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Game Feast Planned

The annual fall Game Feast will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. Those who have enjoyed hunting success are urged to bring an interesting game dish. Or, if you choose, bring a side dish or dessert. This annual event is one of those "don't miss" evenings where stories of the September hunting season are shared, and wonderful recipes are traded and savored. Last season's feast was so popular that we literally had "standing room only". Come early to avoid missing any of the juicy tall tales and outstanding wild game recipes.

Jamboree Report **By Joyce Litchfield**

As we are getting ready to leave Camp Hale after another great year at the CBA Jamboree I can't help but think how great it was this year with all the little kids. Some of the guys that always came alone brought their wives and kids. It seems like a new generation starting. Both my boys Stacey and Zack were raised going to the CBA Jamboree, and go now that they are grown, when they can. They still do all the hunting and camping. It's nice to see little ones again.

So I thank you all for sharing the jamboree with your wives and kids . I really hope the all come back next year .

One more thing: Saturday night's meal was great. Tom Kelley had it planned to serve from 5:00 to 5:30 and everyone that was there came and ate and visited like never before. The meal was great but the company was greater. I thank you and hope we have the same or better turn out next year. So I thank the CBA for having the Jamboree and the Ft. Collins Archery Assoc. for having the togetherness and sharing all with their families.

See you Next year,
Joyce Litchfield

Bowhunting Book Reviews **By Stacy Litchfield**

I found some books you all might want to read that I found very good this past week. I took up a total of 6 books, 2 of them I have read halfway through. I ended up getting sick on Tuesday, and didn't really do much hunting, mostly staying in camp and reading.

First is From the Den of the Old Bowhunter written by Chester Stevinson and edited by Nick Note. I found this book on eBay and really had no clue what it was, but won it. I then put it on the shelf. Well Chester Stevinson was a bowhunter from before 1900 in Oregon. Most of the stories are articles he wrote in the National American Bowhunter magazine in the 50's and 60's. He talked about taking the train as far as it would go and then he'd have to take a stage to get to where he wanted to go hunting. He and his friend Grover had a saying "We make our Heavy bows Heavy and our broad heads broad". They were shooting 70-75 pounds, and Grover shot bare fingers. Most of his adventures involved deer and squirrels, but he did take a few bears, and mountain lion. It told a story of him being held captive in a moon shiners camp while they made their last batch, or taking his newlywed wife and friends on a long canoe trip and shooting several rapids. If you can find it, it's great to see how Bowhunters were way back when.

Second is The Traditional Way (sorry don't have any other books besides Traditional Archery) by Fred Anderson. I thought it was going to be a basic book for the novice Traditional archer, which about the first third it was. The rest of the book was kind of a philosophy about bowhunting mixed with stories from the author and other thoughts of his. It also had a section where he tells of a guy named Huge Rich who knew every good archer from the West Coast, and also had little stories about each of the famous archers of the past.

Third is Lions in the Path by Stewart Edward White. He was the life insurance man responsible for Pope and Young's trip to Africa on their quest for lions. It gave a unique difference to what Saxton wrote of this adventure in Adventurous Bowmen. While Saxton said that they didn't do too well shooting lions, White said that they were horrible and gave accounts of how many hits and misses they had. He was a beginning archer, and saw Pope and Young shoot their bows at targets of straw.

Fourth is Elvis and Ishi by Jim Hamm. I debated for a long time to get this book, but I've been running out of books to buy and hardly see new ones come out. From the title it sounded just dumb. But it is very good I was surprised. Elvis is this big whitetail on his Texas ranch. He named it Elvis because he always caused a commotion when he saw him. Jim has a special bow he wants to use to take him. In between the main story, he goes off on tangents about early caveman and a other stories. I was so glad that I took it.

Fifth was The Bowyer's Craft by Jay Massey. It is the 3rd Massey book that I have. Basically as the name states, it talks about making bows for the first few chapters (watch out T.K. you might have some competition J) After that Jay wrote about stories and his philosophy on traditional archery and where it is heading and the book was written in 1987. It also tells how to make your own archery equipment from quivers and finger tabs to Arrows and broadheads. I still have one more book of his to get, but I wish he'd have written more books.

Sixth was Double Helix by E. Donnell Thomas, Jr. I enjoy his books also even though he doesn't like Robert Ruark's writing. The book spans 5 years and 9 or so trips to Africa hunting plains game. For some reason the way he writes he makes it feel like you are there. It brought to life that there is more to Africa then the big 5, Kudu and wart hogs.



Wednesday Leagues

The results of our third session of Wednesday 3-D leagues:

Cub:

Christina Trujillo 66

Young Adult:

Evan Peters 683

Traditional:

Toby Trujillo 726

Troy Tafoya 718

Tom Kelley 713

Rod Albers 679

Kyle Rheme 661

Limited:

Willis Slunaker 831

Tim Grote 680

Jim Schultz 648

Unlimited:

Tony Mozal 907

Dave Miller 900

Pat Beckett 865

Todd Fulton 813

Rick Erbes 803

Women:

Alicia Viscoe 747

Marci Larson 616

Margi Constantino 418

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The results of our fourth session of Wednesday 3-D leagues:

Cub:

Isaac Hollenbeck 557

Tyler Clawson 312

Young Adult:

Evan Peters 610

Traditional:

Tom Kelley 716

Troy Tafoya 712

Larry Biernat 693

Kyle Rheme 684

Rod Albers 659

Limited:

Mike Frey 782

Tim Grote 701

Jim Schultz 687

Unlimited:

Tony Mozal 911

David Brow 783

Terry Chamberlain 782

Andy Wilson 761

Dustin Christensen 734

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The Editor Shoots Back

On September 11th, my perspective on archery, hunting, and life changed. Behind me, on the TV, were scenes and sounds of carnage from the cowardly terrorist attack on New York and Washington. Where a few hours before all my thoughts were focused on getting through the week so I could head back to camp for ten days of adventure, now all that doesn't seem so important anymore. I used to think I was pretty callous and hardened to murder and mayhem through real life experience and the constant media barrage, but the magnitude of today's unprovoked attack was a reminder of how vulnerable we all really are. It also reminded me how precious life is, and how we tend to take too much for granted. I was on a 757 that morning, ready to fly East, when the attacks began. The pilot turned our plane around and we returned to the terminal. I tried to think of the hunt ahead but hunting seemed a distant, irrelevant, somewhat trivial pursuit. I was grounded in the reality of the horror, even though it hadn't directly touched me at that moment.

I've seen a man get shot. I've seen a man stabbed and brutalized. I've had a fellow hunter die in my arms as I desperately tried to save him. But watching, over and over, as those flying-bomb loads of innocent men, women and children exploded through the World Trade Center at 400 miles an hour, killing thousands of people in the buildings below, it made me realize a similar fate could now befall any of us. It could happen while flying out for a hunt, or while taking the family to see Grandma.

Then, just as the initial shock of that horror was subsiding, we learned that a good friend and club member, Mike Trujillo, passed away suddenly. Mike was one of the "good kids", full of hope, and we knew he would turn out that way as we watched him grow up. Mike was raised to be a good kid by his parents, Toby and Roberta, and they succeeded, only to lose him. Our hearts are heavy as we share their sorrow.

Somehow, getting a big bull doesn't really seem to matter as much as it did a few days ago.

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