

The **TARGET**

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Evergreen Archery Club Newsletter

Elk BY Heath Harmon

The still morning air is pierced by a haunting scream that devolves to guttural chuckling like no other sound in the woods. Similar answers erupt before the end note and fill the morning with a cacophony of noise that shakes the listener to their core.

A pine tree is thrashed with massive, hard bone, sending branches and needles flying. All that is left is bare trunk, so great is the aggression of the beast.

The pristine babbling brook is defiled with urine and the huge bodies that wallow in it to enforce their masculinity to would-be challengers and potential lovers.

People ask why we hunt such beautiful animals. We wonder why they don't.



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From the President



Wow that was fast! I can't believe September is already gone and another early elk and deer season is over. I hope that at least a few of you managed to brave the heat and got to punch your tag. For those of us who did not, there is always late season!

September was a quiet month for the club. In fact, after opening day, the range has been like a ghost town. We do have a few things coming up on October 21, 22, and 23. The board has chosen Heath Harmon, Bill Young, Brandon Peterson and myself as our Club's delegates to represent the Club at the WSAA convention. At the convention we will take part in setting the tournament calendar for next year.

On November 19th & 20th we will be hosting the WSAA Indoor FITA at Spokane Valley Archery. This is another new shoot, but it's not a whole lot different than other indoor shoots that you've shot. 60 arrows at a 40 cm vertical colored target and the shooting styles are

the USA Archery Division styles. It has to be more fun that raking the leaves, so come out and give it a try! If you plan to make it, please take the time and pre-register so that we have an idea of how many shooters there will be.

We have also recently been contacted by USA Archery asking if we would host a USA Archery Team trials event again. Apparently, things did not go well last year in Yankton and a lot of the shooters brought our name up as a club that puts on a good shoot for them. It's not set in stone yet, but it looks like we will be

hosting other USA Archery Team trials in May! This is a great benefit for our club so I am working with Jim Cowgill to do what we can to make it happen. It's a lot of work, but well worth it!

Shoot Straight,

Wade Moore, President, EAC

Wade's Quote Of The Month:

Target Panic

If archer shoots just for fun he has all his skill.

If he shoots for score his hands tremble and his breath is uneasy.

If he shoots for a golden price he becomes mad and blind.

His skill was not lessened, but the vision of the target changed him.

~ Unknown Author

DONATIONS NEEDED

January will find Evergreen hosting our annual Awards Banquet and the club needs YOUR HELP! We are currently accepting donations to be given as prizes at the Awards Banquet. If you or some you know has goods or services and would be willing to donate them to the club, please contact Wade Moore.

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Attend club events and preserve the memories for use in the newsletter, on the website and other promotional materials. If you're qualified and have your own equipment, get your club volunteer hours and some photo credits at the same time! Contact Heath @ mharmon@comcast.net or 509-385-1437.

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EAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ 9/1/2011

- Meeting called to order by President Wade Moore
- Present: Wade Moore, Jeff Gratz, Gary Joyce, Steve McDaniel, Chris Bohr, Heath Harmon, Dave Tripp, Tom Maisano
- Treasurers Report read and approved

OLD BIZ:

- Gary Joyce reported the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" shoot for veterans from Afghanistan was put on by Gary, Ed Gomez, and JB Barr. 18 shooters attended, and it was reported they had a blast.
- Regarding Brian Fritts, outdoor range property manager, Jeff is still trying to contact him regarding lease length and lease cost for 2011.
- Some proposed 2012 club shoot dates may have to be revised, to be determined at state convention.
- 4 delegates representing EAC for state convention were chosen: Heath Harmon, Bill Young, Wade Moore, and Brandon Peterson. Club proposed paying Brandon's dues to become WSAA member. Motion seconded and approved.
- Wade **STILL** needs to get club checking account @ Numerica
- Bales on the north course need repair. Work party Oct 1 @ 8:00 for bale pressing @ range.
- Heath Harmon contacting area clubs for proposed winter league 3 spot tournament.
- Heath Harmon researching costs for EAC apparel. Members will order and pay for themselves. Link will be provided on the website.
- September 24th WDFW holding public input meeting for setting hunting seasons.

NEW BIZ:

- Gary Joyce proposed the club adopt an expense voucher system for club member expenses. Receipts would need to be turned in for accounting. Tabled for vote @ October board meeting.
- Heath Harmon suggested we get the club newsletter linked to website. Require a password so only current members can view. Motion voted and passed.
- Wade Moore proposed the club purchase time clocks for our indoor tournaments. He will research costs and report to board for vote.
- Adjourned.



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Adventures in Bowhunting

Season Three

WITH **Heath Harmon**



You may remember I set out bait piles and game cameras at my hunting oasis in the last issue. I've not baited for deer before, though I have seen the results from other hunters. Whether you agree with the practice or not, baiting is effective. After two and a half days I couldn't take it anymore and had to see if my efforts had paid off. According to the numbers, my first camera had 1991 photos on it! WOAH! The bait pile was largely untouched, but had obviously seen some action! I swapped in a fresh card and headed back to the car.

With palatable anticipation I loaded the card in my MacBook in the front seat and began pouring through the first couple of frames. My heart sank as I saw frame after frame of shifting grass and tree tops swaying... and no deer. The camera was loaded with blanks. I sat back and sighed.

My hopes fading, I fumbled through the pictures. Blank, blank, blank... 25 frames in and nothing. Then, suddenly, DEER! Real, live deer, and one was a buck! A spike, sure, but A BUCK! This oddly antlered spike and his companion (mother?) were the first to discover my bait pile. They hung around for half an hour and were then joined by another young doe. Then the action started to heat up. At 8:32 pm the second day a young 4 point showed up! A legal deer! After eating his fill, ANOTHER legal deer appeared! This one a 3x4 with a similar rack, but an extra inch or two on each tine and a touch wider spread. Wow.

Two legal deer.

As the camera continued taking pictures through the night, the infrared flash worked its magic and recorded the movements of 8 or 9 different deer. According to the time stamps, the deer were active at all hours, except the hot hours of midday. I had the legal bucks on camera at 9 am and 7:30 pm. What a fantastic result! I rushed back to the camera and turned the sensitivity down to hopefully avoid the insect and grass triggered blanks. Time will tell if it worked. With renewed confidence, I headed off to check the other camera set.

As I approached I could make out the front display showing 121 photos. Not bad! The corn pile was completely gone and the log over which I had poured the Stump Licker was, well, licked clean! I popped open the camera case to swap in a new card and to my horror saw an empty card slot! Damn! Damn it damn it damn it!

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I hastily ripped the camera strap from the tree and stormed back to the car, fuming over my ineptitude to complete such a menial task as checking that the camera had a card in it! My only hope of recovering the photos from the meager internal memory was my wife's PC laptop, as the camera is not Mac compatible! UGH! I despise PC's almost as much as Fords, Mathews bows and carbon arrows!

Swaying between elation at my success and frustration at my laziness in checking my equipment, I drove home a



bundle of mixed feelings. Would it be possible to score on a buck with as little preparation as I've been able to devote? Will there be a new state record on my card-less camera? Will I ever know what secrets the internal memory holds? Could I BE any dumber?

Once safely back home I got down to work retrieving my photos from the card-less camera. I dimly navigated the convoluted PC menus and was oddly rewarded when I got the pictures to download! Ok, I take back ONE bad thing I've said about PCs. But only one! It still took me 20 minutes to determine how to export them from the photo viewing program to my thumb drive for the transfer to my Mac.

The photos from the card-less camera were of much different quality than those of the other camera. I suppose it COULD have something to do with the 7 year age difference. Game camera technology has come a LONG way! The older camera has a standard flash and quite low resolution. Compared to the newer Primos unit, the StealthCam is a dinosaur, and its picture quality reflects that. What I got off the camera were lots of photos of does, fawns and yearlings, with one 3x3 buck thrown in the mix. Not a stellar result. Based on that result, I decided not to renew the bait pile on that side of the property.

After sorting out the blank photos, I ended up with 550-some pictures of deer from my first two and a half days. There were 15-20 different deer and two were legal bucks! I count that as a rousing success.

Life intervened over the next week and it was 9 days before I got back to replenish the bait and swap the card. 1500+ photos were my reward, and a bare patch of earth

showing where the grain pile had been. The lowering of the sensitivity setting proved a good choice, as blank photos were almost nonexistent. In addition to the legal bucks from the last set, the 3x3 made his way to this camera and two bigger 4x4s also made numerous appearances! Where the smaller legal bucks are probably two and a half years old, these two new 4 points are at least a year older. They're still young, but when you're primarily a meat hunter, antler size is of little concern. If it were still legal, I'd take one of the fawn-less does that are frequenting the bait. As it stands, I will be watching for one of the 4 points, as, if you remember, this GMU has gone to a 4 point antler restriction. It will be a matter of getting my blind in place and sneaking in between their feedings. There is a lull in feeding activity right around 5 am, so I will continue to monitor the times and hope that window remains open.



As for my hunting preparedness, yes, I am horribly out of shape. I can admit that now. I haven't progressed to wearing a training bra yet, but the month isn't over. Oh, damnit, I got powdered doughnut dust on the keyboard. Mmph. There, got it. Where was I? Oh yeah, I'm fat and haven't shot my bow NEARLY enough

this year. But our son is doing great, and family IS more important than hunting season (at least while my wife is looking over my shoulder typing). To emphasize that fact, I plan on having my 4 year old daughter accompany me in the blind. She has been asking to go hunting all summer, and with Angry Birds on my iPhone as a boredom eliminator, she'll be right by my side when a legal buck strolls in for a snack! ::

Stay tuned for more, coming next month!



EAC CLUB SUMMER FIELD SHOOT

	F1	F2	H1	H2	A1	A2	Totals	Winner
Senior Freestyle								
Mike Casteel	258	252	252	253	285	281	1581	WIN
Steve McDaniel	244	240	243	230	274	281	1512	
Ed Gomez			233		284	278	795	
Dave Tripp	232	237	229	243	277	269	1487	
Freestyle								
Chris Bohr	259	252	258	264	285	287	1605	WIN
John Price					255	262	517	
Bruce Barany					120		120	



EAC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

FS		
Wade Moore	361	
Chris Bohr	389	WIN
Steve McDaniel	322	
BHFS		
Trevor Gomez	367	
Ed Gomez	397	WIN
Bob Hall	326	
Frank Winsper	241	
Tim Waun	379	
Bill Harris	379	
Troy Lourdeau	218	
David Nixon	335	
Rob Hamilton	380	
Tom Bell	306	
FSL		
Ed Forslof	311	WIN
RECURVE		
Gary Joyce	209	WIN
George Postlethwaite	153	
FEMALE BHFS		
J.Barr	368	WIN



Overheard Online... "A deer doesn't care how fast your bow shoots, but they do care if they can hear it."



**BRAGGIN'
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Proving again that they know what they're doing in the woods, Glen and Chad Berry connected with two incredible bulls, this time in Wyoming. Glen's bull scores right at 340". Chad's bull scores 285". Glen's hunt was captured on film, so look for that hunt and more at berrysgamecalls.com

“I really don’t see why you are so concerned about packing out my moose, Gary. People do it all the time! Besides, I’ll carry your NEW bow for you so you don’t have to carry EVERYTHING. If you’re lucky, I’ll shoot a moose within 3-4 miles of the river, that way it shouldn’t take you very long to get it all back to the boat.”



WITH George Postlethwaite & Gary Joyce

Well, I just returned from another scouting trip. The fishing was great and, wonder of wonders, I even saw some moose! It’s pretty amazing how close you can stalk up on them being quiet and mindful of the wind. But then you make a tiny sound and they turn to look at you from 10 yards... It’s WAY different than when a whitetail looks at you! About 5 feet in height and 1200 lbs difference! I see why the mosquitoes are so big; just one good drink off a moose and they are set for life. The Yukon moose are the largest of the moose family with an average height of 7 feet at the shoulders. Add the length of the head and neck, then top it off with a couple feet of antlers and you’ve got a serious mountain of animal! Can you believe the average weight is 1400 lbs?! The record Yukon moose was shot in September 1897 and weighed 1800 lbs and was 8 feet at the shoulders. WOW! Gary, do you think we will have room for 2 of them in the canoe AND your NEW bow?

Talking about room in the canoe, it’s about time to do a dry-run to see how everything fits. Let’s see here... We’ll start at the stern, (that’s the rear of the canoe for all you terra firma folks) were I will sit and also mount the 5hp motor and gas can (in case we need to travel upstream for some strange reason, like if I accidently leave Garys NEW bow back at the truck. Oops! I better be careful he might read this!) Then my paddle, duffel bag with my clothes, bow, tent, sleeping bag, food, rope etc. etc.



etc. Towards the bow (that’d be the front, landlubber) Gary’s duffel bag with his clothes can be stuffed with his paddle, his sleeping bag, of course his NEW bow and, oh ya... Gary, where are you going to sit? Oops! Well, if we take out your NEW bow then there SHOULD be room for you. Wait, unless we leave your paddle out, then you can use your NEW bow as a paddle and maybe you’ll both fit. At least that should save your NEW bow from becoming kindling!

We will have to watch the game laws closely. An area that I was keeping in mind for a back up plan was just closed to all non resident moose hunters. I’m glad the area that we are planning to hunt on the Yukon River is very remote and the regulations have not changed much, at least for the couple of years I have been watching. That reminds me, I better check the regs to see how many of those 747 size mosquitoes Gary can tag. We can’t be too careful ya know! The folks up in Alaska are pretty proud of their mosquitoes. ::

*Recurves on the River is going on hiatus.
Keep checking for updates in 2012!*



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