ THE RAFFLE RULES** (in this newsletter, on the website or directly from Brent (Brent@albertabowhunters.com) – every trip has its own unique details as to dates, what is included, what is not, what travel arrangements you might need. The winner has 30 days to pick their prize and sign the applicable contract with that outfitter. And more rules lol. **READ THE RAFFLE RULES!**

The proceeds from this (and every one of the 19 raffles we have done since 2006) help offset the costs associated with running the association (game awards program, 3D Sponsorship program, youth awards and initiatives, donations, newsletter, insurance, etc) and because of these extra dollars raised, we have been able to keep our membership rates very low, very affordable. Hope that trend continues.

This raffle could become an annual event – we have had great support from the outfitters who have agreed to be our partners. EVERY outfitter has come highly recommended by an ABA member or a member of the ABA executive. We either know them personally or have hunted with them. We have absolute and full confidence that whoever wins this raffle will have a great experience regardless of the trip they choose. We also hope

this raffle will evolve and have even more trips available for the winner to choose from. If you think of a hunting or fishing trip that would be of value for the raffle, let us know.

You'll see notices in the newsletter about the upcoming banquet and need for volunteers to help out – without help the banquet and all it has become could be compromised. We had a super response last year and hope that carries over for the event in Calgary.

Make sure you get Ryk (ryk@ryk.ca) your Game Award entries in a timely manner and if you think you qualify for the buckle or portrait, contact him sooner than later to avoid delays in starting those processes.

We have had great response from you, the member, in sending in your stories and pictures. Is a HUGE part of the newsletter and keep up the good work!! We always need stories and send to Gord@albertabowhunters.com.

Hope you have had success this fall, if not meat in the freezer at least a good trip out into the bush. We have an incredible array of species to hunt in Alberta, a myriad of landscapes and climates from north to south. Envied by many. Don't take it for granted – there are many pressures on what we do and how we do it. Constant battles. Make sure you support those groups who are in the front lines fighting for what we all consider part of our being, our cultures, traditions.



## Obituary - Wes Schuett

Wes was a friend and great supporter of the ABA through his Alberta Prairie Outfitter operation and generous "Black Bear Hunt For 2" raffle prize donations. Wes passed away October 8, 2019 at the age of 42 years. He is survived by his wife Michelle, 2 sons; Ethan and Wylie. The ABA would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his family and many friends.



## 2019 ABA Banquet

Mark your calendars for the 43rd Annual ABA Banquet & Convention. We will meet in Calgary on the 21st of March at the Calgary Coast Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Ticket prices and further details will follow.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – we need folks to help out with the banquet (setting up, helping with the various auctions etc). Volunteers get a FREE banquet ticket and a FREE ABA shirt (to wear at the banquet and keep afterwards). Contact Brent (Brent@albertabowhunters.com) if you would like to help.

## Game Award Entries

Make sure you get your entries into Ryk (Game Awards chairman) in ample time to avoid the mass rush at deadline date (March 1). Send it via email preferably or by fax/mail. Make sure he gets it. Don't send huge picture files.

You can also submit your entry(s) directly from our website (<https://albertabowhunters.ca>) on the "ABA Game Awards Program" page. If you qualify for either the Master Bowhunter Award (buckle) or the Grandmaster Bowhunter Award (portrait) let Ryk know ASAP so we can start the processes with the engraver and artist to make sure your award is ready for the banquet.

## Caribou Recovery Plan

The Governments of Alberta and Canada are working together to create a caribou recovery plan. To review a draft of this plan and to provide input to it through a survey please click on this link

<https://talkaep.alberta.ca/caribou-conservation-agreement>.

## Alberta Rem App

The new Alberta Rem app is now available to download on to your smart phone. Once you set up your profile you can access all your hunting licenses on this app – no longer have to carry a paper copy!! You still need the green sticky tag to put on your critter. This app will be expanded in the future as they add more features – one of which will allow you to complete your harvest survey from your phone.

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES RAFFLE RULES

Raffle #538390 rules include the following:

- 1. Raffle tickets will not be sold to a person under 18 years of age.** Declaration on online ticket order that "I declare I am 18 years of age or older."
- 2. Ticket purchasers must purchase tickets in Alberta and open only to Alberta residents.**
3. ABA will ensure adult ticket buyers not write the name of a person under 18 years of age on the ticket.
- 4. ABA has no restrictions on the participating Alberta outfitters, ABA members, executive, raffle chairperson or their families, in buying tickets.**
- 5. There is no limit on number of tickets a person can purchase.**
- 6. 200 tickets will be available for \$100 each.** Tickets will be numbered consecutively from 001 to 200.
7. A minimum number of 150 tickets must be sold before requesting a draw date extension or cancelling the raffle.
- 8. The draw will take place Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Big Timber Archery in Grande Prairie, AB.** If the raffle sells out prior to the draw date, application to the Alberta Gaming Commission to do the draw earlier will be made. A member of the ABA executive will be present when the draw is made - the person doing the draw will not have a ticket in the raffle. Either a draw drum will be used or if not available, a transparent container big enough to hold all tickets and do a minimum of three agitations will be used.
- 9. There will be eleven (11) hunting and fishing packages offered as prizes and the winner of the draw will have their choice of one (1) of the eleven (11) hunting/fishing packages.** See choices on adjacent page.
- 10. The raffle winner will have 30 days from the day they are notified of winning the raffle to submit to the ABA and the applicable outfitter, which hunting/fishing package they are taking. This is to facilitate and avoid conflict with other bookings in the outfitter's operation. This will be confirmed with the respective hunting/fishing trip contract being completed to the satisfaction of the outfitter. Once the contract has been signed, the ABA will then pay the respective outfitter in full as per the agreed upon price.**
- 11. Once the raffle winner completes the hunting or fishing trip contract with the outfitter, the decision will be final and no other prize option can be picked. By signing the contract, it will be deemed that the prize has been awarded.**
12. If, after 365 days of the draw date, the winner has not chosen or confirmed a prize of their choice, the winner of the raffle will be awarded 20% of the total raffle value and that will be \$4000 CDN payable by cheque from the ABA.
13. The winner/hunter can use any legal hunting or fishing equipment/method as outlined in the current applicable jurisdiction's hunting/fishing regulations.
14. Responsibility of raffle winner - details outlined further in each hunt prize description. Could include transportation to and from main hunt/fishing rendezvous location, possible accommodation at that location before leaving to hunting/fishing camp and on returning from hunting/fishing camp, possible additional charter flight costs to and from hunting/fishing camp, etc. Tips to guide(s) and/or cook, camp staff. Shipping/exporting charges for meat, cape, hide, antlers.
15. Hunt details as described are accurate at time of raffle license issuance date but some things may change that are out of control of the ABA and thus, the "ABA" and the respective outfitter are not responsible in any way. Could be license costs, travel details, additional expenses to raffle winner on whatever hunt/fishing trip is chosen, etc.
16. The ABA cannot be held responsible for anything that may happen once the applicable contracts are signed between the winner, the outfitter/broker (dates chosen, cancellation policies, etc).
- 17. No cash equivalent for any of the prize choices.**
- 18. The prizes, including the one chosen are non-transferable.**
19. In the event a winning ticket stub has more than one name on it, the ABA shall award the "prize" (in this case, the prize is the choice of one (1) of the eleven (11) hunt/fishing packages) to only one of the individuals identified on the ticket, and that the ABA and AGLC are not responsible for any disputes which may arise between the different individuals whose names appear on the ticket stub.
- 20. Tickets will be available starting 12:00am, November 25, 2019.** Either at the ABA online store <https://albertabowhunters.ca> using a credit card or cash and cheque sales available from 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. ABA Members received notice in 2019 Fall edition of ABA Quarterly Newsletter
21. If a ticket buyer requests to cancel their raffle ticket for a refund of the purchase price the ABA will refund the money either by crediting their credit card if it was a credit card purchase or by a cheque from the ABA for any cash sales or sales by cheque.
22. The winner will be notified by a phone call, an email or a registered letter to the address they have supplied to the ABA.
23. Advertising of the raffle will take place through the ABA quarterly newsletter (Fall 2019 edition), the ABA Facebook page, ABA website, ABA mass email list, various social media forums. The winner will be announced through the same.
24. The ABA, its directors and/or officers, the ABA Raffle Chairperson are not liable or responsible for anything involving or associated with any of the hunting/fishing trips.



# Outdoor Adventures Trip Choices

## 1 : COUGAR HUNT (MAYERTHORPE, ALBERTA)

Outfitter: Kelly Morton (Facebook: Kelly Morton Hunting)  
Trip value: \$8500 CAD plus GST  
Dates: First week of December 2020 or 2021  
Duration: Until chance at mature tom  
Licenses/Permits: Alberta cougar hunting license to be purchased by hunter  
Not included: Tips, taxidermy, exports, shipping, licenses/tags, travel to/from Mayerthorpe

## 2 : ANTELOPE ARCHERY HUNT (AGUILAR, COLORADO)

Outfitter: Fred Eichler of Fulldraw Outfitters  
Trip value: \$7900 CAD  
Dates: Based on availability, Exact dates TBD for during archery season, Aug. 15th – Sept. 20th 2021  
Duration: 1 week  
Licenses/Permits: Colorado antelope over the counter license and tag to be purchased by hunter  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Aguilar

## 3 : MUSKOX HUNT (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES OR NUNAVUT)

Outfitter: CJ of Universal Safari Operators/Artistry In Motion Taxidermy Studio (905-852-1119).  
Trip value: \$13000 CAD plus Ontario HST (\$1690)  
Duration: 5 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD from March or April in 2020 or 2021.  
Licenses/Permits: License/tags for Muskox included, wolf/wolverine optional (additional costs)  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from closest hunting camp (TBD)

## 4 : AFRICAN SAFARI (KALAHARI, SOUTH AFRICA)

Outfitter: CJ of Universal Safari Operators/Artistry In Motion Taxidermy Studio (905-852-1119).  
Trip value: \$15500 CAD plus Ontario HST (\$2015).  
Duration: 7 days  
Dates: Exact dates TBD from March to December in 2020  
Licenses/Permits: Kudu, Blue Wildebeest, Bluesbok, Springbuck, Zebra included. Additional animals optional (additional costs)  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Kalahari

## 5 : IBEX HUNT (KYRGYSTAN)

Outfitter: CJ of Universal Safari Operators/Artistry In Motion Taxidermy Studio (905-852-1119).  
Trip value: \$15800 CAD plus Ontario HST (\$2054).  
Duration: 5 days  
Dates: Exact dates TBD from August to November of 2020  
Licenses/Permits: Ibex license/tag included  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Kyrgystan

## 6 : WOLF HUNT FOR TWO (HOTCHKISS, ALBERTA)

Outfitter: Byron Wolf of Wolf Huntin Adventures (wolffhunting-adventures.com)  
Trip value: \$12000 CAD + GST (\$600)  
Duration: 6 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD from December to March, 2020 or 2021  
Licenses/Permits: unlimited wolves when Alberta Wildlife Certificate is purchased by hunter(s)  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Hotchkiss

## 7 : WHITETAIL HUNT FOR TWO (GOODSOIL, SASKATCHEWAN)

Outfitter: Dean Partridge of Canadian Whitetail Outfitters Ltd (Facebook: Canadian Whitetail Outfitters)  
Trip value: \$12000 CAD + GST (\$600)  
Duration: 7 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD during November 2020 or 2021  
Licenses/Permits: Sask. License/tag to be purchased by hunter  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Goodsoil, licenses/tags

## 8 : MOOSE HUNT (ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND)

Outfitter: Dean Crocker of Deep Country Lodge (Biggamehuntingnewfoundland.com)  
Trip value: \$12360 CAD (taxes included)  
Duration: 10 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD during October or November 2020 or 2021  
Licenses/Permits: License/tag to be purchased by hunter  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, butchering, travel to/from St. John's, licenses/tags

## 9 : FLY IN FISHING TRIP FOR FOUR (COMPLEX LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN)

Outfitter: Kelvin Angermeier of Complex Lake Lodge, SK (complexlake.com)  
Trip value: \$7350 CAD (taxes included)  
Duration: 5 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD 2020 or 2021  
Licenses/Permits: License to be purchased by hunter for lake trout, pike and walleye  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Buffalo Narrows, licenses

## 10 : FLY IN FISHING TRIP FOR TWO (AYLMER LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES)

Outfitter: Kevin McNeil of Aylmer Lake Lodge, NWT (aylmer-lakelodge.com)  
Trip value: \$11700 CDN + GST (\$585).  
Duration: 5 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD during July or August 2020  
Licenses/Permits: License to be purchased by hunter for lake trout and grayling  
Not included: Tips, shipping, exports, travel to/from Yellowknife, NWT, licenses

## 11 : WATERFOWL HUNTING TRIP FOR THREE (SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN)

Outfitter: Gerry Purcell of Pike Lake Outfitters  
Trip value: \$12600 CAD plus GST (\$630).  
Duration: 5.5 days  
Dates: Based on availability, exact dates TBD during September or October 2020  
Licenses/Permits: All Saskatchewan waterfowl hunting licenses included.  
Not included: Tips, shipping, travel to/from Saskatoon, SK

For complete raffle trip choice details visit:

[ALBERTABOWHUNTERS.CA/RAFFLES-FUNDRAISING/](http://albertabowhunters.ca/raffles-fundraising/)

# ALBERTA POPE & YOUNG MEASURERS

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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 Alberta 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" (<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 bowhunters must take 1 species from 5 of the following 6 categories (all taken in Alberta)::

### 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 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 legal game species. Typical and Non-Typical categories for Elk, 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



Deadline March 1st

# GAME AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

(MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE, revised Jan 9, 2019)

## 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 Member # \_\_\_\_\_

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). Was taken in Alberta, 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 780-445-327 Fax 780-450-0386

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



# ABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*YES! I want to protect bowhunting in Alberta!*

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY)
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	PROV.	P/C
HOME PHONE	EMAIL	
APPLICATION DATE	MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEES: 1 YEAR 2 YEARS 3 YEARS
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED*	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$190.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00
MAIN APPLICANT: MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>		
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\* To qualify for the Family Membership or Youth Membership, children must be under the age of 18 as of January 1st in the application year.

\* There must be a minimum of 3 family members in order to qualify for the family rate.

**JOIN ONLINE AT**  
**ALBERTA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION**  
 Box 89021 McKenzie Town  
 Calgary, Alberta T2Z 3W3  
**WWW.BOWHUNTERS.CA**

\* Make cheques payable to:

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**Keep Up the Fight to Protect and Defend Bowhunting in Alberta.**

*The ABA is proud to work with governmental agencies and stakeholders to improve methods that protect and sustain our wildlife resources. We are all benefited by the careful management and conservation of this rich natural heritage.*



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 Alberta Bowhunters  
 SINCE 1956**



**www.bowhunters.ca**

## History of the ABA

"In 1956, the Alberta Bowhunters and Archers Association formed and the number one goal of this new association was to legalize bowhunting in the Province of Alberta. This goal was achieved in 1957 and in 1958 a bowhunter named Ray Anderson harvested the first legal animal in the province of Alberta with a bow and arrow - a cow elk with a Howard Hill Longbow. Soon after the first "Bow and Arrow Only" zone was established in WMU 410 (the still famous Canmore Bowzone) and that was followed by two more zones around the cities of Edmonton and Calgary. Over the next few years, other significant changes were made - bowhunters were allowed to wear camo clothing, seasons were lengthened for bowhunters, the use of aluminum arrows was allowed, archery only pre-seasons were established, an archery antelope season. By working with stakeholders and government, additional bowhunting opportunities continued to be added and that holds true to this day.

It is not by accident that Alberta has the most envied archery season of any province in Alberta. It has taken years of dedicated work by members of the Alberta Bowhunters Association to accomplish this. The opportunities that exist for bowhunters have in one way or another been touched by the ABA at some point in time.

In 1974, the Government instituted a Bowhunting license (stamp) to better count the number of bowhunters in the province and the first year there were 34 bowhunters licensed in the province. This number doubled the next year and with the phenomenal growth over the years we had almost 23,000 bowhunters in the province of Alberta in 2017.

## Membership... Join Now!

### ABA Program Participation

The ABA is a participating member of the Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council, Hunting for Tomorrow, and attends government/stakeholder meetings and regarding Fish & Wildlife regulation change and policy development.

### Benefits of Membership

Participating Member of the **Alberta Outdoor Coalition**

Participating Member of **AEP Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council**

Working with other outdoor user groups in **protecting outdoor activities**

**Single voice for Bowhunters** to the Provincial Government

**Focus on Youth Programs**

**Liability Insurance** for clubs and members

Promoting **International Bowhunter Educational Programs** and the National Archery in Schools Program

**Annual Banquet / Convention**  
(Guest speakers, Awards, Draws, Raffles, Displays, Stories and Laughs!)

**Quarterly Newsletter**

## ABA Support of 3D Archery



The ABA recognizes the value of 3D archery and supports, through donations; ABA affiliated clubs and other major 3D archery shoots that have a bowhunting theme in a 3D shoot.

### Game Harvest Awards

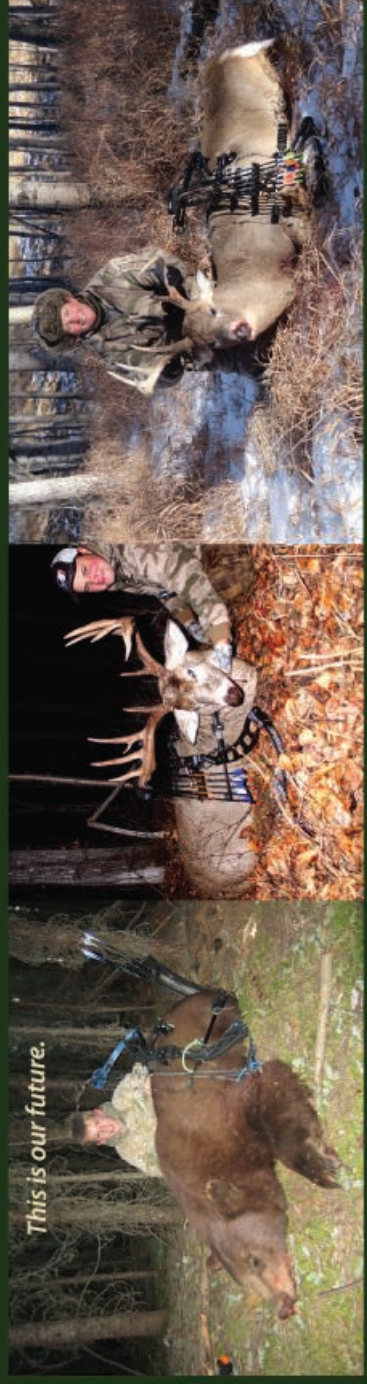
**Lloyd Mutter Grandmaster Award**

*Framed and Personalized Print*



## BOWHUNTERS

Your **Quarterly Newsletter** includes ABA **Executive Reports, Future Events, Hunting Stories** and much more!



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**1-800-642-3800**

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 Court MacKid (2003)  
 Dave Coupland (1999)  
 Duane Hicks (2008)  
 Ryk Visscher (1998)  
 Mike Ukrainetz (1999)  
 Fred Walker (2008)  
 Brent Watson (2018)

## LIFE MEMBERS

#1 Ryk Visscher (1998)  
 #2 Tom Foss (1998)  
 #3 Duane Hagman (1998)  
 #4 Steve Hagman (1998)  
 #5 Terry Hagman (1998)  
 #6 Des Quinn (1998)  
 #7 Allen Avery (1998)  
 #8 Archie Nesbitt (1999)  
 #9 Eric Ruahanen (1999)  
 #10 Mike Ukrainetz (1999)  
 #11 Adam Foss (1999)  
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