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Game Feast October 12th

The annual fall Game Feast will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. 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".

For those concerned about CWD, please feel free to bring a non-wild game meat dish. If you are bringing a deer or elk dish, and had it tested, noting that on the dish might help allay some concerns. However, the U.S. Center for Disease Control's National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center has found no evidence of any link between CWD and CJD, nor have they found any higher incidence of CJD among hunters than non-hunters (1/1 million).

Come early to avoid missing any of the juicy hunting tales and outstanding recipes.

Jamboree Update

The 2002 Colorado Bowhunter Jamboree at Camp Hale was, as usual, well-attended by FCAA members. The club found a camping area large enough to accommodate the 75-80 members and families who attended.

The Saturday night barbecue featured BBQ beef and pork, as well as the usual assortment of salads. A special thanks goes out to Toby Trujillo for organizing that event.

Other than a good number of broken arrows and sore legs from hiking the steep hillside on the "extreme" course, Club members managed to get home without any serious mishaps. That course did result in a serious ankle injury and a mild heart attack for two other unfortunate CBA members.

DOW Youth Day

The FCAA volunteered to teach archery during the DOW Outdoor Youth program, held at the Swift Ponds. This program, sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, is aimed at urban and "at risk" youth who would not ordinarily be exposed to outdoor activities. There were a number of outdoor skills sessions offered, including fishing, shooting and gun safety, survival skills, and archery.

Participating club members included Troy Tafoya, Toby Trujillo, Jim and Stacey Litchfield, Michel Magers and Lou Phillippe. Approximately 60 kids were introduced to archery, and the enthusiasm shown by many was very encouraging. A good number came back for a second and third round of shooting.

Upcoming Events

- ➔ Game Feast Oct 12, 6:00 p.m.
- ➔ Open Board Mtg Nov 5, 7:00 p.m.
- ➔ Range Work Day Nov 9, 8:00 a.m.
- ➔ Range Work Day Dec 7, 8:00 a.m.

Fred Bear Shoot



The Club held a "Fred Bear style shoot on the last Wednesday in August. 50% payback was offered in each class. Scoring for this shoot differs from typical IBO type 3-D scoring, in that the "12 ring" scores 15 points, the "10 ring" scores 10, the "8 ring" scores 5 points, and anything out of the score rings, but still in the foam, counts as a minus 5. A clean miss is scored as zero. This is a good hunting warmup, as bad shots are penalized, as opposed to being scored as a 5 in IBO scoring.

The winners were:

Unlimited:

Paul Bray	275
Jim Hateley	225
Tom Christian	200

Limited:

Scott Moore	250
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Barebow:

John Peters	125
Evan Peters	125

Traditional:

Tom Clum	170
Rod Albers	150
Rob Tio	140

Wednesday League Results Session 3

Cub:

Ashton Thorne	676
Heath Anderson	204

Youth:

Mathew Mathieson	252
Danny Clum	224
Jordan Waller	150

Traditional:

Tom Hagerman	744
Troy Tafoya	744
Tom Kelley	731

Women:

Alicia Viskoe	778
Marci Larson	592

Limited:

Willis Slunaker	878
Keith Reitz	743

Unlimited:

Samm Hollenbeck	892
Pat Beckett	880
Ken Yoder	818

Barebow:

Jon Peters	683
Alan Mathieson	373

Wednesday League Results Session 4

Cub:

Jamie Clawson	191
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Youth:

Tyler Clawson	568
Danny Clum	468
Robbie Johnson	334

Traditional:

Tom Clum	744
Troy Tafoya	741
Tom Hagerman	737

Women:

Alicia Viskoe	764
Marci Larson	664

Limited:

Willis Slunaker	883
Leroy Ewing	651

Unlimited:

Rick Erbes	928
Tony Mozal	927
Jake Clendenning	856

Barebow:

Jon Peters	714
Alan Mathieson	649

The Editor Shoots Back

Some random musings gathered while wandering around aimlessly in the elk woods:

- Why is it that I often daydream about hunting while trying to complete some important project around the house or at work, but while I'm deep in the elk woods, I sometimes have to fight to keep from thinking about projects at home or at work?
- How is it that aspen trees can move so quickly when startled? I've arrowed enough aspens over the last 30 years to make a couple of cords of firewood. They just stand there until an arrow is released. Then they seem to just jump into the path and in front of the intended animal. Maybe aspens and critters have an arrangement worked out...
- How is it that one can shoot an entire 3-D round without missing a target, but miss a whole elk at 20 yards?
- Why do elk bugle like crazy one morning, but those same elk in the same place are totally quiet the next morning?
- Why do some people insist on hunting elk bedding areas during the middle of the day while the wind is going every which way, knowing full-well that they're going to scare the elk? Why do those same people complain that the elk they were hunting just "disappeared" after the first couple of days?
- Why do some hunters, after finding a great little honeyhole to hunt, feel compelled to take everyone they've ever met to that no-longer-secret spot? I don't get it.
- How come everybody suddenly is all worried about CWD, when it's been around for over 30 years, probably much longer, with no correlation shown between eating game meat and the occurrence of human CJD? One would think if there were an issue there would be a bunch of hunters and their families in Northern CO who have been presumably eating infected deer getting CJD, but that's not the case. In fact, the occurrence of CJD in CO is slightly *lower* than the global average of 1/1million people. Would everyone be so upset if the alarmist TV talking heads and the sensationalist print media hadn't gotten hold of it to turn it into this years BIG ISSUE?
- Why did it take the DOW until halfway through the archery season to figure out a way for archers to get additional cow elk tags? That one seems like a no-brainer, but then.....

Good luck to those of you still hunting. I'm headed out to the plains to chase big mulies.

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