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SUMMER 2022

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MOUNTAIN ARCHERY FEST
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**On the Cover:** Zach DeWitt aims at a 3D target on Antelope Butte during the 2022 Mountain Archery Fest while Rick Parish spots his arrow.

**36 Member Success Photos**
Check out these trophies! BOW members had a very successful spring hunting season.
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed the new newsletter format and upgrades! We are so excited, as an executive council, to improve every issue and bring each of you quality content.

Additionally, I hope you were all successful in the Hunting Lottery (license draw). I was lucky enough to draw a highly coveted Area 102 deer tag so my dad and I will be spending much of our fall chasing mule deer south of Rock Springs.

I have attended several 3-D shoots put on by clubs around the state and plan to attend many more as the summer continues. One of note is the Firehole Archers Annual 3-D shoot that will be held on August 6th & 7th in Rock Springs. For more information on the shoot, check out the Firehole Archers Facebook page.

Good luck to everyone in their pursuit of filled tags and lifelong memories.

Shelby Martin

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The executive council would like to sincerely thank Shelby for her many years of dedication to Bowhunters of Wyoming. Unfortunately, this will be the last newsletter to be published with Shelby as the editor, as she has since stepped down from her role. We thank her for all her hard work, and wish her well on her upcoming hunting season.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - TOM HURLEY

From the President:

The feedback on our first full-color magazine has been outstanding. Thank you to everyone who reached out and let us know you liked the change. This lets us know we are moving in the right direction. A huge thank you to everyone on the Executive Council who believed in this and Shelby and Hannah for making it happen. You should see even more improvements in this and future magazines as we work our way through the changes and learn along the way. We are aiming to provide our members with a much more robust magazine full of fun stories and informative information. Remember that we are seeking stories and photos to include in the magazine from our membership, so email your articles to Editor@bowhuntersofwyoming.org.

The next order of business is to formally announce that we are moving forward with the convection and banquet in Riverton for 2023. The dates will be March 24th and 25th at the Fremont County Fairgrounds. This will be a different type of convention for us as we will try our first ever convention at a venue away from a hotel. This will be different but we believe it will open the door for us to have larger events. It will also open up opportunities for other cities around the state to host conventions in the future that don’t have adequate hotel event centers. The last two banquets have sold out and we have been at max capacity at the venues. We are excited to see how this shapes up. Stay tuned for more detailed information on the 2023 Convention in upcoming magazines as well as our new email newsletter updates that we are putting out.

BOW has been busy around the state so far this year. We have participated in the WYO Outdoor Weekend in Casper and the WYO Outdoor Expo in Lander. Both are great events and we are happy to help get bows in the hands of kids that otherwise might never have that opportunity. Thank you to those members who were able to attend and support these efforts. BOW donated a Youth Lifetime Archery License to the Cody Archery Club for their annual K-Bar-Z 3D shoot. Raleigh Lutz was the winner of this license and I wish Raleigh the best in putting this to good use in coming seasons!

On top of all the fun BOW has had this year we had our annual meeting with the Game and Fish recently. This meeting went well and we received updates about a variety of topics around the state. You will read more about this meeting in other articles in this newsletter. I want to thank the Game and Fish for continuing to have this meeting with BOW. This meeting is very important to our organization and helps to keep bowhunter’s voices present at the Game and Fish. Thank you to all of our members that attended as well.

One of the contentious issues of this past season setting was the hotly contested late-season mule deer hunts in the southern part of the state as part of the CWD management plan. These hunts did not end up going on as planned as there was some significant pushback against them by the public. The Game and Fish is working on setting up new meetings around the state to help more clearly define what their plan is with these types of hunts. They will try to explain what success looks like for these hunts over the long term and will seek more public input. I encourage all of you to stay informed, attend these meetings and formulate your opinions on these new seasons with the information you gather. CWD is a complex issue, I have probably spent a couple of hundred hours reading and researching this topic. With all of that effort, I am not sure I could tell you I have a great grasp on the disease or at least what should be done about it. I can tell you not attending the meetings and not trying to be as informed as possible would be a mistake for all hunters. We need to be informed, present, and engaged to help formulate a way forward in wildlife management for this complex issue. Yelling from the sidelines isn’t enough.

As I write this I just returned from a flight with Wyoming Wildlife Federation partnered with EcoFlights to get a birds-eye view of some of the Powder River country. We discussed both the wins of public access in this area and areas that could use improvement. Joy with WWF talked to us about invasive species treatments that have happened on some of the public lands in the area. We also kicked around ideas of what types of projects we could target in the future to improve public access, habitat, and wildlife. After my group landed another group was headed up in the air with mostly ranchers/ag constituents. This is so important in my eyes. We have to as hunters try to work together with landowners. I know that we can butt heads on certain issues but alienating either side is a mistake and one that is very hard to overcome. I hope we can have more sit-downs with our friends on the ranching side of the world to really talk about public access and what can be done to make it a net positive for all of us. I look forward to being a part of these discussions and hope I can provide a positive voice for hunters. I am not sure where it will go but I hope it is more successful
than the constant bickering on social media I see far too often with these issues. I promise sitting down and talking will get us much further than any social media rant ever will.

Overall I am very pleased with the start to this year for BOW and our efforts to improve our reach with our members. I have to thank Hannah Summers our secretary for all of her help and effort in making many of the changes we have implemented possible. We still have a lot of things to tackle including our website which is number one on my list right now. We are trying to update our website to a more user-friendly platform without over-reaching our budget. We will keep you updated on our progress on that as it comes along. What other things does BOW need to work on or be more involved in? We would love to hear from our members on what you want to see from BOW. I hope to see us more involved around the state with archery clubs and their shoots. We will need the help of our membership for that as there are not enough of us on the Executive Council to make it to every event and every shoot. If you are interested in helping out or know of an event that is coming up that BOW should be a part of please reach out to info@bowhuntersofwyoming.org

Get outside and Bowhunt Wyoming!
Tom Hurley - President
Greetings fellow BOW members!

Is it just me or does it seem to be a really busy time of the year? There sure are lots of things going on right now. Hopefully everyone received at least one of their desired big game tags and have a great hunt to look forward to this fall. We are closing in on 6 weeks to archery season! Hopefully everyone is excited and happy with the new formatted newsletter. And the improved communication via email as well. I have to say I like all the changes!

The Wyoming Outdoor Expo was back live this year, and I enjoyed spending time with all of the young folks who were able to get out and fling a few arrows with us. I was able to stop over and see Herb again, and it is always fun to sit in the shop and listen to an old story or two.

We have some 3D shoots happening all around the state, and you should know all about them by now. We had our meeting with G&F personnel and Hannah should have notes to share on it. I am hopeful to get the antelope draw issues resolved before next year’s drawing.

The Wildlife Task Force is looking for your feedback on a number of subjects they have been working on. I hope you all speak up and share your thoughts because that is what is needed. They have made some recommendations and will have more in the future.

I want to thank all of the businesses who donated items from for the Even Family Raffle. Thank you Herb Meland, Rich Wormington, Maven, Kifaru, Eastman’s, and Bighorn Drifters for your generosity. And thank you Susan for all your time handling the raffle ticket sales. We need to all pray for Adlyn and the rest of the Even Family.

I was able to converse with Dave Schaad about Bowhunter Education, and I didn’t realize he has been working on improvements with the Game & Fish for what seems like two years now. Thank you Dave for your time and effort working on this project. Your patience is admirable!

Time to sign off, good luck to you all this fall, and may your arrows fly true. In the meantime...Shoot straight, and shoot often!

Joel Hoenk - Vice President
Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the Bighorn Mountains Highway Cleanup event!

Top Left: Bowhunters of Wyoming volunteers to maintain a portion of road through the Adopt-a-Highway Litter Control Program. 
Top Right: A stretch of U.S. Highway 14 in the Bighorn Mountains. Bowhunters of Wyoming is responsible for cleaning four miles of this highway.
Bottom Left: Tom Hurley, Susan Barrett, and Mike Barrett prepare brats over the fire during the post-clean-up barbeque at Sibley Lake.
Bottom Right: Ethan Overton looks for trash alongside the road during the cleanup event.

Many volunteers from Area 3 showed up to help with the annual Bighorn Mountains Highway Cleanup event on June 18, 2022. From left to right: (Front Row) Pam Giesey, Rand Giesey, Ethan Overton, Tom Hurley, Will Hurley, Joe Gilbert, Lin Gilbert; (Back Row) Mike Barrett, Susan Barrett, George Rodgers. Not pictured: Tony Ostheimer.
Since the last newsletter, we held the Raffle to support Adlyn Even’s Cancer Fight. Adlyn is the young daughter of our past Area 6 Rep Zach Even.

We received support from the following businesses for the prizes: Pronghorn Custom Bows, Yellowstone Custom Bows, Maven Optics, Big Horn Drifters, Kifaru, and Eastmans.

We sold 1331 tickets and received a couple of donations to make a total of $10,050 raised for the Even Family. There was a lot of support for this cause and we really want to thank those who provided the prizes and everyone who purchased tickets.

The winning numbers were drawn on Monday, June 20th at the Sheridan Game & Fish Office by Craig Smith, District Supervisor. The prizes were awarded in the order that the number was drawn with first ticket getting first choice, etc. The winners and their prize are as follows:

1. Maven CS.1 15-46x65 Spotting Scope: Jenaneta Hampton
2. Big Horn Drifters FlyFishing Trip: Abbey Hagerman
3. Pronghorn Custom Bow by Herb Meland: Andrew J Benes
4. Yellowstone Custom Bow by Rich Wormington: Scott Engel
5. Kifaru Rogan Day Pack: Zachary Collard
6. Eastman’s Tag Hub Subscription: Jenaneta Hampton

The proceeds from the fund raiser have been sent to the Even Family and BOW has received a Thank You note from the family which is printed below.

Thanks again everyone,
Susan Barrett - Treasurer

LETTER FROM THE EVEN FAMILY

Dear BOW,

WOW! We can’t thank you enough for your generous fundraiser for Adlyn and her care! What you did is nothing short of amazing and we can’t thank you enough! After 59 days, Adlyn got to return home this week. It is so nice to be here!

Thank you for allowing us to focus on her and her care!

Anne, Zach, Brooks & Adlyn Even
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FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT - HARVEY DALTON

It's time!!

It’s time to start scouting if you were lucky enough to draw those special permits and we need to put more time in behind that archery equipment.

It took a bit longer getting the “new-looking” newsletter to all of you but I hope all of you are as excited as I am in seeing this great change.

Not to repeat myself but I did attend the last G&F Commissioners meeting in May along with Terry and Steve Martin. Most of you more than likely have seen or heard all issues addressed at this meeting by now.

What a great three days for those of us that worked the archery activity at the G&F “Wyoming Outdoor Expo” in Casper during Mother’s Day weekend. This event could use more members helping at the booth/activity, it is not limited to Executive Council Members as the only ones working. Kathryn Boswell, G&F Hunter and Angler Participation Coordinator organizes this event and she recently shared some numbers with us. On Thursday and Friday of the Expo which catered to students only, a total of 2752 students visited the activities/booths and on Saturday when parents, students, and for the most part the general public another 2500 visited the activities. A great and lasting experience for all volunteers.

Two weeks later Jeff Sanderson, Steve Martin, Terry Dalton and I manned the archer activity at the G&F sponsored activity at the “Outdoor Weekend” held in Lander. Not nearly the numbers seen at the Casper event but I think it would be safe to say that we put bow and arrows in the hands of nearly 300 plus students, parents and onlookers. I would like to thank the G&F Wardens that lend a helping hand during the busy times as we were short-handed.

I would like to thank all of you that made the fund raising raffle for Zach Even’s daughter Adlyn, a success. Adlyn, 13 yrs old is receiving treatments for cancer, we wish her the best as she is in our thoughts and prayers. Zach as most of you are aware is BOW’s past Area 6 District Representative.

Most recently June 20, 2022 BOW met with G&F personnel for our annual video conference meeting. All six G&F regional offices were available for participation including the headquarters in Cheyenne. I want to thank Doug Brimeyer G&F Deputy Chief of Wildlife and BOW Liaison for his time in organizing this meeting. Our organization is very lucky to have the opportunity to meet with the G&F and discuss issues concerning bowhunters.

I am going to list most of the topics discussed during the meeting and if you have questions contact any Executive Council member of BOW or member Steve Martin as he also attended the meeting. Items on the agenda:
- Season setting process
- Crossbows
- CWD mandatory samples
- Corner Crossing
- Reduced cost of doe/fawn deer
- Sage Grouse
- Wildlife Task Force comment/input participation

Doug Brimeyer and Rick King of the G&F encouraged our members to respond on issues that would affect bowhunters through the public comment process available on the G&F web site. They also encouraged our members to respond to the public comment period in response to the “WY Wildlife Task Force” survey also available online. Doug shared with us during the meeting that their end of season survey from archery hunter responses came mainly from crossbow hunters!! Our organization (BOW) is anti-crossbow during archery season and we need more of you to respond to these surveys to express our concern. With just over 400 members, we need to respond/reply to these end of the season surveys to show support of NO CROSS-BOWS during archery seasons.

Well, Jeff Sanderson will be out scouting for antelope in the near future in anticipation of the two “Hunting With Heroes” vets that he will host and guide in August. In addition, Jeff will likely have a couple of elk hunters (vets) later in the season. Terry and I will be helping with the antelope hunters and what an honor for us. Thank you Jeff for the tremendous amount of time you dedicate to our disabled vets.

Terry and I recently attended a G&F Workshop “Living in Large Carnivore Country” which was very informative. You never know where these critters are going to show up. Our son in north Cheyenne sent me a video of a mountain lion running through his yard last week, just a day after our visit with him!!! Neal Perkins, it looked like the lion was headed your way!!

Happy 4th of July from Terry and I and good luck to all during the August hunts!!!

Life is great at full draw.

Harvey Dalton - Past President
FROM THE SECRETARY - HANNAH SUMMERS

Happy summer!

It seems like our summer temperatures are finally here. I’ve been enjoying watching the antelope and deer fawn become more and more present. It’s been mostly dry around Cheyenne, but I’m glad to see some other parts of the state getting plenty of rain. Hopefully this translates into a healthy crop of animals for the fall.

BOW recently participated in our annual Wyoming Game and Fish Department meeting. Most of the BOW executive council was in attendance, along with a few additional BOW members, and representatives from WGFD across the state. Topics discussed included:

- Newly proposed late-season deer tags
- Season setting process
- Crossbows
- An update on the corner-crossing case
- CWD mandatory sampling areas
- Feed grounds
- Sage grouse lek monitoring
- Wyoming Wildlife Task Force updates
- Antelope leftover draw
- Upcoming G&F commission meetings
- BOW updates

The meeting was productive and a valuable tool for BOW to maintain our relationship and collaboration with WGFD.

The email newsletter is quickly developing, and I hope everyone is finding it useful. So far, I’ve used the email newsletter to send out time-sensitive news such as announcements about upcoming BOW events and meetings, calls for comments on public decision-making processes related to hunting rules and regulations, and upcoming local archery shoots held by BOW affiliate clubs. If there is anything else you’d like to see in these newsletters, please send me an email at: secretary@bowhuntersofwyoming.org.

There are also many members for whom we still do not have email addresses. If you have friends/family who are BOW members, please check with them to see if they’re receiving the BOW emails.

I hope everyone had some luck with their tags this year and is starting to plan their fall adventures. Can’t wait to see pictures and hear about everyone’s success!

Happy hunting,

Hannah Summers - Secretary
HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING EMAILS FROM INFO@BOWHUNTERSOFWYOMING.ORG?

If not, please check your Junk Mail and if there is nothing there, please send us your current email address.

Back in May, we started sending emails to all members that we have an email address for to keep you informed of things happening in BOW and items that you might be interested in. These emails have consisted of information on the Even Family Raffle, recommendations by the Wyoming Wildlife Task Force needing input, Game & Fish Survey on changing the current Preference Point System to a weight Bonus Point System, upcoming shoot, and asking for Stories, pictures, recipes and other items from our members for the newsletter. Email is the best way that we can keep our members informed of things that are going on between our quarterly newsletters.

If we don’t have your email address, would you please send me an email so we can add you to the list so you will receive these informative emails. Please email me at treasurer@bowhuntersofwyoming.org.

Thanks,

Susan Barrett
I have no way of knowing how many years the antler was stuck on top of this old dead pitch limb with the tree growing around it.
Many, many years ago, I was fortunate enough to be able to walk down several lions and photograph them either on kills or just bedded up under rock ledges. One day a friend of mine, Bill Adkins, and myself decided to see if Bill could get some Super 8 footage of a lion. We went into a canyon on the North end of the Bighorns where we jumped a lion that headed into the next drainage. We went to the top of sheer rock face and I could see in the snow below that a lion had not came this way. I left Bill there while I went back to try and push the lion toward him. Eventually when I made it back to Bill, there were fresh lion tracks in the snow but Bill hadn’t noticed the cat go underneath him at about 60 yards. This story deals with what I found when I left Bill to try and push the cat.

As I went down the ridge I came across this 8 point elk antler that was almost completely encompassed by the growth of this ponderosa pine. I proceeded on down and jumped the cat, then went back to Bill and we proceeded back to the tree. We took many pictures and discovered underneath the pine needles there was another antler almost completely decomposed and probably the matching antler. Several months later, Susan and I went up and murdered that tree and packed out the piece of log and the antler that is in very fragile condition. It has resided in my trophy room for well over 40 years.

Recently I sanded the top as smooth as I could get it and tried to count the growth rings. I ended up taking a digital picture of the newest growth rings and enlarging it in order to find the age of the tree. To the best of my ability I counted the growth rings to 113 years old at the time I cut it in the spring of 1979. Here is a photograph of the tree rings with a few dates to give perspective. The one I get a kick out of is the seven year ring that would have been in 1876 when Custer was killed about 47 miles downstream of this tree.

I have no way of knowing how many years the antler was stuck on top of this old dead pitch limb with the tree growing around it. My guess would be 30 to 40 years. It was about that time that there were very, very few elk in the Bighorns from what I understand.

Anyway, this is one of my treasures that I have found while stomping across the prairies and through the mountains. This is one of the many items that I included in a presentation at the Montana Bowhunters Association meeting this “ROTTEN BONE” spring.

On a sadder note, I am writing this on June 28th, tomorrow I am attending Bill’s funeral in Cody, Wyoming. Rest in peace Bill.

Mike Barrett, Dayton, WY

P.S. Susan made me write this story — if there are any smart remarks about the skinny guy with black hair, I will kick you in the zipper.
AREA 1 REPORT: WAYNE HUHTALA

Hello BOW Members,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone with a fist full of tags for this year. Me? Not so much, but I’m okay with that as I used plenty of luck last year. So it’ll be some General Tags for me.

Speaking of the newsletter, I’m so proud of being a part of this new format, BOW is coming up in the world and I’m not sure if this should be called a newsletter any longer, but instead a magazine!

Now is the time to get out and scout. There sure seems to be plenty of animals around and if you can put a few “keepers” in the memory bank you’ll be ahead of the game. Keep those binoculars handy!

It’s also time to be sure your bow is tuned up, everything on it is tight, your broadheads and knives are sharp. When the opportunity arises you want to be sure that you’re ready.

Good luck, take a youngster hunting, and please stay safe.

Wayne Huhtala - Area 1 Rep

AREA 2 REPORT: JASON STAFFORD

What a difference a couple of months can make. Last report I wrote about the gloom and doom of the extreme drought conditions we were having in Northwest Wyoming. Now we are inundated with water, which isn’t a bad thing for wildlife. Most waterholes are full with new ones popping up and the landscape is a beautiful lush green. It kind of gets a guy excited for fall.

Speaking of fall, most western state draws have been posted and many of you are currently planning your hunts. I hope everyone got at least a couple of tags, so they can get out and chase critters.

Congratulations to those of you that were able to tag spring bears and turkeys. My daughter Baylee and I spent a lot of time trying to get her a bear with her bow, but we didn’t quite get it done. We were close a couple of times but it just didn’t work out, maybe this fall. Baylee and I shot in the K bar Z 3D shoot a couple of weeks ago. It was quite the adventure with an almost constant drizzle.

There is not much to report out of my area as far as Game and Fish actions, but at the state level the Wyoming Wildlife Taskforce is proposing many proposals that could affect Wyoming’s hunters in the near future. I would strongly encourage you all to keep updated on their proposals and VOICE your opinions and concerns.

Unfortunately, what I’m seeing as a result of these proposals is sad. If you visit any hunting forum you will quickly see all the diversity between non-residents pitted against residents, hell even residents against residents. I personally support ALL sportsmen and women after all we share a passion for wildlife and hunting. Is there one correct answer? I don’t think so, I would just encourage everyone to be considerate to their fellow sportsmen and women because we all do a lot for Wyoming’s wildlife.

Jason Stafford - Area 2 Rep
Annual Bow Hunter Weekend

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Saturday 7:00 to 10:00 am
Sunday: Shotgun start 8 am

Registration fee:

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Classes:
(please note new BHFSM class)

Adult Men and Women (18 years and older)
- Trad: Recurve/Longbow, no sights, no stabilizer, finger release. Max yardage 35 (Unknown Yardage)
- Bowhunter Freestyle (BHFS): movable sights NOT allowed, no magnification, no stabilizers longer than 12”, mechanical release. (Unknown Yardage)
- Bowhunter Freestyle Modified (BHFSM): movable sights are allowed, no magnification, no stabilizers longer than 12” quiver. Quivers are allowed, mechanical release.
- Open: Shoot what you brought. (NO Crossbows).
- Championship: Known yardage. Bring your own rangefinder. Max yardage 60-Mens 45-Womens
- Hunter: No payback, No awards.
- Seniors (50+): Open, BHFS, BHFSM and TRAD.

17 years old and under classes:
- Young Adult (15 – 17 years old) TRAD, BHFS, BHFSM, Open
- Youth (12 – 14 years old) TRAD, BHFS, BHFSM, Open Max Yardage 45 (Cubs and Youth Score Saturday Only!)
- Cubs (11 years old and younger) TRAD, BHFS, BHFSM, Open Max Yardage 35

Scoring:
- 1 arrow scoring, center 12-10-8-5
- 40 targets each day, shotgun start on Sunday.
- Young adults will shoot with their class on Sunday.
- Youth and cubs will shoot for score on Saturday only.

Flighting:
- Saturdays score is used to determine flight on Sunday. All shooters start even on Sunday.
- Sunday’s score determines winner of each flight and overall winner of class.

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THIS IS YOUR MAGAZINE!

BOW IS ALL ABOUT OUR MEMBERS. WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR HUNTS, FAVORITE STORIES, TIPS AND TACTICS, AND WHATEVER IS IMPORTANT TO YOU! PLEASE SEND YOUR STORIES, PHOTOS, AND THOUGHTS TO EDITOR@BOWHUNTERSOFWYOMING.ORG
Hello All!

It's been a whirlwind of a few months. A lot has been going on state wide and in Area 3.

Congrats to everyone who drew tags in Wyoming, and double congrats for those who have been building points out of state and cashed them in this year. That seems to be a good kicking off point for this first topic.

The big game draw in Wyoming is mercurial among residents. Many feel it is flawed in an assortment of ways, and others feel it is practically perfect. I am not here to campaign either way, but to encourage all of you to get involved. Take Task Force surveys, comment on the preference vs bonus point poll, these are ways to get your name in the hat, per say, for having your opinion evaluated. Attend Game and Fish meetings in person or virtually, take the surveys that are sent to you or on the WGFD website. Your voice and vote matters, so use it! B.O.W had its annual meeting with WGFD and member attendance was low. The timing wasn't ideal for members, but this is a direct way to talk with your local wildlife officers about issues in your regions.

Access is a hot point as well. There is a large land swap being proposed in Campbell county that was in the Email Newsletter sent out by our Secretary, Hannah. I would recommend residents take an interest in these proposals. Joel found out about it by keeping his ear to the ground and staying current on local issues. These land swaps have implications for many future generations, whether good or bad.

Now on to lighter stuff! With September quickly approaching, it's been great seeing some members out shooting and practicing. Members have been going to 3D events in Wyoming or neighboring states and that's great to see. Make sure you tag BOW or send them in to PR guru Sam so he can share our member success photos and photos of you out and about! It was nice seeing some members at the Total Archery Challenge in Terry Peak, and at many of the local shoots and at the local ranges.

Speaking of Sam, did you see his new video out in collaboration with Stone Glacier?! Check it out on YouTube and support one of our members success! Nice work Sam and Predators Never Quit!

The BOW Bighorn Mountain Highway clean up was a great success. It was great to chat with members, talk tags, and help keep a portion of the Bighorns beautiful. Thanks to all that took time to come help. If any members have ideas of other projects or fence removals and want to get some help with them, please be vocal and reach out.

Draw results mean scouting season is in full swing. Get out there and have fun doing so! It's been very wet this year and I have been seeing some phenomenal antler growth this spring.

The mule deer are looking very healthy, and I can't remember seeing a better crop of antelope bucks. If you run into other people scouting, please remember to be polite and respectful.

Cheers and Straight Shooting,

Tony Ostheimer - Area 3 Rep
AREA 4 REPORT: DAVE BAER

I have groused about the conditions concerning limited quota licenses. Even though I drew one of those coveted licenses this year, I have sympathy for the many who felt the disappointment as I have in the past. South of Rock Springs there are two elk and deer areas that are about as hard to draw as a moose tag.

If you are a non resident, and you don’t draw, at least you earn a preference point. The resident gets a “maybe next year”. Personally, I don’t want or like the preference point system. What I would like is a “Hunting license” to be purchased before you could apply for a limited quota tag.

This would do a couple of things that are positive. It would give Game and Fish an ongoing revenue source. Whether you drew or not, this fee would go directly to G&F. You could tie a small game/fishing permit to it to make it more edible for both res and non res applicants. It would prevent or at least make more expensive the cheaters who apply for the whole family so the old man can take their “family” hunting. General License area’s are a good place to start sons and daughters in their hunting career.

We probably need a waiting period for those who were successful in those hard to draw limited quota areas. Three years seems about right, and spreads the wealth so to speak.

The delay in getting the regulations out probably cost me the chance for an additional elk and whitetail deer tag as well. It is hard to imagine in this computer age what takes so long to get those regs out.

We had a mild winter, cold wet spring, and a slow summer so far. That makes for good fawn survival. Very low winter kill and we seem to have survived green up pretty well. While the drought has not broken, we have put a little dent in it this spring. Hopefully a good after/horn growing season with a good fall to follow.

I am sure you all like the new format for the newsletter. That was President Tom’s idea and a good one. Fortunately, we have talented people to put it all together and pull it off.

Look for the 3-D shoots hosted by affiliated clubs and attend. It is a real good venue to introduce someone new to archery. It is such a safe and happy thing to do, that I hope we all can introduce young people to archery.

Best of luck to you all in the tag lottery. Enjoy your summer and shoot a lot.

Remember to follow thru,

Dave Baer - Area 4 Rep

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AREA 5 REPORT: CHAD MCKINNEY

Hello all from Area 5, the south-eastern corridor of the state! The weather is amazing, grass is already turning past green (yes, it’s hot and dry down here). We need some rain and we need it soon!

Spring is behind us and hopefully y’all had great successes with spring bear and turkey. Unbelievable that 2022 is already halfway over and summer scouting is in full swing – I hope I’m not alone in saying what a blessing of a draw season it was for us! Late nights and long weekends have been spent in the hills and we are itching for August 15th antelope opener.

I want to give a huge shout-out and hat tip to our new Executive Councill as well as a giant trustworthy hand from the past council in our vision for the future. There is and has been a tremendous amount of behind the scenes time dedicated to revamping BOW newsletter, magazine and new e-newsletter! Your generosity of the time commitments is not going unnoticed by anyone! Members - hopefully you’re as excited as all of us! The amount of work they are putting in to modernize BOW for Wyoming to be competitive with surrounding states is a testament for being on the council ... I'm ecstatic to be apart of this group and very optimistic about where we are going to take BOW!

Being my professional career in money and finance, I’m super excited to put your hard-earned fundraising cash you can see on the Treasurer’s report to work in a positive way. Hopefully this is just the beginning of what’s coming!

With summer in full swing, and all of us hopefully shooting daily to perfect our upcoming season, make sure you get out to the 3D shoots! You can travel somewhere almost every single weekend between Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota and Utah for a shoot of some kind - preparation for the crunch time is best suited with a group of your best friends on a hot weekend smacking foam!

We are very excited for the 2023 banquet and a big welcome to Wyoming for Kifaru International, Area 6 rep Amy Snyder and husband Aron. We are really looking forward to the banquet in Riverton!

I am hopeful to speak with any and all of your through our numerous communication channels. Please and as always never hesitate to get in touch via email area5rep@bowhuntersofwyoming.org or call/text (307) 321-5365.

Always wax your string!

Chad McKinney – Area 5 Rep

AREA 6 REPORT: AMY SNYDER

Howdy everyone!

This month has been busy and great for District 6! Kifaru is getting ready to open their doors, and my real estate has been taking off as well. A few of us have been working together to get things started on the Banquet here in Riverton. We have The Hampton Inn on board for discounted rooms for all attendees, and they are even going to find a van to use as a shuttle for those who don’t want to drive back and forth to the event!

Kifaru’s grand opening is on August 13th and I plan to be there handing out information on BOW memberships, so please come by and join the festivities!

I was so busy with the move and settling in that I didn’t get a chance to put in for the draw this year, but I am going to see what I can do OTC. Aron and I do have a few fun archery hunts coming up in other states, so stay tuned!

We attended the South Dakota TAC event and got to meet lots of amazing people in the outdoor world, it’s definitely an event (there are several throughout the US) that you should consider attending if you never have, they are super fun! Hope everyone is having a great summer and you are gearing up for September!!!!

Amy Snyder - Area 6 Rep
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AREA 7 REPORT: GLEN REED

I hope I find you all in good health. Please know how important it is to take good care of yourself and your loved ones. Every day with them a treasure.

If you like the seasons like I do, Wyoming is the place to be. You can have all four in just a few weeks just like this spring has been. For a few weeks every year, Wyoming is as pretty as any place in the States, sad thing is that it only lasts a short time as Spring turns to Summer. That’s one of the reasons we love Wyoming.

To the hunters, this can be a really stressful time of year, waiting to see if we drew tags for our favorite areas. I hope all of you are making plans for the Fall and they include pursuit of your favorite game animal. With all the proposed Regulation changes, we are looking for big change in the way we hunt and what we hunt. Most hunters, like myself, have taken for granted what we have had for so long and don’t want to lose what we have.

Un fortunately, due to multiple life events, I wasn’t able to get out myself and I’m sure I missed a lot of good opportunities.

Practice, practice, practice. There are many archery tournaments coming up and you can combine a lot of fun with that practice.

Take good care, may all your shots be true.

Glen Reed - Area 7 Rep

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The deer season was winding down and a deep cold settled in after Christmas. The acorns and soybeans were long gone and so were the deer of the fall. Turning south of my usual haunts was a couple of fallow fields now grown up in weeds. A line of oak trees separated the two fields and although the tracks were not heavy, some deer were using the tree line for cover as they worked North and South.

Rumaging through my hunting clothes, I soon realized that almost all of them were made for fair weather. My old hunting hat was a jones style designed for duck hunters in the fall rather than deer stands in the winter. Funny thing about a hunting hat is the loyalty we lend them. Right next to our bow, we have to have our lucky hat before we set out.

World War II camo (aka Free Bear Camo today) was the only pattern available to us back in the day, and my friends and I were absolutely insistent on wearing it. Funny now how little importance I place on camouflage today.

My Dad always wore heavy red and black or green and black plaid wool shirts, so I went to see him and borrow one of his shirts. While I was there, he offered a Eddy Bauer down vest. Back in the day, the wool clothes were pretty standard outdoor gear, but the goose down was the latest and greatest thing going. He also had a dress hat made out of brown fur with no brim. Kind of like the barracks cap that soldiers wore except that it was some kind of fake fur and had ear flaps inside. Boy, it looked warm.

A day or two passed and the weather got colder and colder. This was no matter because I had to work anyway. No wind, just that creeping cold, bone chilling cold that just took the fun out of anything outside. But I crammed all that wool and down over my wool union suit and headed to that oak tree line. I walked slow with several breaks so as not to sweat thereby not chilling as I waited for that buck. Reluctantly, I wore Dad’s fur hat that day. Climbing the white oak about ten feet I pulled my bow up and drew it a few times to test it with all those layers of wool and down. Put the flaps down on the hat and I felt warm and secure standing on the limb of that leafless oak. Then the self lecture of staying still until dark. No getting down until after legal hunting hours. No candy ass “I’m cold, I wanna quit.”

Finally, sundown! Ten more minutes of legal hunting time. Anyone should be able to do that. But damn, I’m cold. One more look to the west and Bam! Never heard it coming, never saw it either. Just a strong pull on the top of my head and Dad’s hat was gone. The heat left my head with the speed of a waterfall and the cold and adrenaline rush had me shaking.

The perpetrator was a very large, very startled Great horned owl who was surprised that my hat was not the fox squirrel he thought it to be. He dropped it fifty yards out in the field. Climbing down, gathered my hat and walked stiffly to the truck. The hat was no worse for the wear. Since that hunt I have acquired wool and other warm garb including a couple of Susan Barretts hats that don’t look anything like a squirrel. I may go thru another stand hunt in an old oak tree in the cold December weather, but rest assured I will not be wearing a fur hat.
Q: TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.

My name is Neal Kiehne and my wife, Mar, and I are the owners of Archery Unlimited, LLC. We are from Southeastern Minnesota. My wife, Mary, and I moved to Wyoming 23 years ago. I currently serve as the Wyoming State Chair for the Mule Deer Foundation. In 2021, I was selected as the MDF Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. I am a strong supporter of the Mule Deer Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Muley Fanatic Foundation, National Rifle Association, and National Wild Turkey Federation. In my free time, I like to ride my motorcycle and of course, hunt.

Q: TELL US ABOUT YOUR SHOP AND ITS HISTORY.

One day in 2006 while I was working as a general contractor, a sub-contractor said to me that he wished there was an archery shop in town. Without hesitation, I made a few phone calls. One thing led to the next and before I knew it a business plan was put together and within a year my wife, Mary, and I opened Archery Unlimited, LLC. Archery Unlimited, LLC started in what formerly was our remodeled hay shed. Since, we have doubled our retail space and added on a 30-yard indoor 3D range. Our outdoor range extends to 135 yards. This year marks 15 years of being open and we certainly couldn’t have done it without all our loyal customers.

Q: HOW DID YOU GET INTO ARCHERY?

I started shooting a bow 50 years ago! My brother bought me a left-handed recurve and I shot it with the strings on backwards (I think it was a pacifier type thing)! I’ve been hooked ever since!

Neal Kiehne of Archery Unlimited LLC in Star Valley, Wyoming.
Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPECIES TO HUNT?

My favorite species to hunt is the current open season. In the spring you can’t go wrong with black bear or turkeys. As soon as fall hits, I like to hunt mule deer early and end the season with elk. Like many archery hunters, if there is an open season I’m there! One of my favorite hunts to date was a New Zealand Red Stag with my wife Mary. I am looking forward to an Alaska Caribou hunt in 2023.

Q: WHAT KIND OF SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE AT YOUR SHOP?

We are a full-service archery pro shop offering custom bow strings from High Alpine, complete tunes with paper walk backs and broadhead tuning. We also run archery leagues weekly, starting in October! We carry everything from kids bows to high-end hunting bows and all the accessories. We offer lessons and training for all levels from beginners to elite.

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Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF RUNNING A BOW SHOP?

Owning Archery Unlimited LLC has given us the opportunity to connect and meet some of the top professionals in the archery and outdoor industry. With the large number of non-resident hunters that come into the area you never know who is going to walk through our doors. While we are in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah are our close neighbors! Over the years we have made some very good friends, some out of their misfortune (you just never know what will happen in September and we are here for you)! It also has been fun watching the industry evolve into what it is now with the cutting-edge technology.

Q: WHAT BRANDS DO YOU CARRY?

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Neal Kiehne after a successful archery turkey hunt.

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Archery Unlimited LLC sells a wide variety of bow equipment, including Mathews, Hoyt, Bear, and Bowtech bows.

**Q: WHERE AND WHEN CAN PEOPLE FIND YOU?**

Archery Unlimited, LLC is located on 134 County Road 108, Etna, Wyoming 83118. We are 2 miles north of Etna, or 8 miles south of Alpine. Look for the sign on the west side of Highway 89. You can give us a call at (307) 884-3488 or follow us on social media. Our business hours are Monday-Friday (10am - 5pm), Saturday (9am - 1pm) and by appointment. We are certainly happy to stay late or come early to help accommodate busy schedules. Find us on social media at Archery Unlimited LLC, or @archeryunlimitedllc.

**Q: WHY DO YOU SUPPORT BOWHUNTERS OF WYOMING?**

I support Bowhunters of Wyoming because like myself, they are always looking to help the next generation of archery hunters. Bowhunters of Wyoming has collectively grown into a group of dedicated bow hunters preserving and protecting the future of hunting in Wyoming.

**Q: ANY CLOSING WORDS?**

Thanks for choosing Archery Unlimited LLC. We look forward to meeting you and setting your bow up for a successful hunt. Stop in anytime, even if it is just to say hello to our greeters (Oakley and Timber)!
Area 3 Fence Removal Project

BOW members in Area 3 met up on July 5th to remove old fence from a section of state land in northern Campbell County. They also filled a 55 gallon drum with Canadian Thistles. It was a good morning to give back to wildlife!
Above: Area 3 member and BOW Public Relations Chair Sam Davis with his spring black bear. Below: Area 2 member Ron Niziolek with his black bear (shot at 12 yards!).

Above: Non-resident member Matt Palmquist with his Prince of Wales, AK black bear. Below: Non-resident member Adrianne Swan with her spring black bear.
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Below: Non-resident member Adrianne Swan with her spring black bear.

Above: Non-resident member Luke Giesey with his spring black bear.
Below: Area 3 member Randy Giesey with his black bear.
BOW MEMBER SUCCESS PHOTOS

Top Left: Non-resident member Matt Palmquist with his Kansas turkey.
Top Right: Area 3 member Randy Giesey with his mountain lion.
Middle Left: Area 2 Rep Jason Stafford with his spring black bear.
Middle Right: Area 3 member and BOW Public Relations Chair Sam Davis with a coyote.
Bottom Right: Area 6 Rep Amy Snyder with her turkey.

Nice shooting, everyone!
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• 1 Tbsp sugar
• 3 cloves garlic (minced)
• 1/4 cup olive oil
• 1 pound venison steaks (cubed)
• 8 oz of mushrooms
• 1 onion (cut in chunks)
• 2 bell peppers (cut in chunks)
• 1 can pineapple (cubed)

DIRECTIONS
1. Combine margarita mix, salt, sugar, garlic and olive oil. Mix well.
2. Place cubed venison steak in a one gallon ziploc bag and add the margarita mixture. Let marinade for at least a half hour - longer is better.
3. Remove marinated steak from bag and reserve left over marinade.
4. Assemble kabobs by alternating meat, vegetables, and pineapple.
5. Brush everything with a liberal amount of the reserved marinade and grill.
6. Enjoy!

NOTE FROM THE CHEF
Here’s an easy, but really good recipe. Kris Winkelman, Babe Winkelman’s wife, did this recipe on one of his shows and it’s been a keeper at this house. Kris did it with whitetail, but any game meat works. I keep a bottle of Jose Cuervo Margarita Mix around just for this recipe.
- Wayne Huhtala

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> Hunts with only a bow that is hand held and hand drawn during the archery season.

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Bowhunters of Wyoming visited the Mountain Archery Fest held at Antelope Butte Ski Area the weekend of July 8 - 10, 2022. This was the first time Mountain Archery Fest held an event in Wyoming, and it was a huge success. BOW signed up 19 new members, including one life member! Additionally, BOW members had a blast shooting the various courses and competing. Some of the courses were incredibly challenging, to say the least!

Susan Barrett (BOW Treasurer and Membership Chair) and Mike Barrett volunteer at the BOW Tent at the 2022 Mountain Archery Fest held at Antelope Butte Ski Area. BOW was successful in signing up nearly 20 new members at the event. Thank you to all the BOW members who volunteered their time at the tent!

Above: Bystanders watch as someone shoots at BOW’s fun shoot on the archery range. One lucky winner got to take home a Shooter Bear 3D archery target.

Left: Tom Hurley and son Will shoot at the practice range.
Above: Tony Ostheimer, BOW Area 3 Rep kneels to get a better shot at a brush-covered target.

Below: A group of archers shoot at a distant Dahl Sheep target on the hillside.

Area 3 member and BOW Public Relations Chair Sam Davis and his wife Payton Davis pose with their medals after they each took second place in the mens and womens bowhunter divisions of the competition shoot.

An arrow pierces the lip of a bear, barely avoiding a miss after a challenging downhill 100+ yard shot.

Hannah Summers, BOW Secretary sits at full draw while aiming at a target in the shadows.
2022 Wyoming Outdoor Expo: By the numbers
May 5-7 | Ford Wyoming Center - Casper

- 5,471 attendees
  - 41 schools
  - 2,747 students
  - 2,724 public

- 390 miles
  The longest roundtrip conducted by a school to attend Expo

- 69 exhibitors
  - 37 Game and Fish booths
  - 7 Wyoming State Park booths
  - 25 partner booths

- 69 exhibitors
  - 34 students received their hunter education certificates

- 37 partners + sponsors

Volunteers from Bowhunters of Wyoming joined the 2022 Wyoming Outdoor Expo in Casper, Wyoming to help introduce youth to bowhunting. The event was a huge success, with over 5,000 attendees total, including nearly 3,000 youth from schools and nearly 3,000 additional general public attendees.

BOW is proud to be a participant in events like this, and thanks the members and volunteers that make BOW’s presence possible!
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