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EDITORIAL

Gord Nuttall

Bear season is done. What a season it was including:

- 40,000+ trail cam pics
- 5040 lbs of seed oats good enough for thoroughbred horses to eat
- 150 gallons of restaurant grease
- 4 half-ton truckloads of meat scrapes
- many litres of fuel
- Couple ATV repair bills

Equaling, loads of fun and four bears hitting the dirt including a rare cinnamon bear taken by a first time bowhunter I persuaded to take up bowhunting. This is the second time in my life that I mentored another adult hunter and was successful in helping them kill an animal.

To quote this rookie individual after his 1st day of the 5 day hunt in the treestand, "I could go home now without a bear and this trip would have been worth it." Next day he shot his first big game animal ever, with any weapon. He's now hooked on bowhunting for big game and I'm glad to hear that. Hosting a California resident who lives in the San Francisco Bay area sure opened my eyes to many things I rarely think about, like for example: setting up a wall tent 100 meters off a secondary highway and not thinking twice about traffic volume or noise, nor theft. Riding an ATV for 100km checking bait sites along miles upon miles of dusty dirt roads with nothing but the wind in your hair and the bugs hitting your face. Alberta is a vast diverse hunting playground and I love every metre of it.

With bear season over, I'll be fine tuning my Bear Arena 34 compound bow and get it shooting like it's a part of me for when a mulie buck walks into a canola field on the evening of September 1st. That day, I'll be hunting with my favorite hunting partner, my Dad. The man who set all this bowhunting passion in motion many years ago. That's one thing I appreciate but do think about lots – hunting with him each fall. I make sure it happens each year because you just never know. "We got the rest of our lives to hunt with friends", good advice from ABA members Colin Clark and Kevin Wilson.

Unfortunately, I cannot make the bowhunter challenge 3D shoot this summer in Whitecourt on August 15/16. Wish I could as it'll be a great time but I had already made other commitments.

Gord Nuttall



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QUEST #5

by Andrew Hartley



Motionless, I crouched in the long grass. I was pinned, my target began to act nervously, ready to bust out of shooting range at any moment. My chance at completing my final target of my long arduous quest was about to slip away... I personally know numerous experienced bowhunters that have hunted for multiple years and have yet to accomplish this award. It takes courage, commitment and determination. The Alberta Small Game Grand Slam Award (ASGGSA) is an award that many seek but, few ever complete.

The October sun was setting over the mountains, blanketing the steep snow covered cliffs in an orange glow. As I watched four rams within 45 yards, a gentle cooing noise from behind startled me. Turning slowly I was surprised to see a flock of white feathers moving across the barren landscape. Adrenalin surged through my veins as a highly aggressive game bird species snuck within bow range without me knowing. Without time to waste, I harvested the lead ptarmigan with a perfectly placed shot, I was on cloud number 9. Game bird down.

With the hind quarters of my ptarmigan safely tied to my game pole outside of my back country wall tent, I sipped a warm coffee relishing in my recent accomplishment. Just then, I heard rustling from outside the tent! Poking my head out of the door, I caught the glimpse of tail feathers from a full grown male magpie fly away. Quickly, I donned my camouflage and found cover under a nearby tree. I awaited the magpies return, knowing the pterodactyl sized varmint wouldn't be able to resist the tender ptarmigan flesh. Soon enough, the brute landed on the ground in front of my tent, I drew my bow and placed an arrow through his chest. Varmint down.

Racing the late November sunrise, I traveled swiftly in the dark to a


perfectly placed tree stand along a heavily used trail. Two frigid hours had passed in my lonely vigil and many record book whitetails passed by but, I remained focused on my objective. A glimpse of grey and white fur trotted close to my tree a mere 27 yards... settling my pins behind his shoulder, the subsequent loosed arrow sent the coyote into his final three steps. Carnivore down.

Snow crunched beneath my boots with every step, I wondered how I would be able to stalk the intelligent creature under these conditions. My ears perked with a distant call deep from within the snow covered forest. A flash of auburn fur jumped from a tree onto a lower branch. My rangefinder confirmed that the trophy red squirrel was only 19 yards; as I nocked an arrow and hooked the release my heart raced. The bruiser squirrel quartered slightly towards me and made eye contact but, it was already too late... 388 grains of arrow was already on its way. Rodent down.

Crouched in the grass, the target was acting nervously... my final animal to complete my Small Game Award. I ranged the prize duck at 31 yards; a difficult shot but, I'd been training all year for this opportunity. My arrow sped through the air and made a swift harvest, leaving me wondering how to retrieve my trophy from the middle of the pond. My quest was complete. I'd harvested five small game trophy creatures in a span of two years.

I hope that my success story inspires others to attempt the completion of the Alberta Small Game Grand Slam Award. This quest, if you choose to accept it, might be difficult at times and you will want to quit but, I guarantee when you look above your fireplace mantle and see your framed "Alberta Small Game Award" a rush of accomplishment will wave over you.





Every hunter knows that October 3rd of every fall is the best moose hunting day of the year. You quit your job, leave your family, and sell all your possessions if you have to in order to hunt the full day. Why? Because you will arrow a moose on Oct 3 (or make many mistakes that make stories of laughter for years to come)

Oct 3, 2014 was THE day. I called in sick to work. Moose fever is contagious. Then I headed out to THE secret spot. It was crisp and calm and you could feel moose love in the air. I called at the first location for about a half hour. Sound was traveling a long way and knew that if HE was in the area, I would hear him in the first half hour. NOTHING

I moved a half mile further to “The Bridge” and called for another half hour. NOTHING

Next setup was at “The Beaver House”; notorious for “Grandpa” siting’s. Over the last four years we consistently call out grandpa, a true monster of a moose, from this location. He would show himself, but never close enough for a shot. Grandpa was legendary in antler size.

After a couple of calls I heard a cow call from up the line. I was on the move. I scrambled down the cutline and could hear two different bulls calling. As usual, I got moving too fast, and as I broke the willow line I heard a grunt. There in thick schmeng was a bull’s left antler at 25 yards. It wasn’t grandpa. Show down was on. He wasn’t bothered by me, but also wouldn’t cooperate. The cow was starting to make her way across the line and I hoped he would follow. All was going as planned until the wind

swirled and the hunt was over. I, of course, wouldn’t accept that it was now a futile effort. I continued to dog the three through the willows for an hour. I didn’t see grandpa, but I hoped the bull that didn’t show himself was the giant. It didn’t work. Result was NOTHING.

Now mid morning and quite windy, I began my trek back. I got to the bridge and stood on the line trying to decide on the next futile plan of attack when down the line came a cow and calf moose. Not being too proud, I jumped into the willows and got ready to fill my tag with the calf. As I drew back, anticipating the pair to present a shot, a bull began to slobber 50 yards in the trees, and he was coming. I let down, and made a dash around, to get down wind. I had

MOOSE

BEST
of the
Day
YEAR

to go down the line and around to get ahead of him. I waited. NOTHING

I made my way further in and got to another line. WOW. Cow, calf AND bull were on the line about a 100 yards up. I tried to close the distance, but they kept feeding and moving away...and Breeding. I managed to get picture of him breeding her three times, all the while moving away from me. The best I did was get to 80 yards. Then they turned into the trees again. The chase was on. I quickly made up the distance and stayed on them as they moved through the thick willows. The wind was great. After dogging them a quarter mile. I got into a bit of a clearing in time to see the bull "get hung up" in some thick stuff. He tried pushing forward three times through the wall of willows before giving up. He turned to his right to go around and was heading right into a shooting lane. 31 yards. I drew and grunted when he got to the lane. He stopped and I let him have a RAGE. NOTHING. He stood there with my arrow hanging half way into his ribs. I was dumb founded and my first thought was here we go on another famous blood tracking mission from hell. He never moved. I knocked another and let it fly. Good hit. NOTHING. He turned around twice to see what hit him and stood broadside again with two arrows half way embedded. Why was my penetration so poor when my last moose went down after a full pass through?

Feed another one into him I thought. I always preach

"keep shooting til he's down". I knocked and let a Thunderhead go this time. This one was a bit far back but still good. NOTHING. He never moved. Now I'm thinking rifle season in November is a way better choice. Then I began to smile. He bedded down right there. I figured this was good, since I was down to only one more broadhead, and a blunt. Then the cow came to check on him. She nuzzled him looking for more love. When he let out his final grunt, she bolted and almost ran me over. I looked back and his head was down. It was over. The action at 30 yards was intense but it was over. The best moose hunting day of the year had just turned into one of my best hunts of my life.

After admiring and reflecting, I went home for the tractor and the camera. By 6:00, I had the meat in my cooler and the head caped. The rack measured over 45 inches wide and made Pope and Young at 147. I pulled my plot watcher camera card the next day and found over an hour of footage of this bull from the day before my hunt. I believe a cow in heat had urinated 50 yards in front of my camera. "My" bull spent over an hour running in tight circles, and then heading out. 2 minutes later he would come back, run in tight circles, and head out again in search of the cow he could smell. He looked like a retriever dog looking for a pheasant. The footage is amazing. I have pictures from the day before, pictures of him breeding and pictures of him on the ground. That's a full package. I'm already counting the days until Oct 3...The Best Moose Hunting Day of the Year.



Have something to brag about?

Then send a high resolution photograph of your memorable accomplishment to: gord@albertabowhunters.com

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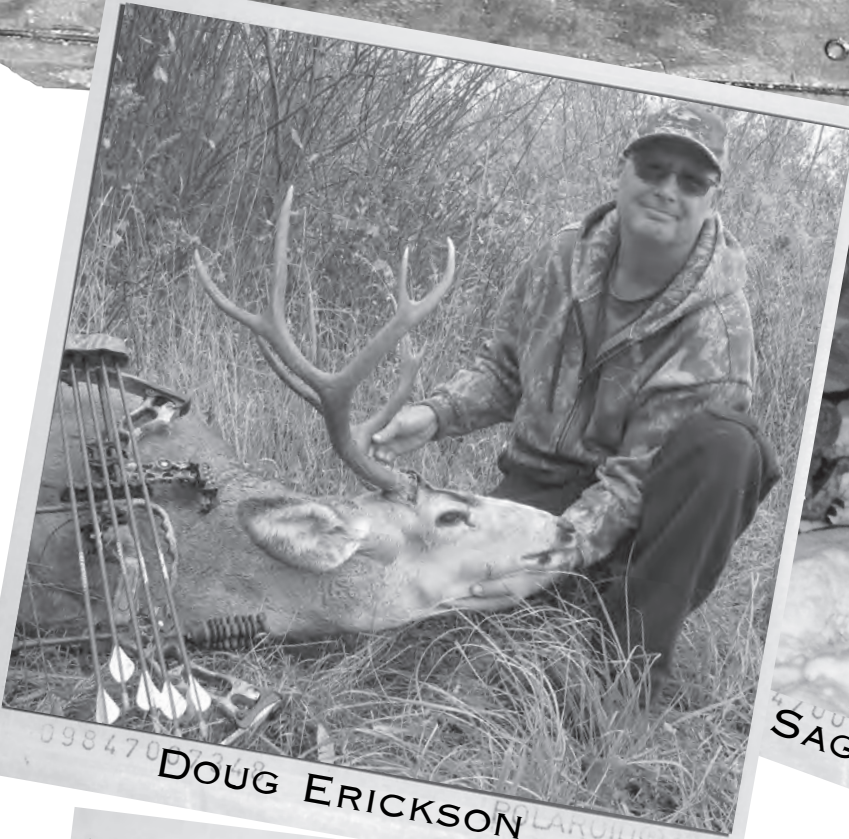
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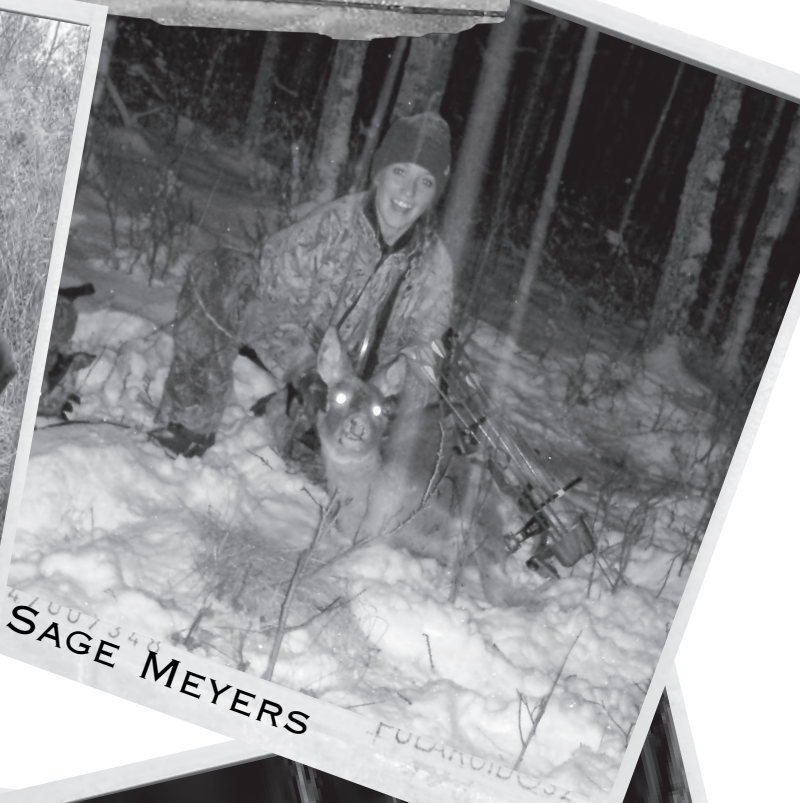
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Mark Twang



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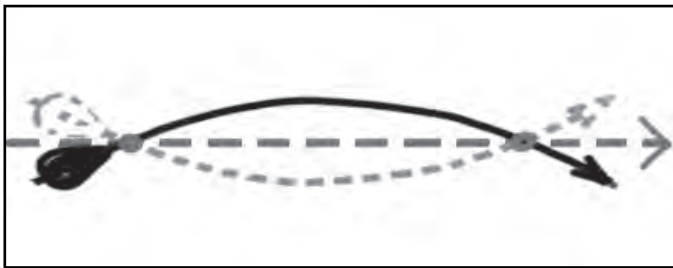
Hunting Arrow Selection

Hunting Arrow Selection:

One of the questions I hear a lot is “What arrows do I use for hunting?” Simple answer is straight ones suited for your purpose matched to your bow tipped with sharp broad heads. There are many variables to balance when selecting an arrow, some variables are more closely related to purpose, some more closely related to being matched to your bow.

I will describe a few variables here so that you can make an informed decision for yourself.

SPINE: This is a non-negotiable variable, no matter what arrow you select you must make sure that this is correct for the bow. Having a fast arrow that can't hit the dot, or tuned to the bow is useless. The here are 3 variables to spine and they are arrow shaft specification, length and point weight. As I play with the arrow specs in the software I adjust the variables to get the specs I am looking for. An arrow that takes time to stabilize coming out of the bow



loses speed while stabilizing. So if we minimize the stabilization time, we minimize speed loss. There also is a difference between static and dynamic spine. Static spine measures the deflection of the arrow when supported at both end and a set weight transferred on the middle. Dynamic spine describes the amount of flex while it is cycling through the bow during the shot. The three main variables that affect dynamic spine are static spine of arrow, length of arrow and tip weight of arrow. The longer the

arrow the more it will flex in the bow (weaker spine), and the heavier the tip the more it will flex as well. Too weak of an arrow and it flexes too much and so it will be unstable in flight. Too stiff of an arrow and it has no flex thus when the bow cycles it yaws left and right to get the tip moving which also causes instability. Ideally it will flex enough to soak up the bow's energy efficiently while maintaining a straight line to the target.



Often static spine classification will be expressed:

- 1: in how much it deflects when a weight is placed on it; i.e. 0.300, 0.350, 0.400, 0.500 etc.
- 2: what weight range it is recommended for i.e. 75/95, 60/75, 45/60, 35/55 etc.

WEIGHT: Arrow weight determines the initial velocity and is a factor in the arrows momentum. When we look at a bow set a certain draw weight and draw length it transfers a set



amount of energy to the arrow. A heavy arrow will be slower and a light arrow will be faster. However with all other variables being the same a heavier arrow will also lose momentum less quickly than a light arrow. In most cases an average .246 diameter carbon arrow will represent a good balance as that is what fits the performance curve of most bows. Quite simply I like an arrow out of my 60 lb compound to be somewhere between 380 – 420 grains. This has a fairly flat trajectory (speed) and more than enough momentum to go through the rib cage of any North American animal at 50 yards..... twice!.



POINT WEIGHT: This is an important variable as well because it affects FOC as well which we will discuss below. If you have two arrows that weigh 300 grains with same diameter of shaft and one has 100 grain point and other has 80 grain point the 100 grain point and will drift less in wind leading to a more favorable downrange trajectory. However point weight also affects spine so this can complicate things. This is where using a commercially available software ensures the arrow stays within specs for spine. This also allows people to adjust point weight to ensure arrow is matched to bow for spine.

FOC: Again FOC is related to point weight. The higher an FOC is the more stable an arrow is in flight. However there is a point where additional FOC does not add much advantage. I find that somewhere between 9% and 12% is good.

ARROW LENGTH: A shorter arrow will have less drag, however a longer arrow is more stable. I find that the arrow length has more effect on spine and minimal effect on trajectory

so I use arrow length to keep the arrow spine in spec as I adjust point weight. For safety I always like to ensure the broad head is at least above the bow shelf or ahead. After all there is nothing worse than having a broad head tipped arrow fall off of the rest and end up on your wrist/hand while at full draw when you are by yourself!

SHAFT DIAMETER: Thinner arrows have less surface area thus less drag but require a thicker wall to get same spine as a larger diameter arrows so are sometimes more heavy unless they are made of an aluminum/carbon composite which get very pricy.

VANES: For vanes one wants enough surface area to stabilize the arrow, but the more surface area one has the more the arrow has drag. You can get high profile vanes which also are shorter and lighter but you have to ensure clearance as the bow cycles to avoid vane contact.



Conclusion: As you can see there are many variables and these all also have an effect and it comes down to purpose. For 3D one may want a faster lighter arrow. For Indoor Target archery one may want large diameter arrows for cutting lines on paper. For hunting one wants to have an efficient, reliable arrow that will ensure sufficient penetration into an animal. For myself I use a plain carbon arrow with a .400 spine, .003 straightness, cut at 29", tipped with a 75 grain broad head that weighs 380 grains, They are also cost effective and I have not heard of any complaints from the animals that have been on the receiving end. Everyone will have their preferences and I hope this provides a bit of information to help you find your preference.

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.



NEWS



PRESIDENTS Report

Brent Watson

It's almost mid-June and summer well on the way. "Spring" was three weeks ahead of last year and the snow disappeared fast. Fields were bare for quite a while - deer all over the place enjoying new found freedom from the snow pack. Lots of fawns which was good to see. Geese were back a week early, sea gulls as well. Bears were next and lots of reports of early action on baits this year and some great bears being taken. Made for a long bear season lol and now it's time to look at the draws

The provincial election was a surprise to most people. The "people" have spoken and we will see what the next four years have in store for Alberta and Albertans. Our next AGMAG meeting that typically is end of May has been postponed till end of June while the new ESRD minister and the various ESRD folks have had a chance to meet to see what the minister's thought processes are etc.

We just finished a very successful convention/banquet weekend (March 21) at the Nisku Inn. We did have to endure a blast of winter but it didn't affect attendance or curb the enthusiasm. Our 3D and AGM meetings were well attended and we got a great deal of business done. A new 3D format and direction - the ABA "Bowhunter Challenge & Championship." A one shoot final for all the marbles. More focus on bowhunting. Stay tuned for more details. At the AGM, we completed the constitution update, discussed various issues that the ABA has and will continue to be involved in (archery season draw proposal, reducing the draw

weight minimum, ESRD sheep regulation changes, Suffield elk hunts, Canmore town bylaw, 2015 hunting reg changes, discharging weapons on road allowances). Held elections and not much has changed - a big thank you to everyone who wanted to continue on being a part of the ABA Executive and we would like to welcome new directors (appointed by the executive) Derald Stone and Neil Johnson to the team.

The fun part of the weekend is the banquet - always a great time, lots of laughs. We had 194 people attend and 11 were youngsters. Each of them had their name drawn for a prize package and the big winner of the youth bow package once again donated by Trophy Book Archery was Dean Alexander of Grimshaw. We had lots of pretty excited kids!! Our partners, the Alberta Traditional Bowhunters Association, brought auction and raffle items and over 35 traditional bowhunters were in attendance. Overall numbers were down slightly as we had to compete with minor hockey and several other banquets happening the same weekend - always something going on. We had an awesome turnout of award winners, great auction items, Jason Peterson (our guest speaker) had some "first time seen" footage of some of his hunts. A member had a vintage, historic gold "Ryk Visscher Hunting Adventures" hat and we presented it back to Ryk after revealing the "trivia" question that was asked at an ABA Banquet many, many years ago with the hat being the prize - "What do the initials I W T B L R V stand for?". Any ideas?? The hotel put on a super

meal and were great to work with all weekend. All in all - a very successful event!! We have booked the Nisku Inn for next year's banquet - March 26 2016. Put in on your calendar now.

The ABA will be attending various meetings with stakeholders and ESRD this spring and through the summer/fall - lots of issues to be discussed and we will be communicating everything through our email list, the newsletter, on our website. Make sure you take the time to look things over and don't be afraid to send any one of us your thoughts and comments.

The use of "electronics" in the fair chase statements of the various record keeping organizations has been a topic of discussion over the past several years. The ABA adopted the use of lighted nocs back in 2011 and P&Y have since followed suit. No unfair advantage - only positives from their use was the basis for the change. Following that was allowing the use of bow mounted cameras - again, did not give an unfair advantage. Recently the use of trail cameras using cellular technology that sends pictures to your phone or computer have seen a surge in popularity. These cameras when set to send their cellular signals are NOT allowed in either the P&Y or ABA Fair Chase rules. Neither are bow mounted rangefinders. Are not illegal in the hunting regulations; just not eligible for entry as they have been deemed to give the hunter an unfair advantage over their quarry. We have updated our ABA Game Awards entry form so that these are mentioned specifically so people are aware of their



ineligibility if used in harvesting critters and we have put that info in a text box in the newsletter.

Your ABA newsletter continues to be a top notch product and a very valuable communication tool. We disseminate lots of information through it but equally as valuable, are the stories and pictures of our membership successes. Please consider taking a few minutes and putting pen to paper and sending Gord (Gord@albertabowhunters.com) your story/pictures. These stories keep your newsletter the great product it has become.

Lance has reworked the website and now people can join/rejoin

easier than ever using the website. When you fill everything out on our online store and make your membership purchase, you will get an automatic email response PLUS you will be able to fill out your own printable membership card right then and there. For new members without an existing membership number, John will email you that # and you just fill in the blank. Will save lots of time and expense for the ABA and be immediate for the membership. GREAT new system!

A brand new format for the ABA 3D Program has been initiated - is based on participant feedback and participation numbers. It is the "ABA Bowhunter Challenge",

a one shoot final that will focus on bowhunting equipment and bowhunting scenarios. Lots of positive comments so far. ABA Clubs were asked for submissions to host the shoot and after the 3D Committee reviewed them, went through an evaluation process and a vote, the inaugural shoot will take place at Whitecourt August 15 and 16, 2015.

Hope you had good luck this spring with bears, shoot lots of X's on the archery 3D trail and good luck in the draws and the upcoming hunting season.

CHANGES & NOTICES

ONLINE STORE

We have created a new online store. Individual memberships and club affiliation memberships can now be purchased there in addition to clothing, gift cards / decals and tickets.

Non Affiliated memberships bought online now come with a downloadable file to create your membership card and print it off. This will be the only membership card you get when you purchase online. You will also get an email confirmation.

Some of the new features of the online store are:

- **New** secure payment gateways, no more waiting to have your payment processed

- **New** refer a friend program that rewards current members for referrals and also rewards the person being referred when they join

- Gift cards are now available and they never expire

Check out the store at:

www.albertabowhunters.com

SOCIETY SEAL?

To meet the requirements of Section 9(4) of the Societies Act with our constitution/bylaws (which we updated at the March 21 2015 AGM), we had to move the sections under the "Constitution" portion and incorporate them into the "Bylaws" portion. Effectively eliminates the wording constitution - no longer necessary. We had to add some info as to privileges of membership, of notification of AGM meetings and Special Meetings, that the ABA is not adopting a society seal. Corporate Registry advised that no special meeting vote was required from general membership to make these changes/clarifications. If you have any questions, contact Brent (Brent@albertabowhunters.com).

FAIR CHASE WITH CELLULAR TRAIL CAMERAS

We are getting inquiries and hearing about hunters using cellular trail cameras (send pictures to your phone or computer). Many may be unaware but these cellular trail cameras, even though legal to use as per Alberta hunting regulations, are NOT allowed when entering animals into the ABA Game Awards Program/Record Book or

into Pope & Young Club records. They violate the Fair Chase rule of both ABA/P&Y (www.pope-young.org/) -- "using electronic devices for attracting, locating or pursuing game or guiding the hunter to such game". They have been deemed to offer the hunter an unfair advantage. There is no issue when using regular trail cameras.

Examples of some other equipment NOT allowed in the ABA Fair Chase rules are draw lock devices, battery operated sights, bow mounted rangefinders.

Recent changes now allow the use of lighted nocks (Lumenoks) and bow mounted cameras.

COUGAR HUNT RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Kevin Moore of Onoway Alberta for winning the fastest selling raffle ever in the ABA. Look for a repeat raffle in 2016. We wish him all the best on your hunt with houndsman Kelly Morton.





ABA Response to ESRD's Proposed Changes to Sheep Hunting Regulations

Introduction

The Alberta Bowhunters Association (ABA) is appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the shaping of Bighorn Sheep Management in Alberta. We agree that open communication and participation is important in the process of managing change. Accordingly, we have carefully considered the information provided during the March 4th 2015 Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) consultation, shared it with our Membership, and provide the following response as requested.

Statement

Based on the data and presentations provided to date the ABA recognizes that ESRD has identified concerns with the Health, Quality, and Quantity of the sheep herd in Alberta, and are committed to making changes to meet their management objectives.

However, in the absence of the "New Sheep Management Plan" that clearly defines "goals" and "measurables", the ABA feels it would be premature to determine what level of Regulation Change is required at this time. It is for this reason the ABA does not support ESRD's current proposal to change the Sheep Hunting Regulations to "Full Curl" status South of the Brazeau River for the 2016/17 Hunting Season. In addition, ABA recommends that the regulations remain at 4/5th Curl Status until the Stakeholders fully understand the identified concerns and have had the opportunity to review the new Sheep Management Plan.

In the absence of the Sheep Management Plan and Independent Study Information (Resiliency Study), the ABA, while remaining under the current Sheep Hunting Regulations and Seasons, provides the following specific acknowledgement and recommendations which could be immediately introduced in support of achieving ESRD's management objectives:

Predator Management

- For 2015 encourage ESRD to make appropriate regulations changes to increase cougar harvest opportunity, such as split zones along eastern slopes, increased quotas, mountain zone boot season and earlier snow machine access.
- Support ESRD's recommendation to contract "hounds men" to target specific predators in known sheep range.
- Expand predator management to prescribe wolf control programs in known sheep winter ranges.



Habitat Enhancement

- ESRD Increase mandate to move forward with prescribed burns in both the valley bottoms and ridge caps in sheep range.
- That ESRD advocate for the controlled use of wildfires to do the same.
- Continued development of legislation limiting the placement of mycoplasma carrying species (domestic sheep, goats) in grazing leases and allotments that adjoin sheep ranges.
- That all Stakeholders support ESRD in mandating increased habitat projects, through correspondence to the appropriate Branches of Government,

Proportionate Hunter Opportunity

- Re align Non Resident Harvest rates to reflect the mandated 20% of Resident harvest quotas specific to the WMU in which they are allocated and not based on the SMA or percentage of overall Provincial harvest.

Increased Accuracy of Relevant Data

- Support ESRD's proposal to adopt the "Yukon Protocol" as proposed for gathering age and growth (including annuli) data from harvested rams
- Improved training and education for resources dedicated to sheep data registration and data collection
- Increase mandate to perform more frequent Population Surveys in each SMA and fiscally supported by Stakeholders when possible.

Education Course Required Prior to License purchase

- Annual mandatory online sheep hunter education program completion required for license purchase (either via online Relm system, AHEIA, or other program). This would inform all Sheep hunters the sustainable benefits of selective harvest for mature rams, etc.

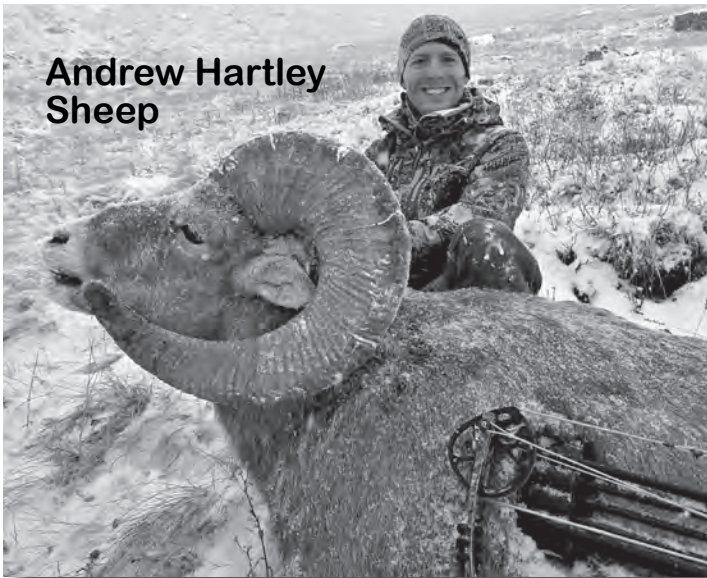
At the March 21st ABA AGM, representatives of the ABA Sheep Committee presented the issue and this recommendation to the attending membership. A motion "*to accept ABA Sheep Committee recommendations (upon ABA Executive approval) for presentation to ESRD*" was passed (0 opposed).

Thank you for reviewing our response. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the process of defining the future of Sheep Management in Alberta and look forward to continued productive dialogue between the ABA and ESRD along with the other Stakeholders to find an amicable solution to these Management concerns.

On behalf of the ABA Sheep Committee and ABA membership.



Brent Watson
2015 ABA President



Andrew Hartley
Sheep



Brent Watson
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Darryl Polowaniuk
Non Typ Mule Deer



Jesse Wrubleski



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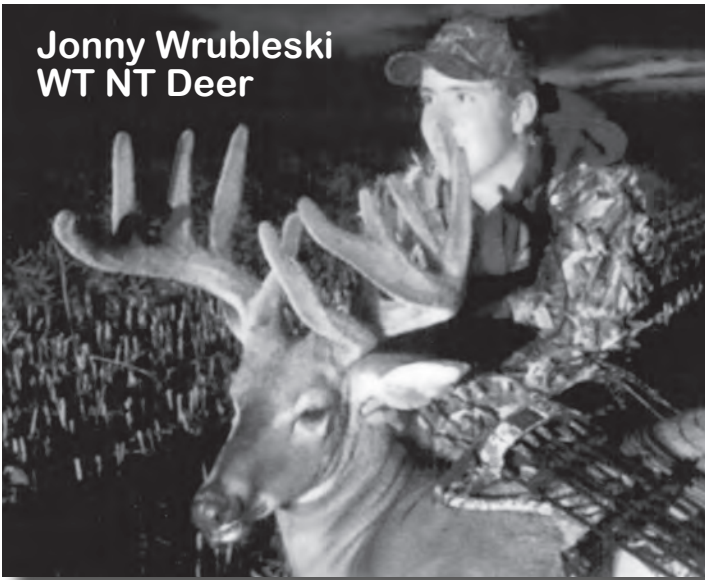


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**Missing Gold Moose - see page 6/7 (story by Trevor Yurchak)



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Kara Popson
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Lori Keeler
Ladies



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POINTS ON Suffield Elk Hunts

February 15th / 2015

There has been a lot of debate and discussion recently on the elk hunts on Suffield (by residents and First Nations hunters) and some unfounded rumours. The following is from ESRD responses to emails on the issue.

There will be three antlerless elk hunts that were part of the 2014 hunting season (page 28 of draw book). The First Nations hunters and the subsequent fallout would have been on the base during the first of these three hunts. Two additional hunts in February are outside of the regular Special Licence hunts - they are quota hunts and not part of the draw process. There has been no resident antlered elk hunting on the base although ESRD are proposing antlered elk hunting on the base in 2015 for holders of a Special Licence.

The total elk harvested (breakdown of FN and resident harvests, bull/cow numbers etc) will be provided by ESRD once the last hunt is completed Feb. 12. As for the statements made over emails going around that FN's have taken 400 bulls in one week, that is completely false. The first week, 234 Elk in total were harvested by both FN's and Residents. As for First Nation's access to CFB Suffield as well as the management objectives, the following explanation from ESRD has been supplied and the communications department is preparing a separate release as well that will be distributed to AGMAG stakeholders and available online:

- The CFB Suffield elk hunt is on federal land that up until recently was closed to all hunters. It took years of negotiating to gain access for Alberta residents. The number of resident hunters that apply for the draw is substantial.
- The Elk herd on Suffield is approximately 7,500 animals, with a considerable amount of depredation concerns raised by landowners adjacent to the Base.
- In order to minimize the human-wildlife conflicts, Wildlife Operations staff have negotiated several hunting opportunities for resident hunters to access the base to meet an objective of herd reduction.
- CFB Suffield is a federally controlled land, and as such, is offering an opportunity for First Nations hunters as well as Alberta resident hunters.
- Aboriginal rights to hunt are recognized as per the Federal Constitution Act of Canada (Section 35), the Indian Act, signed Treaties, Paragraph 12 of the Natural Resources Transfer Act of Canada (1930), the Fish and Wildlife Policy of Alberta (1982), and numerous decisions via case law.
- Recent case law has determined that these Acts, Policies and decisions recognize that

First Nations individuals have the right to hunt for food without licenses and are not bound by bag limits or class designations (size or sex) for hunted species.

- The Supreme Court long ago ruled that once hunting is allowed in an area, First Nations are eligible to hunt animals for food in the widest sense, subject to safety laws. The Department of National Defence is recognizing First Nations should have access because of this, and there is no legal limitation on what kind of big game they hunt and the base (i.e. DND) has been allowing entry to First Nations hunters to hunt during the antlerless elk seasons, providing they register and attend a safety briefing when the other hunters are being briefed. All hunters, including First Nations, must abide by all of the conditions that apply for the hunt, including zoning, registering harvests and submitting heads for CWD testing.
- The effect on the sustainability of resident hunting opportunities for elk are not jeopardized by the First Nations harvest to date.

CFB Suffield regulates all access on the base, and can shut down the hunt at their discretion. Out of Province First Nations are permitted as long as they are part of the original Treaty areas adjacent to the province and as supported by legislation, and case law.

Both bull and cow elk are proposed to be harvested within the base beginning in the fall of 2015, pending approval from the Minister and the Base Commander at CFB Suffield, who ultimately makes the call regarding right of access. To date, even with First Nations hunters, Resident success has been very high (75%) The FN harvest to date has been minimal (the numbers will be released after the Feb. 12 hunt is completed), and with 7500 elk on the base, it is anticipated that ESRD will need 3-5 years of aggressive harvesting to get it down to manageable levels, while at the same time maintaining a sustainable population of elk over the long term. The number of Elk reported in an email circulating reports that last week FN's harvested 400 elk, all bulls, and that is inaccurate. Not long ago, we did not have elk on Suffield and there were no opportunities for any harvesters. The initial objective of having elk on the base was to re-introduce an apex grazer. It was not the original intention to provide a hunted population of ungulates, but the base is allowing us that privilege. If we work together, we can achieve a long term sustainable harvest opportunity. If we do not, access to the base may be jeopardized.

March 18 / 2015 - subsequent to a meeting (Mar 14) arranged by SCI Northern Alberta chapter inviting other stakeholders/ESRD.

Matt Besko from ASRD began with giving us the insights re: the Suffield elk hunt, since 2012. The government of Alberta made a deal with the base com-



mander from CFB Suffield in or around 2012 to reduce the elk population on the base. Ranchers have been suffering noticeable damage to property for a number of years due to the high population of elk in the area. Prior to the hunt approximately 7500 animals were on the base and growing rapidly due to good nutrition and little or no predation. Once the hunt had been confirmed the Base commander sent letters to Treaty 6,7,8 inviting them to also hunt on the base.

Matt discussed the Treaty law, Constitutional Law as well as Case Law which protected Aboriginal rights to hunt where right of access is available. Matt also talked to the ASRD lawyers regarding the possibility to have the aboriginals hunting for sustenance forfeiting antlers to the crown. Lawyers suggested that first if that was to happen then all antlers would have to be forfeited to the crown regardless of being aboriginal or not, this was not something they were interested in pursuing.

Elk were introduced into CFB Suffield to replace the wild horses as natural grazers to protect natural grasses with an initial reintroduction of 97 elk followed by 82 a few years later. Prior to the 14/15 Elk hunt they counted about 7500 elk in or around the base.

2012-15 the ASRD introduced a quota hunt to reduce the herd. The strategy was to be 8 hunts

- Aboriginal harvest
- Season 1- 26 Antlered Elk were harvested
- Season 2 – 1 Antlerless Elk 7 Antlered Elk
- Season 3 – 3 Antlerless 28 Antlered
- Season 4 – 29 Antlerless 131 Antlered
- Season 5 – 18 Antlerless 46 Antlered
- Season 6 – 5 Antlerless 37 Antlered
- Season 7 – 48 Antlerless 32 Antlered
- Season 8 – 51 Antlered 47 Antlerless
- 469 antlered/151 antlerless
- Non Aboriginal harvest 800 +- cow Elk
- All animals were tested - 0 positive for CWD

Objective is to reduce herd to approximately 2500 animals going forward. This amount ASRD is believed to be a manageable number reducing the wildlife conflict by surrounding property owners.

Jason asked why ASRD wouldn't consider relocation of Elk throughout the province. Matt gave responded that this has been something that was formally considered. Although CWD isn't in the current herd with the high prevalence of CWD in that part of the province it was not something that they would do as they could potentially move CWD west within the province.

Don MacGregor asked about the specific wood bison situation in Northern Alberta with regards to Aboriginal tags etc. Matt explained that this was a very unique situation as the herd was known to be free of TB and other diseases. However herds to the west and east were not disease free, by maintaining the herd so it didn't grow and expand into the diseased herd by a tag system was something they were able to do. Don said because this elk herd is Disease free and is isolated is this not something we could look at for CFB Suffield. It was an interesting idea and something that could and should be investigated.

Currently 25 antlered tags were offered to residence outside of the base. Doug asked why ASRD has waited to address the situation of animal damage rather than increase tags prior to being a problem. Matt agreed that they should have been quicker to respond. Antlerless tags had been increased in the last few years outside of the base.

Matt further explained that Mature 35-40" bulls were in the minority of the animals harvested and that many bulls such as rag horns 3 point and spike bulls were also harvested. He also said that of course the photos were of the trophy's to be sure.

The current Bull to cow ratio is about 50-50 currently with a calf growth rate of about 30% which is excessive. By reducing the animals this will also reduce the calf rate.

Future hunts will include Bull tags for resident hunters as well as cow tags. The current tag allocation is proposed to be 600 bull tags for resident hunters and 1200 cow tags.

The group asked if this will be a quota hunt again or will priority points be used. Matt said at this point it will be priority points. This raised some concerns.



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ABA GAME AWARDS PROGRAM

Small Game, Big Game, Master, and Grandmaster ABA bowhunter Awards (no time limit to earn), as well as the Annual Big Game Awards program have been established for ABA members only. Applications for these awards will be accepted only if the bowhunter is an ABA member at the time the game entered is taken. Must be taken in a regulated hunting season and on a valid hunting license. All animals entered must be taken under "The P&Y Rules Of Fair Chase" (www.pope-young.org) (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 of the following year – NO exceptions!!

SMALL GAME AWARD (CERTIFICATE)

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

Rodent

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

Varmint

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

Carnivore

Wolf
Coyote
Badger
Fox
Raccoon

Game Bird

Hungarian
Partridge
Grouse
Ptarmigan
Merriam's Turkey
Pheasant

Migratory

Ducks
Coots
Common Snipe
(Wilson's)
Geese

Fish

Species according to
Fishing Regulations.
Examples:
Sucker
Lake Whitefish

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

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780- 462-6611 (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 \$150 VALUE)

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

GRANDMASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD

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

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

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

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

TRADITIONAL AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

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

LADIES AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

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

YOUTH AWARD (GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE PLAQUES)

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

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





Deadline March 1st

GAME AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

(MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE, revised Mar 21, 2015)

BOWHUNTER (Please Print)

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

Circle YES NO ABA Memb # _____

Name: _____ **Birthday (for youth entries 16 and under)** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone #** _____ **EMAIL** _____

ANIMAL

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

Taken with recurve/longbow (traditional Equipment) Yes _____ No _____

- * For Small Game indicate Category / Species e.g. Rodent / Gopher
- ** To be male, must have 4" horns or better
- *** Only official P&Y scorers can fill this in, and affidavit below; make sure scorer indicates Velvet and/or Non-Typical categories if applicable.

Date of Kill _____ **Location of Kill (WMU)** _____

Signature & Phone # of Witness (Verification of Bow Kill) _____
Photo of Bowhunter with Big Game animal entries are requested but not mandatory

AFFIDAVIT OF FAIR CHASE

I, _____, by my signature do declare that my animal was killed by me entirely by means of the bow and arrow, and in accordance with the "P&Y Rules of Fair Chase" (<http://www.pope-young.org/>) (no draw lock devices, no battery operated sights, etc) (lighted nocks (Lumenoks) and bow mounted cameras ARE now allowed by ABA) and must be taken in a regulated hunting season and on a valid hunting license.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____, 20_____

AFFIDAVIT OF MEASURER

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

I certify that I have measured the above trophy on _____, 20_____

at (address) _____ City _____ Province _____

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

Witness: _____ **Signature (official P&Y measurer):** _____

*Mail, Scan & Email (preferred) or Fax (last resort) all entries to Ryk Visscher at: 1166-68st, Edmonton, AB T6K 3K4
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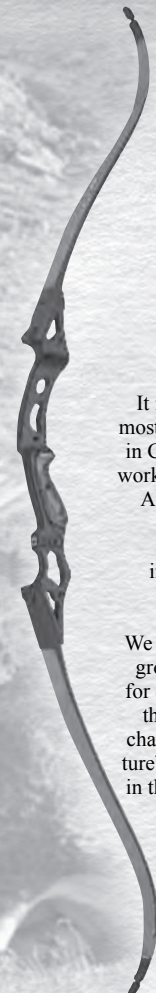
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Some part successes are

- Allow the use of camo clothing (1969)
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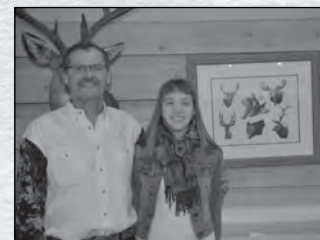


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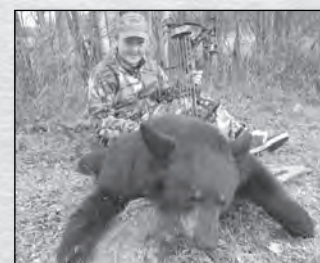
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