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EDITORIAL

Gord Nuttall

May long weekend has always yielded great memories even though they have changed over the years. In the very early days, it was fishing remote areas of Lake Superior catching hundreds of lake trout and random lakeside camping at very old logging sites that holds a special place in my heart. As I went through high school, May long weekend (aka - May two-four) turned into partying and I do remember some of that. After moving out west to Alberta after the turn of the century, I always explored a new place to camp during the first extended summer weekend of the year, given me an appreciation for the diversity Alberta holds. In recent years, May long weekend means bear bowhunting with my Bear Kuma LD compound bow in hand. Baiting bears is hard work but I love it. Nothing excites me more after a long cold winter than getting out in the bush and feeding those hungry bears. I guess my passion has worn off because my children love to do the same. They really enjoy being outside and getting muddy on the ATVs. I can relate. May long weekend at bear camp has become a family tradition.

This year, my son told me he wanted to bow hunt bears. I was not going to argue. He practiced a lot getting used to the Bear Finesse single cam compound bow. One other thing he really liked was a single pin Trophy Ridge React Alpha sight instead of multiple pins. He found it less confusing and easier to concentrate on aiming. Single pins do work great at bait sites. He practiced from realistic situations like in a blind, sitting down and shooting at a bear silhouette - even at low light. He wasn't grouping to win a 3D title, but he was getting consistent kill shoot groups - no different than when I started out many years ago. He was ready. Noah, my son, is for the most part a calm individual and bowhunting bears from a ground blind was no different for the first little bit, but when three bears waltzed into the bait he could feel his heart rate in his throat - something we can all understand.

After watching a bear feed in a variety of awkward positions for a while on top of the barrel, it finally started to offer some still broadside shots. Noah took his shot and hit the bear. It disappeared from the bait site and after some time we went tracking it. Noah followed up and finished the job as quickly as he could, learning what it takes to take an animal's life. He was excited and proud of his accomplishment and loved participating the skinning and deboning part of it because it's not just about the killing. I think he's hooked because he now wants to bowhunt deer, but he wants to learn to spot and stalk - something I haven't done too much of. I'm looking forward to spending more time in the field with my son.

Gord Nuttall



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TURKEY HUNT

by Tharen Soroka

I finally got around to a hunt report from an outstanding Bezoar Ibex hunt that my wife and I had in Turkey with Temir Ekenler of Wild Hunting in Turkey. It all started when I went to the first SCI show in Reno and I saw a mounted Bezoar Ibex which fascinated me how majestic they looked. I did a few years of research and talked to a few outfitters and hunters since then and realized that this was going to be a tough bow hunt. In January 2013 at the GSCO show I stopped by the Wild Hunting in Turkey booth and talked to Temir and Kursat Ekenler. I soon realized that these 2 brothers were not only about selling hunts,

they lived to hunt. We immediately hit it off and after learning that they had several different hunting areas which they manage for trophy quality, I figured this is the place. They had a pretty positive attitude that I could kill one with a bow so had a good feeling about hunting with these 2 brothers. I told them that I would see them at the SCI convention in a couple weeks and book the hunt. The hunt was booked for October, which was not the greatest time for me to be away, but they felt this was the best time frame to hunt with a bow.



FOR IBEX

October 15th found myself and my wife Denise on our way to Turkey. We were met in Adana by Temir who would personally guide us. We picked up our other guide Memtali on our way to the hunting area which was a couple hours away. The country was amazing with ruins from the 1400's and older along the highway. We made our home in a hotel in Silifke, where the hunting area was about an hour away. When we arrived at the hunting area, we were met by one of the local villagers that the Ekenlers had hired

to look after the ibex area. He knew all about the Ibex, their habits and where they were at. I flung a few arrows to check my bow and then we glassed the mountains for ibex. I spotted a good looking one, but they said it was too young and only about 38". It looked pretty good to me. We continued glassing the morning and spotted several ibex, but nothing we were looking for, and yes they do climb trees. Later that afternoon we did some still hunting and got within range of about 8 billies feeding and one looked



great. It was only 45 yards away in a clearing completely unaware of us. It was about 44", but temir said it was only 7 years old and too young. I could not believe the opportunity, and could not believe I wasn't able to shoot it. Denise did get some good video footage though.

The next morning we were on the mountain before first light and were still hunting again to see if we could sneak up on the ibex while they were feeding. We saw several ibex again, but not what we were looking for. In the late morning while still hunting, Mematali spotted a huge ibex at only 35 yards away bedded. We could only see the top of his horns as he was bedded just over a rise. It had a broken horn on one side, but really long on the other. He had character and was old, so I decided to try for him. There was no other way to sneak up on him due to his position and brush, so we decided to wait him out till he stood up. After over an hour the wind swirled around on us and he blew out of his bed and was gone. Mematali had a 6th sense while hunting these animals and sometimes we only moved a couple yards in a half an hour if he knew they were close.

The next few days were the same, several ibex and usually one shot opportunity a but I still had not flung an arrow. Once while glassing Mematali motioned that one was coming, and it was so close by then that Temir and I layed backwards to hide and it walked to within 4 yards of us. I tried to slowly pull my bow in that awkward position and was unable to do so the billy took off down the mountain where it came. Denise was reading her book and was only 6 yards away and never even knew what went down.

Day 4 found us up on the mountain again before first light with a positive attitude. We hunted the morning and I had an okay opportunity at a huge ibex at 90 yards, but he would not stop. Temir and Denise, was starting to get a bit frustrated with bow hunters by now. Late morning we were still hunting when we spotted the same broken horn ibex that we spotted on the second day. We tried a stalk that took 2 hours but he disappeared while feeding. We went to





the other side of the mountain and glassed for a quite a while before we spotted him bedded all alone. Denise and Temir stayed and glassed while Mematali and I went back around the mountain. I took a few mental notes of rock and tree markers that helped guide us in. The wind was in my favor, but I could not get a horizontal shot due to trees. I crawled up a rock outcropping so that I could come in from above as this was my only chance at a shot. Once on top even though it was wide open, there were still a few branches that could affect my arrow in flight, so I snuck very slowly down the rocks towards him. There was nothing between him and me, but those couple branches. I would only move when his head would start to lower as he was sleeping. If he lifted it, I froze. Finally with a clear view I sent an arrow on its way at 31 yards and he never knew what hit him. Temir and Denise saw the billy go into a small bush and not come out. While I was looking for evidence of the hit, I noticed a horn sticking out of a small hole in the bush. My unlucky streak was over and I had my Bezoar ibex. The good side measured 47.5" and the other side had about 10" broken off and was it was 13 years old. This was a great trophy for all of us, and good to have taken an older billy.

With a couple more days of hunting left, Temir took us a few hours to his family estate, where we were wine and dined. We checked out the local village and traveled up into the mountains and did some fishing. Temir arranged a driver to take us to Antakya where we hired a taxi for a couple days and toured along the Syrian border. We saw a lot of very old sites including tombs from before Christ. We then travelled to Capadocia where we spent a couple days visiting the caves and fairy chimneys, to finally continue on to Istanbul for a couple days before heading home. Turkey is an amazingly beautiful and historic country, the people were very friendly and we felt safe. Overall, this was probably the best hunting/site seeing trip we have ever been on. Thanks Temir for your friendship and going that extra mile!





ARCHERY

In 2018 I decided to take archery seriously, I purchased a new bow, sight, rest and built some arrows that would work well for my setup. I had 10 points for archery antelope accumulated and figured I better be prepared if I didn't want to see this tag go to waste. Knowing I would draw this tag, I picked a WMU that was recommended by a few friends and we picked a week to chase them.

I shot 7 days a week rain or shine, sometimes in a roadside ditch, Walmart parking lot under the lights or in a hotel room as I travelled around western Canada for work. I had a chance to sneak away to hunt bears in BC and harvested a P&Y black bear. Upon returning to Alberta, a good friend had a bait that wasn't being used so I took the offer to sit. That night, with my daughter at my side I harvested another nice bruin. My season was off to good start!

Fast forward to September, I went down solo a couple days earlier than the dates we had previously scheduled. With my bow in the backseat and several decoys in the truck box I figured I was set. I'll set the stage for what I thought was

going to happen. Many avid bowhunters told me this was an easy and fun hunt. The technique was simple they said! Find a buck with some does, sneak in, get between him and his harem, pop up the decoy and he would come running in. As long as I did my part the game would



ANTELOPE

by Dallas Cota

be over. Well after two days of looking over countless bucks I finally chose a mature buck that I felt was worthy enough to fold my tag on and use said technique to do so.

I learned very quickly that said technique was easier said than done. Failed stalk after stalk my standards for what I considered a worthy antelope were lowering quickly. My friends Steve and Jamie Arnett showed up to help out and hopefully fold their tags as well. Their standards were any legal buck

was game on and we proceeded to stalk EVERY legal buck we saw. Again, we were being humbled time after time, we laughed a lot, learned a lot and slowly started to figure this game out. By the end of day 3 we were nearing 40 failed stalks and at this point a legal buck was all I wanted to harvest. We decided to move areas, on route we spotted a nice buck and doe. Again, we weren't picky and after a short stalk the buck stood around long enough for Steve to make one of the nicest shots I've seen that ended up with him harvesting a nice buck. We quickly processed the buck and moved areas again.

We drove into a new area and were optimistic with the new scenery. A few more failed quick stalks and we were humbled again realizing we still had lots to learn. A short drive later we found a really neat looking mature buck with a harem of does at the base of a big prairie hill. I remember looking at him through my binoculars and saying to myself "wow, he's really unique looking and I'd chuck an arrow at him".



They were only 150 yards off the road and were not scared. The farmers yard was about 500yds away and permission was quickly granted but with his comment that two guys had been chasing him for about two weeks and gave up left us feeling like this was just another failed stalk. As Steve dropped Jamie and I off a few hundred yards away downwind, we proceed to skirt around behind the big hill. We got into position and Steve drove back to be our eyes. On the hike in Jamie jokingly said, "well are we ready to get taught another lesson?" I quickly replied, trying to be positive "nope, this time we are giving out the lesson!". Right after saying that as we continued to walk I remember thinking to myself "ya, we are going to get schooled"

Long story short, as soon as we got into position the buck decided to move, Jamie popped up the decoy just as the buck came into view, we had surprised him and he had no idea where we had come from. It happened very quick. Jamie was laid out on his stomach holding the decoy up, telling me to shoot as the buck was only 15-20 yards in front of him. The buck was downhill from us. As the buck froze and stared up at us, I could only see his head under the belly of the decoy and the top of Jamie's head do to the angle, not an ethical shot. The buck then stiffened up and in a dominant posture proceeded to walk around the decoy for a better look. Once the buck came into full view and all 6 of my pins were steadied on the chest I touched the trigger on my release. Like I said it happened quick, Jamie had his head in the dirt still and only saw the buck run off. He asked if I hit him? I said I didn't know and began to shake uncontrollably as we watched the side of him turn crimson red and fall over at 80yds.

My buck was green scored at 81-3/8" and officially scored at 78-0/8"

This trip ranks high as I had 2 good friends experience the hunt first hand with me, many laughs, lessons and lots of teamwork were had in the five days we chased the coveted Alberta Antelope.

Huge thanks to Jamie Arnett, Steve Arnett, Milo Swanson, Clay Peters, Terry Brew, the landowners, ABA and my family. This buck wouldn't have been attainable without your help, access, hard work and support!







ANCHOR POINTS

Mark Twang



If you have any questions or would like to suggest a future archery topic please email: MarkTwang@canadianhuntingsociety.com

Our Heritage

As I have been cooped up with this COVID 19 thing I have had some time to work on one of my old hobbies I have not had time to do for years. It was one of those things where I would look at the various parts and components and think, "Some Day I will...". Well those days came and have now went and I am very busy again. However, I did have some time to do some reloading and shooting. You may wonder what that has to do with archery but there



Gar-ye and the Kid with deer 2 in same day

are many things with re-loading and shooting that compare with archery. During this time; I have had a few conversations with some of my mentors regarding reloading, shooting and life in general. I wrote about coaching and mentoring before but I thought I would take a bit of a turn and tell a few stories that I enjoyed and learned from while having some fun. These stories are not embellished at

all and like many archers, fishermen, hunters, lawyers, politicians and other liars I promise a full and factual account.

One of my mentors is Garry... pronounced Gar, like the fish, and Yee like... well Yee. Gar-Yee while getting up in years a bit is an avid outdoorsman we spent many hours in the bush, on the range, in our vehicle blind etc. We harvested lots of game together and in my early days of archery he helped me a lot often backing me up with a rifle in case of other furry four-legged creatures that frequented our hunting area in northern BC. He was there when I harvested my biggest Mule Deer with a bow. He was there when I harvested my first two deer with the bow on the same day. A whitetail buck and mule deer buck. He is my good luck charm! As we hunted, reloaded, visited, shot on the range etc. He would regale us with stories from the past which we enjoyed immensely with full bellies from the wonderful repast cooked by his wife he fondly refers to as Marie. He would tell us about Old Bill who was a WW2 veteran marksman and school janitor that won the great shoot-off between him and the local barber (nicknamed Parker Hale) and put 5 shots into an inch at 500 yards with an ought-six. Gar-Yee was no slouch at the trigger or reloading bench himself and he loaded the rounds for Old Bill. Afterwards Old Bill got into the "sauce" and claimed on a calm day he could 5 into a 1/2 inch which the barber did not take him up on as he was a gentleman. But I digress....

Gar-Yee and I had a phone call the other night and we were chatting about how a shooting system has three parts. The Shooter, the Rifle and the Recipe. Best results are when you get a balance of all three but the weakest link is the Shooter. It was a good reminder and brought me back to young teen hearing the same words again and reminded me that no matter how much change there is this always holds true. As we chatted we agreed that the best Shooters are those who perform consistently regardless of conditions. This is not just weather but situations as well.

Gar-Yee and I were reminded of a fellow we both knew as One-Shot. One shot, "Slayed game by the truck load." A box of shells was good for 20 animals and the local sporting goods store did not make



much money of him. He bought a 7mm when they first came out. It was a Remington 700 Monte Carlo in a left hand. He originally went into the store looking for a 30-06 to replace his trusty .303 and the



The Kid, Gar-Yee, One Shot with Deer 1

store owner showed him this 7mm and said it was so good it practically punched the tag and dressed the game for you. One-shot said, "Nice boom stick, and I would take it if you had one in left hand." Aside: He was nicknamed one-shot and rumour was he got so good because with him being left handed he shot left handed and had a hard time working the RH bolt on the Lee-Enfield for Round 2. (watch the sniper in Saving Private Ryan as he was also left handed with a 30-06 RH Springfield.. but I digress). The stor-keeper said, "how about this one?", and handed him the rifle now known as Betsy. This deadly duo of Gar-Yee and One-shot took to the wilderness every fall hunting season and filled their tags and every-ones freezers. One shot still treads to forests, fields, mountains and bush with trusty rifle in hand and when a single shot rings out it is time to get the field dressing kit ready. Sorry I digressed again but the secret to One-Shot's success is patience behind the rifle. This does not mean he takes all day to shoot and he can get a single well aimed off shot faster than anyone but it is a well aimed shot that has one purpose. I asked One Shot how he got so good and he told me that it was because a bottle of pop was a quarter. I was puzzled so he explained a box of 22 shells was 50 cents and he got paid a penner per gopher tail. So if he missed once he would really

have to work to get two lined up for the next shot or he would not have enough for the next box of 22 shells and a bottle of pop. This practice became so ingrained into his shooting that he earned the nick name One-Shot honestly.

As an analogy I have seen great shooters lose it under pressure. I have seen it when there is a tournament, a shoot-off or while hunting. Buck fever as it is known strikes in strange places. I have seen a shooter jack a full magazine from a 30-30 out onto the ground without firing once. But not One-shot because he practiced when young and it became automatic and there was a consequence... less than 50 gophers and no pop. However that is the wrong way to look at it. He looked at it like 50 gophers and I enjoy a pop. I asked him what his personal best and he said a pop and a chocolate bar which was 15 cents. (65 gophers for 50 shots).

As Gar-Yee and I reminisced we remembered only two occasions where One-Shot had to take two shots. One was; he shot a moose rising out of his bed and it went down and jumped back up again. He shot again and down it went. Let's just say it was a good thing the limit for moose then was 3 as there were two moose laying there. The other was a 150 yard running coyote. I did not back him up right away and the coyote moved just as he touched off the round and it took off like how people scatter at Wal-Mart when someone coughs. As he was jacking round number 2 in he was giving me trouble for not backing him up "as everyone misses sometime!". Round two on a 250 yard running coyote found its mark. No pop for me that day!

The One-shot decided to take up archery to take advantage of the earlier seasons and warmer weather on his ancient bones. His new nickname in archery is not one-shot. There is not enough time to tell the stories but forests of trees were injured thus he is known as Tree-Killer. I watched this and got interested in archery myself and we take to the fields together him with Betsy and myself with that "primitive piece of...equipment" As I have moved forward in bow-hunting and archery he has been a big supporter and we love to share tales of outdoor pursuits. One-shot has been there for many a young person's first harvest whether it has legs, wings or fins.

I want to thank the ABA for continuing their newsletter as the stories in them are precious. They cannot be forgotten and we need to remember our hunting heritage. In the next article I have another great story to share about Gar-Yee, One-shot and Molly the Moose. These stories are important as they all come with a lesson if one chooses to find it. The cool thing is the lesson is different for everybody. Straight Shooting!

About Mark Twang

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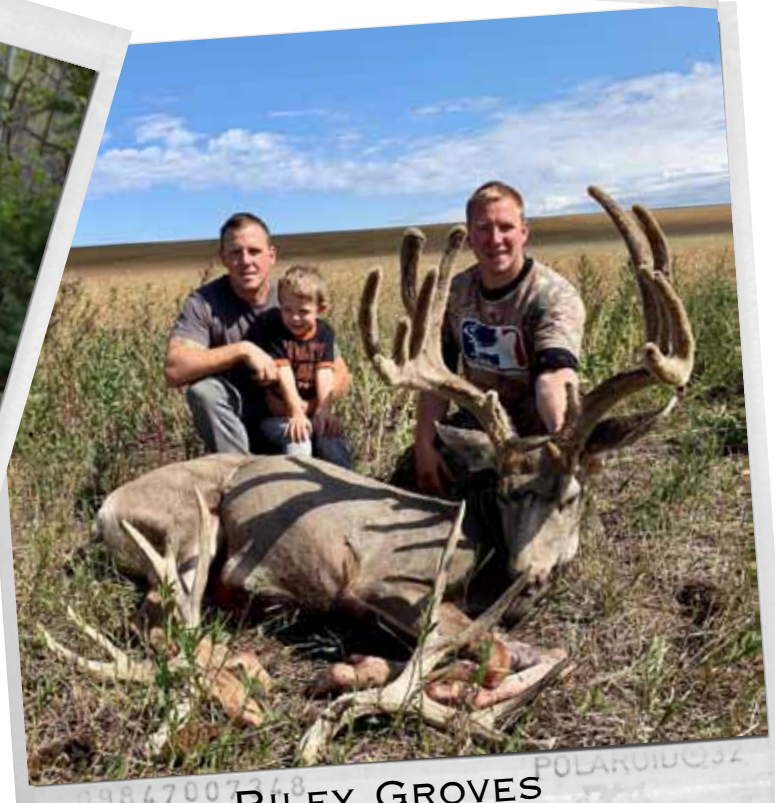
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brent Watson

The Spring of 2020 should not be hard to remember with all that has gone on since the month of March – COVID 19, the price of oil crashing, floods in many areas, tough times for many people, the new federal gun bans. Some things are starting to turn around and some semblance of “normal” returning to the lives of some people but certainly not to everyone. We talk about the new “normal” and what it may look like – changing times for sure.

On May 1st, we mailed out a one page/double sided “message” to all of the 2019 membership and included those folks who were brand new to the ABA for the 2020 membership year. The letter went out to 1192 addresses which represents over 1600 ABA members. It is the first time in recent memory that the ABA has done that but your executive felt it was important to do in order to notify the membership of some significant changes that were made.

The biggest change you will see is in the delivery of your quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is a very important communication tool that gets to every ABA member’s house hold. It is however, the biggest expense that the ABA has with an annual cost of between \$17000 and \$20000 (depends on how many issues we print based on membership numbers of each quarter). Over the last several years, we have looked at doing the quarterly newsletter digitally and have members access the newsletter from the ABA website – send notification that the current issue is available through our mass email list (has over 2700 email addresses and 95% of the 2019 membership is on that email list), through our Facebook page,

etc. The ABA has not been immune to financial stresses during this latest stretch of rough water and the decision was made to cut costs (which are significant) of the “printed” newsletter and, starting with this next issue, do it digitally. Watch for an email, posts on Facebook, web forums etc for when it is available.

With the savings made with doing the newsletter electronically, we are able to maintain membership dues at their current rate – which have not increased for at least 25 years. We also decided to offer up a special discount for the month of May for an adult one year and a one year family membership – it is the same rate that people can join us through an ABA affiliated club. The hope was that it encouraged people to renew their membership (your expiry date is on the label of your last newsletter and was on the mailing label of the letter you were sent) and also provide a bit of financial relief to any folks who are struggling financially in these tough times. The response was super with 94 adult one year and 10 one year family memberships being sold!!!

In the mail out we announced the formation of a committee that will look into any proposals we get on hunting regulation changes or ideas that would expand bowhunting opportunities. These types of things have always been a key component of the ABA. The focus of this committee is to action those ideas and keep the process moving so that we can take these proposals to the various Fish & Wildlife/stakeholder meetings. We are looking for ideas and help on this committee from the general membership – contact the Committee chair Cam Foss Camf@albert-

abowhunters.com if you would like to help out. Very important stuff.

We have run various raffles over the last fifteen years as a way to generate additional dollars that help offset the costs with running the Association. With everything that has happened these last few months we postponed the next “Outdoor Adventures Raffle” until later this year hopefully. We had a great line up of prize choices – 15 in all and varied from fishing trips to hunting to a taxidermy gift certificate. We decided to hold off as people have a lot more on their minds than buying a raffle ticket and planning a trip (if they had won) plus all our partners who we had our prize packages with are also having many issues with the logistics of border closures/loss of clients and revenues. Once we get past these latest hurdles we will re-evaluate everything and see if it is doable.

In the meantime we would like to announce a special “raffle” featuring a very special prize from a very special person. Jack Kempf is well known to everyone in the ABA. Jack has been building custom traditional bows for many, many years and has been a very generous donator to the ABA for that long as well. His custom bow donation to our annual banquet has always been our biggest fundraiser and most popular item. With our banquet being cancelled this year because of COVID, we asked Jack if it would be OK to hold a raffle to raise funds for the ABA and he said “absolutely.” See the notice in the newsletter about the details and good luck!! And many thanks to Jack for his support of the ABA over the years. Is greatly appreciated!!

Our regular FW/stakeholder meetings have been affected by the restrictions and guidelines everyone has been subjected to. Our April AGPAC (Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council) meeting was postponed – it was to go over the recommendations and proposed changes that we have all been working on for the last four years in regards to who gets what of the pie (bowhunter harvest share, archery season draw proposal, landowner tags, outfitter allocations etc). After this meeting the items would have been sent out for broader public consultation. Hopefully we get that back on track soon.

We did have a FW/stakeholder meeting that focused on the latest CWD testing results, prevalence and range expansion. FW tested app 10000 heads from this last fall and found an increase in the

number of antlered mule deer who had CWD (prevalence is going up rapidly) and found 10 new WMUs that had a positive. CWD is moving north and west. Not good. FW are putting together a summary of the meeting and we will circulate once we get that.

Hopefully everyone can get out and enjoy the outdoors now that Winter has finally left. Seen there have been some successful bear hunters already. The Minister made a declaration several weeks ago that if you have a valid 2020 Alberta bear license that you will be allowed to use your quad while hunting bears if there is a quad ban where you are hunting. Gives bear hunters the same exception afforded commercial interests (surveyors, industry, trappers) and First Nations. Thank you very much Minister Nixon. Take extra care out there and make sure

we do not do anything that would want the Minister and the government to take that away from us!!

From talking to various bear hunters and store owners, there seems to be a lot of bear hunters out this year. Sales of bear hunting supplies are way up. More people in the field. In talking to a F&W enforcement officer friend, they have checked quite a few more bear hunters this spring than normal. In BC, they have seen a huge increase in hunting license sales as well as bear licenses. People want to get their own meat and not rely on the supermarket anymore. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues with the number of people taking the Hunter Ed courses, putting in for draws this year, buying licenses.

Take care and good luck in the draws!!!

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT PROMOTION SUCCESSFUL

This is the time of year that we ask everyone to renew their membership to the ABA. Check the mailing label of your last printed newsletter or the letter you got from the ABA in the mail recently to see your expiry date. The expiry date would be for the person on the address – other family members may have different expiry dates so check with Mike@albertabowhunters.com if that is the case.

Your membership is very important to us as we not only offer unbelievable value for the dues you pay but we need your support to have the numbers that help make the ABA relevant when we at-

tend the various government and stakeholder meetings defending and trying to expand bowhunting opportunities. Because of the struggles many people are having, we thought we would offer a discount on our one year adult single and one year family rates. If you are a member of one of our affiliated clubs, you are aware that you get a discounted rate for your ABA membership. We offered that same discounted rate to “anyone” - \$26 for a one year adult (usually \$35) and \$60 for a one year family (usually \$70). The discount was valid from May 1 to May 31, for any new members or ones who had to

renew; was not valid if you already were a 2020 ABA member. We have never offered up a member discount before but we have never had times like these in Alberta’s history.

We had an awesome response with 94 one year adult memberships being sold along with 10 one year family memberships!! We also had four Life Memberships sold as well as some two and three year memberships. Thank you for your great support and we hope that this small show of our appreciation and recognition of the hard times many people have found themselves in, made a difference.

BOWHUNTING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

Trying to expand bowhunting opportunities has always been a key component of the ABA. Since 2009 the ABA has been a key part of the now named Alberta Game Policy Advisory Council that is made up of stakeholder groups and senior wildlife managers. We meet a minimum of two times a year but communicate regularly. We have

put a new mechanism in place to hopefully increase the number of ideas we get about regulation change and how to improve or increase bowhunting opportunity. To that end, we have put together a “Committee” under the Regulations Chairman whose main goal is to generate ideas for regulation change, anything that increases

bowhunting opportunities and the focus of this committee is to action those ideas and keep the process moving. We are looking for ideas and help on this committee from the general membership – contact the Committee chair Cam Foss Camf@albertabowhunters.com if you would like to help out. Very important stuff.

FACEBOOK AUCTIONS

Here is some exciting NEWS from the ABA!!! As everyone knows, we had to cancel our annual banquet/fundraiser because of the Covid 19 Virus situation. We lost an important revenue generator but an idea was born to have an online auction on our Facebook page to make use of the items we already had that were going to be used for

the banquet. As the idea moved along, more items were added to the list through the very generous support of our partners. We have an impressive list of items up for auction!!

The auction is being held over a two week period starting on Friday June 5th with various lots offered

in week one and week two. We have had incredible response to the first week with lots of action!!!

If you have any questions contact Kyle@albertabowhunters.com or Brent@albertabowhunters.com. The rules for the auction are on our Facebook page and the ABA website albertabowhunters.ca.



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Springbrook
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Life MEMBERS

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)
#27 Cam Johnson (2007)
#28 Andy Wiese (2007)
#29 Gary Gillett (2007)
#30 Ted Hansen (2007)
#31 Vince Aiello (2007)
#32 Leon Groves (2008)

#33 Erin Wilde (2008)
#34 Dale Johnson (2008)
#35 Rob Kubicek (2008)
#36 Robert Giles (2008)
#37 Terry Brew (2008)
#38 Kelly Semple (2009)
#39 Dale Heinz (2009)
#40 Tim Sailer (2009)
#41 Bradley Wells (2009)
#42 Jim Wilson (2009)
#43 Lance Neilson (2009)
#44 Ricardo Longoria (2009)
#45 Julie Griffiths (2010)
#46 Mark Barber (2010)
#47 Curtis Cheney (2010)
#48 Sandy Hrycyk (2010)
#49 Wayne Didyk (2010)
#50 Luke Viravec (2010)
#51 Darrin West (2010)
#52 Wes Pietz (2010)
#53 Dwayne Huggins (2010)
#54 Mike Stuart (2010)
#55 Ted Brown (2010)
#56 Kurt Lund (2010)
#57 Trevor Yurchak (2010)
#58 Gunther Tondeleir (2010)
#59 Jim Johnson (2011)
#60 Joe Mungo (2011)
#61 Hal Ziprick (2011)
#62 Tom Kampjes (2011)
#63 Daniel Wise (2011)
#64 Dave Zimmermann (2011)
#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)

#77 Jesse Wrubleski (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 Lehnerns (2015)
#106 Heidi Lehnerns (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 Leighton 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)
#139 Ray Melom (2018)
#140 Kristofer Skelly (2018)
#141 Stephane Titley (2018)
#142 Riley Warwa (2019)
#143 Chris Semograd (2019)
#144 Dwayne Van Schaick (2019)
#145 Darryl Polowaniuk (2019)
#146 Damon Polowaniuk (2019)
#147 Luca Pizzal (2019)
#148 Frank Noska (2019)
#149 Clayton Schoepp (2019)
#150 Dean Kirkeby (2019)
#151 Jeff Squires (2019)
#152 Olin Lund (2019)
#153 Jamie Arnett (2019)
#154 Mark Fletcher (2019)
#155 Dean MacArthur (2019)
#156 Sean Furlong (2019)
#157 Levi Leary (2019)
#158 Norm Hogg (2010)
#159 Steven Taylor (2020)
#160 Dallas Kaiser (2020)
#161 Justine MacFadyen (2020)
#162 Tom Arnett (2020)



**TYP
WHITETAIL**
Brent Watson

TRADITIONAL
154 4/8



**TYP
MULE DEER**
Scott Carstairs

179 4/8 (V)



**NT
WHITETAIL**

Stan Schamuhn 183 1/8



**NT
MULE DEER**

Derek Bruce 205 6/8 (V)



COUGAR

Jesse MacDonnell 15 9/16



ELK

Jamie Arnett 329 7/8



LADIES

Sherlyn Indenbosch

186 6/8



BLACK BEAR

Steve Rogers

21 2/16



MOOSE

James Brier

156 1/8



YOUTH

Riley Warwa

18 10/16



ANTELOPE

Chad Dillabough

73 2/8



BIG-HORN SHEEP

Don Gibb

133 2/8

