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### **Editorial**

Gord Nuttall

Over the Christmas holidays, I bowhunted the state of Hawaii once again, this time on the Big Island for Hawaiian Black Sheep. This was my first ever guided hunt. It was a bit of a strange feeling not having to pack game processing equipment in my daypack for these guided hunts, as everything is taken care of for you once the animal is down. I have always been one to help out and have the necessary gear to do the job myself. I felt bad watching these guides process the animal I had shot although they did a spectacular job and I ate a superb homemade sandwich they provided while they did it so I quickly got over it. I've hunted two of the Hawaiian islands now and if you'd like any information on them, let me know as I have lots to offer. This recent hunt ended successfully quite early on the first day with a 40 metre shot into my first ram. I shared the hunt with my parents who actually watched (through binoculars) and photographed the entire hunt from a nice vantage point. It worked out great for all. I was even able to give away one of my backstraps to a long time friend that I happened to run into at the resort. The entire guided hunt was just like they should be and I had nothing even close to a complaint.

This newsletter is jam-packed with content once again. Dallas Kaiser has kindly written four stories of his hunts so he will be featured in each quarterly newsletter this year. The first article about his unique elk can be found on page 8. Ron Brown has submitted another article as well, see page 4 for his right place, right time elk hunt (hopefully that will happen to me one day).

Most importantly in this issue though, are the agenda items for the annual general meeting (AGM) to be held at this year's banquet on March 23rd at the Nisku Inn. See pages 14, 16, 17 for all the necessary details. Please make an effort to attend the AGM to hear the latest news and vote on key items needing resolution.

See you in Nisku at the banquet

Gord Nuttall





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### RICHT PLACE

The plans were made, and the time was booked off, my hunting partner and I had always spent a fair amount of time chasing farm land bulls close to home after work and on weekends and we made a decision to give it a good try up north near my mother's families homestead in the northern half of the province.

We loaded our gear and enough food for a 4-5 day planned trip. It was Wednesday the 10th of September. The work day wrapped up we pulled out for the few hour drive and pulled onto the dusty gravel road just as the darkness had



taken over the bush. We drove several kilometres up the dark bush road arriving at the intended camp site that we could fit Chris's truck and toy hauler onto an access to a large borrow pit used to build the road in. I'd been hunting in the area since I was 14 years old with my father when the road was little more than a rutted dirt trail with literally no gravel. It had changed a lot in the 30 plus years since then.

We set up in the dark leveling the trailer getting our gear together for a quick exit in the morning post breakfast and soon after hit the pillow setting the alarm to give us enough time before sunrise to go a few more kilometers deeper into the big bush to a spot where I'd had a good bull answering my calls on September 17th the year before

Morning found us driving up to a cutline access that headed off to the west ,parking the truck and bailed out to spray down with cover scent and tie up our boots for the day, the orange glow of the sun started to glow in the east and we collected and checked our packs and gear not too far off we heard the distant growl of a bull as he bellowed his challenge to any rival bulls in the area and there were a couple of big smiles in the darkness as the potential of the day became much more in focus.

We walked into the west about 500 yards in and set up a decoy and did a series of chirps and a couple bugles in an attempt to entice the still vocal bull into bow range. He would answer our bugles, but the distance never seemed to change, giving it about 30 minutes we pulled up the decoy and moved in the direction of the bull still sounding off oc-

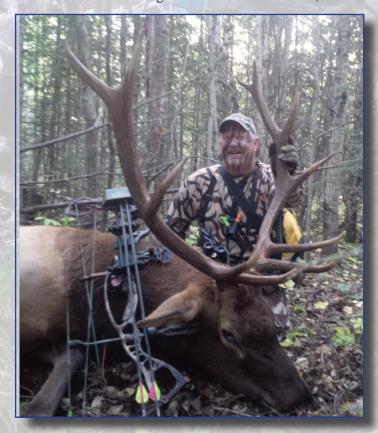
### by Ron Brown

casionally to keep us focused and aware of his presence certain he was less than a quarter mile away.

Working along an old logging slash in a southerly direction off the we came to an area that seemed impossible for anything elk sized to maneuver into with the alders and thick bush that had grown in on a very old cut block. Chris bugled again and then we heard a second bull off to our east.

Chris started to bugle and rake a tree with his bugle tube and the bulls fired back to his aggressive challenge. I began to walk in the direction of the first bull and began to cow chirp as I wound my way through the alder thickets in the direction, I could still hear Chris occasionally thrashing the tree and bugling his challenges to the bulls, knowing we had to be pretty close to the main herd bull with his cows with more than one bull answering now.

I chirped and heard a bull closer but still to my south now answer and the east bull called when the southern bull tried to locate the lost cow that I was trying hard to emulate. My occasional chirps were met with location bugles and then I heard the sound of a yet another bull further behind the bull to the south. The bugles were much closer now, and



I chirped his answers were almost on top of my cow calls, Chris's bugles sounded more distant than the bull that was zeroing in on my location getting closer by the minute. I could easily hear the bull now within 150 yards sounding off with a raspy hoarse finish to each call. A few minutes later over the top of a few small evergreens intermixed with the alders I saw the antler tips of the bull as he searched for the cow that was teasing his primal instincts to find her before the other rival bulls did. I took a knee and drew my bow as the bull pushed through a couple of small spruce coming into view maybe 40-45 yards ahead, he paused puzzled and wondering why he couldn't see the cow that had enticed him to this spot. I held my Hoyt CRX 32 at full draw for what seemed like a couple of minutes as the bull peered in my direction looking for the elusive cow. He started angling downwind and I looked ahead of him for a shooting lane to slip my razor sharp Wac'Em 4 blade 100 grain tipped arrow through. I saw an opening and settled my 30 pin in the spot as he stepped into it and let the arrow fly, the bull was quartering to me slightly and I saw the point of impact was a bit further back than I'd have liked as he hadn't stopped and was still walking as he angled to get downwind and when the arrow struck. The bull leaped forward taking a few running steps toward me and turned to face south east with his rump towards me now about 10 yards ahead he paused and swung his head to look at his side where the arrow had entered and now quite visible due to the blood that was running down out of the broadhead shaped hole in his left side and was now dribbling blood onto the leaves under him. As he paused and swung his head I saw that when he arched his neck and body around he exposed his front shoulder to me, I silently pulled another arrow from my quiver, loaded the bow for a followup shot and drew again and held the top pin on him. He swung his head again to look at the hole in his side I could see the inside of his front shoulder and let the arrow fly. He lurched forward into a dead run away from me. I watched as he disappeared in less than 50 yards in the thick brush crashing as he headed east.

Chris was still bugling but was a couple hundred yards back, I pulled my own bugle out, and ripped an obvious imitation bugle with a twist to signal Chris that something

had happened!

I waited while Chris made his way towards me I bugled occasionally to let him locate me and he walked in, I gave him the thumbs up. I showed him the spot where the bull was standing roughly 10 yards in front of me when I released the second arrow. The puddle of blood that had been dripping out of the initial broadhead wound was easy to

It had only been about 10-15 minutes from the time that the bull had crashed away to the east and I was a bit apprehensive about pursuing the bull too soon. I started to look for a blood trail, Chris simply got on the trail of churned up leaf litter and broken alder branches and soon after I heard him call out "he's down". The bull had run into a thicket and perished about 70 yards from the spot he stood for the second shot.

We rolled up our sleeves and pulled off the releases to begin the task of eviscerating the bull to get him cleaned up and back to the truck and into the cooler as soon as possible, it was after all early season and the forecast was for

low to mid 20's for the afternoon. We paused for a minute taking a couple pictures before getting down to business and really close back to our west a rumbling deep bugle echoed off, I was pretty sure it was the herd bull, I looked at Chris and said, "do you want to go after him?" Chris started to do up the strap on his release and then stopped and said "we have enough work to do" and we let the bull walk off still calling a few more times as he left the area, and we opened the bull up to find my first arrow had glanced off a rib to angle back into the offside right hip joint. It was a lethal hit but would have taken some time for him to bleed out. I believe this was why he ran towards me thinking something had hit him on the opposite side to his rear. The second arrow had sliced the hide on the left hip and angled through behind the ribs was found low in the front of the brisket tearing through a much more lethal and vital lung area.

Fortunately, there was an old grown over seismic line only another 40-50 yards east of the spot where the bull went down. We had to flag out to the trail and roughly 500/600 yards to the north to the original cut line we'd walked in on, we retrieved the quad and chain saw from camp, I walked ahead cutting fallen trees and logs to allow Chris on the Grizzly 700 along the flagged pathway into the fallen bull. We hooked the bulls antlers up to the rear quad rack and started the drag out. We had the bull out in a couple hours and I called ahead to my uncle that still lives in the area to find out if there was room in the cooler, he called ahead and we met him at the highway drove over to the cooler about 15 km away hung the bull to remove the hide and quartered him to hang, it was almost 20 degrees by the time we were finally finished and had him into the cooler glad that we'd got him out before the heat of the day may have caused any spoilage!

We stayed the night to relive and celebrate the successful hunt and get some rest after the task of harvesting and retrieving the bull from the deep woods. I'd not expected to get on them so quickly in the vast large area that we were hunting, assumed a day of searching to find their general area and then we'd start hunting. We were just fortunate to

be in the right place at the right time!



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## 42nd Annual ABA Banquet & Convention March 23, 2019 Theme: Bring Anything

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### **Bring Anything - old or new**

- Bring any bowhunted species mounts, old or new
- Mingle, reacquaint with old friends and make new ones
- Fun filled banquet with raffles, food, ABA awards and a ton of fun
- Come early at 4pm and meet Dr. Gordon Court and Vinnie (his Peregrine Flacon)

### **ROOMS:**

- Call 403-248-8888 for room reservations use CNI-GFC2S to get a discount
- Room rate (double Queen beds) \$109 + 9% tax
- Room Includes 2 free breakfast vouchers at the NEW Montana restaurant
- Bookings open by March 8th, 2019

### **CONVENTION AGENDA:**

- 3D Meeting 8:00 9:30 am
- Regulations/AGM 9:45 1:00 pm
- Banquet 5:30 pm

### TICKETS:

- Online at www.bowhunters.ca or contact Brent Watson (780-978-1195 | brent@albertabowhunters.com)
- \$65 Adult / \$25 Youth (12 and under)
- · Limit of 250 banquet tickets.
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My 2017 elk season had been relatively quiet for the first month other than a couple close encounters with some spike bulls. Elk sightings were few, calls were almost nonexistent but trail cameras were showing there were elk around.

On my way home from an 11 hour night shift I decided to stop and check a trail camera on a wallow that I hadn't been to in a couple weeks. After I parked I put on my hunting jacket so I would have my range finder and release, grabbed my bow and took off in my carhartt pants and work boots! Almost immediately I heard a bugle but given its sound and direction I brushed it off as a fellow hunter. By the time I got to the camera, bugles were more frequent and raspy enough to know it was a real elk. Now I had a dilemma, my calls were sitting useless in my truck; do I go back and get them? Cow calls were revealing the herd was close and the risk of spooking them by leaving and coming back was too high. Partially melted snow that had frozen over night and extremely crunchy and lack of full, quiet camo made stalking too risky as well. Wind was marginal too. What to do?



There appeared to be enough snow-free ground to partially close the distance. 30 yards into my attempt

I spotted a cow staring at me out of range. Within seconds she spooked but went the opposite direction from where the elk chatter was coming from. Footsteps, bugles and cow talk were now close and getting closer by the second, but I still had no visual due to thick cover. I came to full draw as the sounds approach my shooting lane. A cow and calf stepped out staring me down, knowing the bull was right behind them I hoped they wouldn't spook. They didn't read the script and spooked but luckily continued away from the bull. Immediately the bull steps out and I see he is a legal bull. Before I can make a noise to stop him, he stops like he had read the script! I guessed him at 40 yards and off goes the arrow. The impact sounded good and he crashed off through the brush. While waiting for thirty minutes to elapse I walked back to my truck so I could call for some help.

The blood trail could be followed at a steady walking pace and I figured I would have my bull in hand within 100 yards. After tracking for a half mile and still a substantial amount of blood and no beds I had no answers as to why death had not come quickly. We decided to back out and give the bull some more time and I needed some sleep. Four hours later we picked up the trail and went a couple hundred yards when I heard the bull spook in the thick timber. My heart sank, knowing he was still alive and the blood trail was diminishing and on top of that the snow was all but melted. Now that it was late afternoon we made the decision to leave him until morning. Sleep did not come easy this time. At first light we were back at the bed where we had jumped him. It was slow going, following his tracks more than blood which was down to a drop every 20 yards. After about 200 yards we completely lost any sign of him. We decided to call off the search, not even sure if he was dead or alive. Two days later I went back to check for bird activity and sure enough the raven song lead me to the bull. Definitely not the way us hunters want a story to end but the reality is it does from time to time.

A quick look at the bulls rack reveals an unusual pedicle that grows out the center of his skull. I knew this bull existed due to trail camera pictures but had no idea I had shot him until recovery. Glad I was able to recover his rack if nothing else just because of the uniqueness of the unicorn.





### **Anchor Points**

Mark Twang



### Coaching Archery

I have given a lot of thought to this article and I thought I would provide some insight to this topic. I originally got into coaching to become a better archer myself. I figured as I learned information about coaching archery I could apply what I learn to my own archery. I definitely learned more about archery and was able to improve but the most important thing I learned was that a coach facilitates success and that I needed a coach in order to reach success. In another article I will focus on what to

Coaching multiple young archers helps keep it fun for all and they forget they are students.

look for in a coach and what a coach should look for in a student but in this article I will focus on my own experience in my coaching journey.

I first saw a bona fide archery coach when I was fairly new into archery. I saw the way he worked with a young archer quietly, with composure and patience. I continued to observe over time and saw the archer improve greatly and become better and

better. As time goes on I am still striving to become like that coach.

Years ago as I shot in archery lanes I would see people get frustrated with their own shooting or express a desire to shoot well and other well-meaning archers are very willing to step up and help out. This is often with mixed results and the archer can improve or be annoyed. I used to be in this category and I also have heard some well-meaning archer giving advice that often was questionable in value (myself included). As I learned more about archery and archery coaching I found that in order to be helped people have to want help. I have found that new archers want and appreciate help and as a coach if I can help an archer with their first few arrows I can head off a lot of issues later. There is no better reward as a coach to help someone learn to first shoot an arrow safely, then learn to hit the target, then learn more consistency and keep improving as they go. To me that is the fun as a



Helping friends buy their first bow to harvesting their first big game animal is the job of any mentor.

coach, not how many tournaments the archer wins, etc. but watching the pure enjoyment of those first few arrows.



Teach them young with 1 on 1 coaching.

One thing I love about the ABA especially is how many members step up and coach/mentor others on success whether they are new bow hunters, or decide to pursue a different animal or just want to hunt together. I often see pictures where I see a bowhunter with their harvest with their coach/mentor sharing the moment with them and it just makes me realize that our passion is in good hands both now and in the future. Promoting bow-hunting in a hands-on way is what coaches and mentors do.

As I observed other mentors and coaches and I decided to become one I looked for a certification process. So I first became and International Bowhunter Education Program Instructor. Then through Archery Canada I became a certified coach as well. I took some other training and courses as well on how to become a coach and I won't go into great detail but sought out various archery personalities and learned from them as well. The most important qualities I found were; patience, communication, integrity and oddly enough archery knowledge was fairly low on the scale. Most coaching is with new archers and in order for them to succeed they first have to trust you, that is where integrity is so important, then patience and communication and since it

is a new archer a great deal of detailed knowledge is not necessary to help someone.

As a coach I have worked as a personal coach, facilitated a junior program, work with school programs, public organizations, special events, etc. and each experience is unique and different. One of my favorite experience was helping with a Spartan race where each competitor had three arrows to hit the target and if they did not then they had to do 20 burpees to carry on. It was interesting with such time constraints to help people do this activity and it was a great learning experience for me as many of the "I already know how to do this" attitudes ended up doing burpees, and those with a "help me as I have not done this before" did not have to do burpees as they hit the target. This reiterates that you can only coach/mentor those who want to have help.

Another thing I have seen is that one can be a coach or a parent and it is very difficult to be both. I know a person who is an excellent archer and coach and their own child was struggling and would not listen. I could coach that child with no issues and it was almost frustrating for the parent as I would tell their child the same thing their parent would but they would listen to the coach. I have experienced this myself! So I often suggest to parents to focus on other coaching other archers than their own children... until their children ask to be coached!

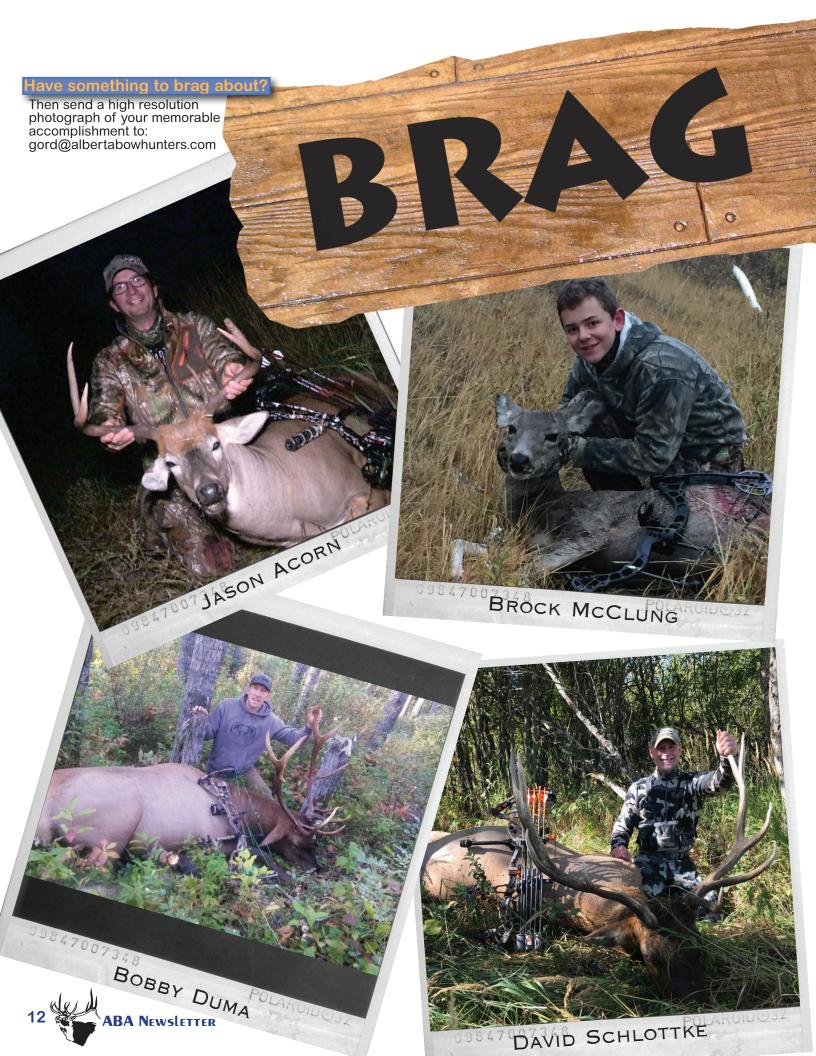
Recently I have been working with a local school on their NASP program and I have had a lot of fun and rewarding times. Many times this is their first archery experience and I like that this program uses consistent equipment for all archers and it really works on archery fundamentals. Seeing the smiles on the student's faces when they are shooting and how quickly they improve with a bit of instruction is rewarding for me as a coach too.

I can honestly say I actually enjoy coaching archery more than archery itself. I had a coach tell me once that as an archer he only gets his own experiences and success. As a coach he gets to share in many more experiences and successes. I find this is very true. I love telling stories about the successes of others. So I would encourage everyone to see how they can encourage and help others because there is a great reward in it. I have many people I worked with over the years and when they still call me "COACH". It is a great feeling. So to all those coaches and mentors who have helped someone else I want to take thank you for taking the time to share our passion.

### **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.









### PRESIDENTS REPORT

### **Happy New Year everyone!!**

Hard to believe how fast time has flown by and we are on the tail end of winter already. By all accounts it's been a very decent winter for the critters so there should be a good crop for next hunting season.

This report will likely be the shortest of any I have ever done lol but we need space for the pile of stuff we need to get into this newsletter issue. Things that are very important as far as doing "ABA Business" goes and we need to notify membership, as per our bylaws, before we vote on them at the AGM. We tried last year in Calgary but did not have enough members for a quorum so we will try again this year.

We have invested a considerable amount of resources the last couple of years in both time from your executive and paying a lawyer to review our bylaws, member conduct and policies. It had never been done before and was necessary to make sure the how's and whys of running the organization are very clear; give adequate/concise direction and also answer any legal concerns.

There are various notices in the newsletter – "Need Volunteers for the banquet – FREE Ticket and FREE ABA Shirt", "AGM Items", "Banquet Information", the new "Preseason Practice & Scouting Raffle".

Enjoy the newsletter – an awesome product and hope to see you in Nisku at the AGM/Banquet!!

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Historically, attendance at the AGM has NOT been great. Let's try to change that in 2019.

Listed below are items to be discussed at the AGM:

- ABA Bylaw changes (vote, see page 16)
- ABA Member Conduct changes (vote, see page 17)
- Executive reports
- Committee Reports
- F&W Hunting Regulation changes for 2019
- Resolutions for hunting regulation changes
- Executive positions for election (see right)

Following are the executive positions that are up for election at the 2019 AGM (March 23 at the Nisku Inn). If you are interested in running for any of these positions or would like to be a Director At Large contact current President Brent Watson at Brent@albertabowhunters.com or any of your other executive members as outlined on the inside cover of the newsletter.

President Regulations Director Secretary

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### Bighorn Country Proposal

The ABA wrote a letter Jan 10 to AEP Minister Shannon Phillips asking that the ABA be included as a stakeholder in the consultation processes regarding the proposals for the "Bighorn Country". We have been confirmed by AEP as a "stakeholder" and will be involved in communications and meetings going forward. The ABA has also been involved in two stakeholder meetings facilitated by the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers with the Minister's Office.

We are looking for feedback from you as to issues,

concerns, solutions, compromises on the Bighorn Country proposals. We will take these to stakeholder meetings.

VISIT talkaep.alberta.ca/bighorn-country and review the "Consolidated site proposals" and the "Consolidated site maps" to inform yourself as to the individual areas involved and the details of the proposal.

Send your comments, solutions, etc to Brent@albert-abowhunters.com





### **3D REPORT**

Kris Skellv

Hello all!

Won't be long and the outdoor 3D season will be upon us. Hope to see some of you on the course.

The primary focus of the new program is to support the ABA affiliated clubs (there were 18 in 2018) and with the inaugural year last year, we got a great deal of very positive comments about this new direction. Six clubs took advantage of this donation program and we hope more clubs will get on board for 2019. We still want to promote the fun and family friendly atmosphere that so many of our shoots offer in Alberta. We also want to stress the need to make sound field choices based on distance and shot placement.

- each affiliated club will be asked to apply to the ABA 3D Chairperson by May 1 of each year for a \$125 donation from the ABA (basically offsets the cost of affiliating with the ABA).
- this donation will be made to the club only if they have a bowhunter type theme or component (Hunter Class) at one of their shoots.
- the donation from the ABA has to be used to supply prizes to that particular shoot and the ABA is recognized as a sponsor/donor etc. The club at their discretion, may have these prizes available ONLY to ABA members.
- the club will have to include in their application request, a poster/shoot info of their club shoot that has the bowhunting theme or component.
- this poster/shoot info will then be put on the ABA website, Facebook Page, newsletter.

 only one club shoot submission per year, shoot can be indoor or outdoor.

The ABA will supply a package to each club that meets the approval. This package will include 20-25 ABA medals to hand out to young shooters 10 and under. Any unused medals should be returned soon after the shoot.

The ABA will supply a major prize after the 3D season, \$500 Gift Certificate to the Archery shop of the winner's choice OR an ABA Lifetime Membership (worth \$500) and the commemorative plaque that goes along with it. This will be awarded to a lucky winner by random draw at the annual ABA banquet.

How to get entered? Any ABA member who attends an affiliated club bowhunter themed shoot will be automatically entered in the draw. Each club will have to supply the ABA with a list of ABA members who attended their shoot. The more shoots the member attends, the more entries they will get, 1 entry per affiliate club shoot attended. Prizes could be added as more sponsors donate. The hunter class is left to the choice of the club on the scoring and format, we can provide packages and outlines to implement the Bowhunter Challenge Class if a club needs guidance.

Stay tuned! As the year progresses there may be other ways to increase your draw entries!

I am really looking forward to the upcoming season, thank you to all of our current affiliated clubs and if your club is not affiliated please approach them to become a part of the ABA!

Kris Skelly -- 2019 ABA 3D Director (Kris@albert-abowhunters.com)

### ABA review committee, ABA Executive and lawyer reviewed, the following bylaw changes are suggested and will be voted on during the 2019 AGM at the Nisku Inn on March 23,2019

These change recommendations came about as a result of a 2017 review of the bylaws, policies and objectives of the ABA. All three then make up what would be called a constitution. The review was conducted by the ABA Executive and a lawyer with notice given along the way to membership. The member Conduct review was done by a committee formed at 2017 AGM, by ABA Executive and a lawyer with notice given to membership along the way. Was to be voted on at 2018 AGM but we did not have enough members present to make a quorum.

(For each Motion below: presented by	. 2 <sup>nd</sup> to motion	Motion passed (??)	opposed)
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- 1) Insert under Article 2 Membership
- 1. Membership to the ABA is at the full discretion of the ABA Executive. Renumber in sequence subsequent points.
- 2) Under Article 2 Membership, replace Point 10 Member Conduct Review procedure with new procedure. See handout.
- 3) Under Article Three Government, point 1 "Executive Committee" change wording of "the Constitution" to these bylaws. Will now read:

The ABA shall be governed by an Executive Committee established in accordance to article Five (5) clause Three (3) of these bylaws.

4) Under Article Three - Government, point 3 "Changes to the Bylaws" insert "and/or a special mail out to members to their current address on the ABA membership database)" to now read:

Changes can be made to the By-Laws only if a notice of motion has been properly circulated to each member of the ABA (notice shall be considered as posting in the ABA newsletter and/or a special mail out to members to their current address on the ABA membership database) at least thirty (30) days previous to a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting and passes by a three-quarters vote in favor; and it is found acceptable to the Societies Branch of the Government of Alberta.

5) Under Article 4 - Meetings and Appointments, point 4 "Meetings" add "Such meetings may be by telephone conference call and voting done by voice." to now read:

The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three (3) times yearly, at times set by the President, and communicated to the members of the committee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, in order to deal with any business, they deem to be unable to wait till the next annual general meeting. Such meetings may be by telephone conference call and voting done by voice.

- 6) Under Article 5 Elections, point 2 "Voting Privileges" insert "show of hands" to now read:
  Any member in good standing, eighteen years of age or over, is entitled to vote. All voting shall be by show of hands, open ballot or as necessary by secret ballot. Members must be present to vote.
  - 7) Under "Duties of Executive Committee members of the ABA"
  - 1. President reverse order of points 1 and 2 to now read:
    - 1) Shall be an ex-officio member of all ABA Committees.
    - 2) Preside at all meetings of the ABA.
  - 4. Secretary point 5 to change wording "ESRD"" to "AEP/FW" to reflect government department name change.
- 6. Bowhunting Regulations Chairman point 10 to change wording "ESRD"" to "AEP/FW" to reflect government department name change.
- 8) Under "Article Four Meetings and Appointments" point 2 "Quorums" change the quorum number to 15 from 25 members. Would now read:

At each Annual General Meeting, the quorum shall be fifteen (15) voting members.



### The following Member Conduct changes are suggested and will be voted on during the 2019 AGM at the Nisku Inn on March 23,2019

Any conduct of a member that could bring the Association into disrepute, including, but not limited to, a conviction of a Wildlife/Fisheries Act violation, or any other transgression that would discredit the ABA, shall result in a Member Conduct Review Committee hearing wherein the member may be subject to sanction, including but not limited to:

- stripping of members records, awards and trophies from the ABA Record Books.
- termination of membership for a duration to be determined by the Review Committee, of not less than 12 months (the *Termination Period*) with a right to reapply. A member may apply for membership reinstatement after the duration of the Termination Period (reinstatement at the discretion of the ABA Executive Committee).
- termination of membership with no right to reapply ("Permanent Termination").

The executive member who receives the information of a member's conduct, will conduct the initial investigation and initiate a court record search (usually but not always be the President) and shall keep the information in confidence. The investigating member cannot sit on either the Member Conduct Committee or the Member Conduct Appeal Committee. In establishing either of the committees, details, other than the person's name, will be kept in confidence. Committee members will be assigned by the President or his designate. Consideration may be taken to exclude Executives with personal relationships, conflict of interest or any potential or perceived bias.

Information on the member's case will only be shared with the Member Conduct Committee, then forwarded to the Member Conduct Appeal Committee if there is an appeal. Once the process(es) are completed and the timelines are over, the results can be shared with the ABA Executive, and only the ABA Executive.

If the Member Conduct Committee considers membership sanctions and/or removal, the member in question will be provided with a copy of this decision and notified of the date and time of the Member Conduct Review hearing. The notification will be sent to the email address and the current mailing address on record of the member in the ABA membership data base and is deemed to be delivered when sent by email or mailed, whichever is the earlier. The charges will be heard and the member shall be entitled to be heard at said hearing. Subsequent to the hearing, the discipline will be voted upon by the Member Conduct Committee.

The member will be notified of the Member Conduct Committee's decision by email and sent to the current mailing address on record of the member in the ABA membership data base. Notice of the results of the Member Conduct Committee is deemed to be delivered when sent by email or mailed, whichever is the earlier.

If, upon the majority vote of the Member Conduct Committee, sanctions and or membership removal are to be imposed on the member, the concerned member will have the right to appeal the decision to the Member Conduct Appeal Committee only if the member provides new evidence to his case or proof the Member Conduct Review process was not followed.

Within 30 days of receiving notice of the Member Conduct Review Committee decision, the concerned member must inform the Association President in email or by registered letter to the ABA's mailing address of the member's intention to appeal the decision.

The decision of the Member Conduct Committee, or in the case of an appeal, the Member Conduct Appeal Committee, will be the final decision of the issue. All administrative records of the member will be held in trust until final resolution (eg. Awards, Trophy Book entries etc.).

The ABA Member Conduct Committee will consist of three (3) or five (5) current ABA Executive Committee members. The Member Conduct Appeal Committee will consist of three (3) current ABA Executive Committee members, none of whom shall have attended at or sat on the original Member Conduct Committee.

At the discretion of the ABA Member Conduct Committee(s), the hearings will be conducted by some form of electronic means, including telephone or video conference, or in person and in a suitable time frame as deemed by the committee(s).



### Alberta Pope & Young Measurers

### 2018 Alberta P&Y Measurers (January 2018)

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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 nocs (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

Migratory

Ducks Coots Common Snipe (Wilson's) Geese **Varmint** 

Crow Magpie Pigeon Starling Skunk

Free ranging wild boar

Raven (private land)

Fish

Species according to Fishing Regulations.

Examples: Sucker

Lake Whitefish

Carnivore

Wolf Coyote Badger Fox Raccoon

**Game Bird** 

Hungarian Partridge Grouse Ptarmigan

Merriam's Turkey

Pheasant

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 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

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### GAME AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

### **Deadline March 1st**

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

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ANIMAL					
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Taken with recurve/long	bow (traditional Equ	uipment) Yes	No	_	
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# **ABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

YES! I want to protect bowhunting in Alberta!

LAST NAME	FIR	FIRST NAME		DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY)	D/MM/YY)	
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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.

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

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







It has taken years of dedicated work by members of the Alberta Bowhunters Association to accomplish this. envied archery season of any province in Canada.

It is not by accident that Alberta has the most

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# Some Past Accomplishments:

# Allowing the use of Camouflage Clothing (1969)

- Allow the use of Aluminum Arrows (1970)
- Black Bear Baiting (1987)
- Archery Pre-Season province wide (1976/77)
  - Antelope archery season (1976/77)
- 410 and 408 Bighorn Sheep season
- Antlerless Deer tags in 212 and 248 • Antlerless Elk tags in 212
- Archery pre-season for Elk (not requiring a draw)
- · Lobby for Sunday Hunting in much of · Archery-Only Areas around Edmonton and Calgary (1975)
  - the province (2008-2011)
- Revamping of Cougar Management (2011) including a general boot license tag
  - · Successful lobby to Keep Crossbows Out of the general archery season (2011)
- Successful lobby to retain Parkland County as archery-only (2009)
  - · Successful lobby to stop further erosion of archery season by Muzzle Loaders
- Standardized Start Dates for archery (2011)
- Earlier Start and Later End Dates to Black Bear seasons in southern portion of the province (2011)
- Allow Non-trophy or Trophy Antelope to be taken in archery-only season in all antelope zones (2011)
- Archery Pre-season for Elk in WMU 164-166 and 208 (2011)
- Hunt WMU 164 Monday to Saturday (2011)
- Allow hunting of **Red Squirrel** on private land (2011)

This is our future.

# **ABA Program Participation**

**Membership... Join Now!** 

and attends all regulation meetings with government Game Policy Advisory Council, Hunting for Tomorrow, The ABA is a participating member of the Alberta and stakeholders.

# **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** 

includes ABA Executive Reports, Future Events,

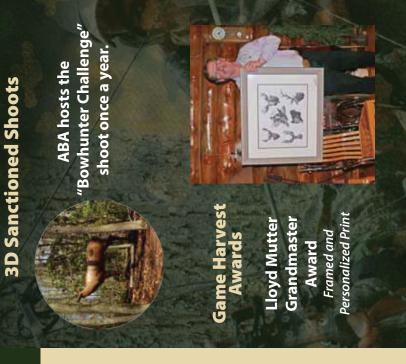
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### Oilmans Archery Club Rimbey

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Spruce Grove | Janet Normand memberships@parklandbowbenders.ca

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### HONORARY

Jack Kempf (2006) 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) #12 Cameron Foss (1999) #13 Flint Simpson (1999) #14 David Chorkwa (2000) #15 Dale Collins (2000) #16 Darryl Kublik (2001) #17 Reg Adair (2002) #18 Bill Gustafson (2002) #19 Gregg Sutley (2002) #20 Joe Winter (2002) #21 Bob Gruszecki (2004) #23 Dale Hislop (2004) #25 Mark Demchuk (2006) #26 David Little (2006)

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#65 Jennifer Ukrainetz (2011) #66 David Schlottke (2012) #67 Leonard Verbaas (2012) #68 Geordie Lund (2012) #69 Joey Sr Busetto (2012) #70 Dave Van Belleghem (2012) #71 Steve Rogers (2012) #72 Robert Bennett (2012) #73 Mark Engstrom (2012) #74 Chester Dodgson (2012) #75 Derek Bruce (2013) #76 Neil Johnson (2013) #78 John Warwa (2013) #79 Mike Wood (2013) #80 Peter Demchuk (2013) #81 Mackenzie Mayer (2013) #82 Ryan Kohler (2013) #83 Cody Sutley (2013) #84 Randy Repas (2013) #85 Jack Suggett (2013) #86 Dane Percival (2013) #87 Dale Grimstead (2014) #88 Mike Cameron (2014) #89 Sean O'Neill (2014) #90 Jody Vegh (2014) #91 Alan Southwood (2014) #92 Jonathan Wrubleski (2014) #93 Eric Moland (2014) #94 Brandon Brown (2014) #95 Remington Dietzen (2015) #96 Chris Crispin (2015) #97 Carson Toy (2015) #98 Derald Stone (2015) #99 Bert Frelink (2015) #100 Dustin Wanke (2015) #101 Ryan Bartholow (2015) #102 Gord Nuttall (2015) #103 Darcy Barrett (2015)

#104 Levy Groves (2015) #105 Wilf Lehners (2015) #106 Heidi Lehners (2015) #107 Cody Tomke (2015) #108 Tharen Soroka (2016) #109 Chris Kuhl (2016) #110 Riley Groves (2016) #111 Corey Friesen (2016) #112 Matt Hunter (2016) #113 Danielle Dickson (2016) #114 Cory Geier (2016) #115 Thanos Natras (2016) #116 Leanne McCabe (2016) #117 Leighten Hauck (2017) #118 Tara Normand (2017) #119 John Moriarity (2017) #120 Jerid Waselick (2017) #121 Derrick Smith (2017) #122 Greg Gerlitz (2017) #123 Katie Lund (2017) #124 Darcy Fletcher (2017) #125 Will ZoBell (2018) #126 Dale Foster (2018) #127 Gerald Anderson (2018) #128 Jason Hayes (2018) #129 Evan Zahacy (2018) #130 Don Collins (2018) #131 Logan Johnson (2018) #132 Lucas Chernoff (2018) #133 M Bruce Chernoff (2018) #134 Steve Ecklund (2018) #135 Kyle Sinclair-Smith (2018) #136 Shane Jensen (2018) #137 David Gerber (2018) #138 Clint Taylor (2018)



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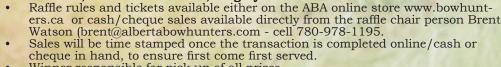
### **3rd Prize**

2 Millennium M50 portable treestands 2 sets climbing sticks





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Winner responsible for pick up of all prizes. Prizes may not be exactly as pictured.



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