

P CROSS BAR RANCH

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2016 Hunting Season

2016 will go down as one of the tougher years for ranching but one of our better years for hunting in this area. We had an open, dry winter, with April getting decent moisture and May, June and July were cool and dry. August, September, October and early November were mild and very dry. The livestock, Deer and Pronghorn are in good condition considering the fairly dry summer and fall. Our Mule Deer herd is slowly growing with lots of young bucks and our pronghorn numbers get better each year. Game Bird populations were up especially Sharptail Grouse. We have killed over 150 coyotes on our Ranch in the last three and one half years and are seeing positive results. November was mild and dry but have had more snow and some very cold weather so far in December.

One of our 2015 Trophy Bison hunters cancelled at the last minute and we were able to get the hunt sold to Brendon Jespersen of Big Horn, Wy, a good friend of



Patrick Griffith



Bill Pritchett



Fred Burd

guide Pat. Brendon loves Bison meat and had killed a Bison with us a couple years ago. We set up the hunt for January 9 and Brendon and his friend Kaden Fife drove in early that morning for his hunt. With the Boss and guides Pat and Mick they drove to the Durham Ranch where shot another decent bull. The 2015 bulls, because of a rare disease when that crop of bulls were yearlings most were slaughtered and the trophy size was way down. His bull scored 59 2/8 SCI.

Guides Pat Fiedor and Mick Wolf attended the 2016 Safari Club Int. annual hunting show in Las Vegas in early

February. The ranch again had an exhibitors booth and They drove taking our booth supplies. Boss and Mary are getting up in years and the Convention is just to much for them. Pat and Mick are great with the booth and promoting our hunting business. They made many new contacts, saw many old friends and booked a full 2016 season including

Bison. The Boss and Mary had attended 41 SCI Conventions prior, making us one of the longest attending exhibitors and donors with SCI. We will have a booth again in early February 2017 at the Vegas Convention and Pat and Mick will drive and man the booth. As our 2017 and 2018 seasons are fully booked, they will be booking for 2019. Guide Randal Otwell and his wife will also be attending and helping.

We had a full booking this year and the Mule Deer quality was much better and Pronghorns about the same as 2015. Our clients drew 100% in the Wyoming draw this year, regular draw on Pronghorn and either one priority point or the higher priced special draw on deer. Guides Pat and Mick put out several trail cams on water tanks several weeks prior to the season and had several nice trophy Bucks watering regularly so that really helped the hunting. Guides Chet Dickson and Mark Allee chose not to guide this fall. Randall Otwell came back to guide a couple hunts. Randall's son Colter guided one client on our last hunt. Guides Pat and Mick guided the rest of our Deer and Pronghorn hunts and all of the bison hunts. A Big THANK YOU to the best guide crew out there.

Mary and her kitchen and



Kevin Hodson



Brendon Jespersen



Breann Hodson



Terry Elkow

cleaning crew again did another outstanding job all season. We found another gem of a cook through our Church. Heather Kleiner had cooked on a Dude Ranch and hunting camp in the Big Horn Mountains for several years and she cooked for the first two hunts and all our Bison hunts. We had promised our granddaughter the job after October 12. Stacy Allee had cooked for us a couple of years earlier and she and her betrothed were climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa in early October. She returned Mrs. Dustin Smoot as they got married by a Bishop on top of the mountain. Great granddaughter Jerzey Fiedor again helped after school when she could. Mary's regular cleaning lady, Denise Downing did the cleaning and did a fine job. THANKS to another outstanding crew for their hard work.

We also want to thank Dustin Cargal and Tyler Watts, the new owners of Olds Processing, for the fine job again processing and shipping our clients game. We also thank Trophies Unlimited, Syd and John Long for their expert care of our clients trophy Mule Deer, Pronghorn and Bison. Thanks also to Purcella's Meats and Sundance Processing for their excellent processing and care of our clients Bison meat.

We had a very similar fall to 2015 with very little moisture and mostly what we call "Indian Summer" fall weather. The guides worked hard and our twelve trophy Mule Deer hunters took twelve bucks averaging 157 2/8 green score and thirteen trophy Pronghorn hunters took thirteen bucks that averaged 74 3/8 green score. Four trophy Bison hunters took four bulls averaging 67 1/8 inches. Seven of the twelve buck Mule Deer made the SCI book and all but two of the trophy Pronghorns and all the Bison made the SCI book.

On our first hunt we had a father and daughter on their first Pronghorn hunt with us. One four day trophy Mule deer hunter and four combo hunters the first week, two old friends and two new friends. Kevin Hodson and his teen age daughter Breann flew in from California with his wife Carol as a non hunter. With guide Randall Otwell they had a great hunt taking two trophy pronghorn with identical scores of 70 6/8 in two days. Breann also made a great shot on a big coyote. Kevin is booked for a six day trophy hunt for 2017.

Terry Elkow returned from Canada to get his trophy Mule deer he did not get in 2015. With Randall guiding, they glassed many bucks and on day three Terry shot a great 5X6 scoring 175 3/8. Terry returned home much happier than in 2015.

Lawen Griffith returned as a non hunter bringing his two grandsons on their first

western hunt. Patrick and Seth Griffith hunted with Mick and had a great first western hunt. The first day Mick found a great 5X5 buck with 25 inch main beams. Patrick did some good



Seth Griffith

shooting and tagged the best buck of the season scoring 180. Day three was another great day as Seth shot another good 5X5 buck scoring 155 3/8. Both brothers filled their Pronghorn tags also the same day, Seth, a 14 inch buck scoring 74 5/8 and Patrick, a very heavy horned twelve inch buck that scored 72 3/8. Lawen is booked again for 2017 bringing two sons.



Patrick Griffith

Father and son Dan Witt Sr., who had hunted with us years ago, and Dan Witt Jr.



Seth Griffith

had booked a trophy combo hunt and drove in from Iowa to complete our bookings on the first hunt. With guide Pat they had a great hunt. They filled both Pronghorn licenses opening day, Dan Jr. with a 13 inch buck scoring 72 SCI and Dan Sr. shot another 13 ½ inch buck scoring 71 6/8.

Dan Witt Sr.



On day two Dan Jr. shot a real nice old 5X5 mule deer that scored 168 7/8. Dan Sr. filled on the fourth day with a dandy 6X5 just a little bigger than his son's, scoring 170 2/8. Another great father and son hunt with all their bucks making the SCI record book.

Dan Witt Jr.



Our second hunt was not so busy as we had one no

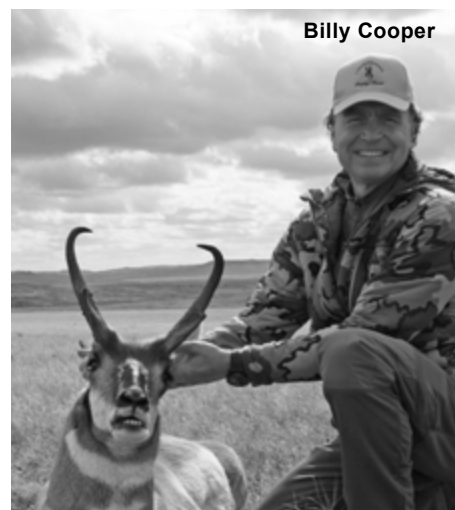
show and just four hunters, two hunters on a 1 hunter per guide combo hunt and two hunters on a two hunter per guide combo hunt. Old friend and client Billy Cooper had booked a hunt with us for him and his son-in-law Joel Lissy beginning October 8. Billy called late in the first week to see if he could come a little early and do his hunt during a shorter time frame because he needed



Dan Witt Jr.



his important business trip. Joel drove in Oct. 7 for his hunt. He was a little nervous as his wife,



Billy Cooper

scored 73 2/8. On day four they spotted a nice 5X5, Joel liked it and tagged a 150 2/8 buck.

to fly over seas on business later that week. He drove in from Colorado on the fourth, as Pat's hunters went home early, Billy with guide Pat filled both license's on October fifth. Billy shot his pronghorn that morning and because it was not a trophy we did not score it. They found a real nice 5X5 Mule Deer that evening And Billy filled out on a good SCI book buck scoring 158 5/8. He drove home the next morning to make

his important business trip. Joel drove in Oct. 7 for his hunt. He was a little nervous as his wife, Billy's daughter, was expecting shortly, but she waited until he got back from his hunt. He hunted with Randall as his guide and they did well. On the second day he shot a 14+ inch Pronghorn that

Billy Cooper



Joel Lissy



Filling early he was able to get back in plenty of time before the new baby came. Billy is booked back for another hunt in 2017.

A couple years ago John Petersen and his friend Bill Etter talked to us at our SCI Booth and decided to book a six day two on one combo hunt for 2016. They drove in from central California Oct. 7 for their hunt. They teamed up

Joel Lissy



with guide Mick and had very good first P Cross Bar Ranch hunting experience. Early on the second morning Mick spotted a dandy 5X5 Mule Deer, every thing worked and Bill had another fine trophy scoring 168 6/8. Mick had been watching a dandy Pronghorn out in the hills that was on the neighbors more than on us, but the second afternoon of the hunt he was on our side of the fence, they made a good stalk, Bill shot straight and had the second best pronghorn of the season. The 15 inch buck scored 81 6/8, one of our better Pronghorns in years. John finally drew blood the third day tagging a 12 5/8 inch high pronged pronghorn scoring 76 1/8. He went to day five before Mick spotted a nice 4X5 Mule

Deer, he made a good shot and tagged a 145 7/8 score old buck. When Bill and John came for their hunt they brought 30 dozen raw California oysters and on the last two nights they boiled them outside and we all enjoyed and ate all of them. They booked a 2017 hunt before heading home after a very successful hunt. After getting home and talking to family and friends they called and booked six hunters for 2018.

Bill Etter

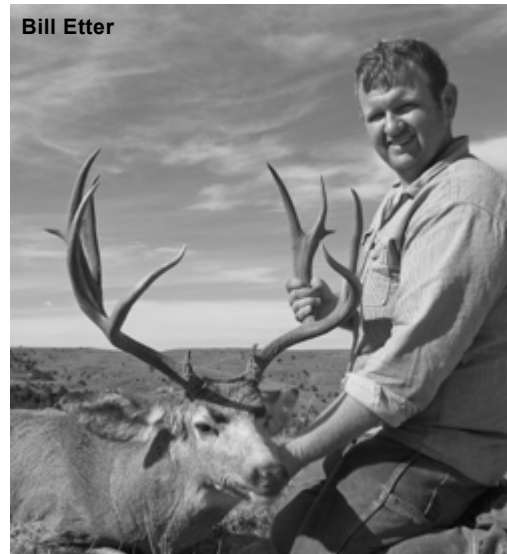




Oyster Cooking

Our last Mule Deer and Pronghorn hunt was busy with two one on one combos, a four day trophy deer and one two day trophy Pronghorn and one two day Management Pronghorn. New friend Sergey Yastrzhembskiy originally from Russia but now living in Italy booked a combo trophy hunt as he is going for the North American 29 species award. With guide Mick he got his two Trophy's, on day two, a good 14 inch Pronghorn scoring 75 3/8 and a 4X5 Mule Deer that scored 126 7/8.

Old friend and client Bill Pritchett came back for his third hunt bringing two friends, Fred Alexander, who came with Bill last year, came for a management Pronghorn and Daniel Hyatt for a trophy Pronghorn. Pat was their guide and they got right with it on day one. Bill shot a nice 5X5 Mule Deer scoring 151 and Daniel shot his trophy Pronghorn, a 14 inch buck that scored 75 4/8. Their wives, who were sisters, Leslie Pritchett and Julie Hyatt, flew in a couple days into their hunt. We had been



Bill Etter

seeing this Pronghorn buck with weird horns and had named it the Helmet Buck, and as he was on a Management Hunt, Fred shot the buck the second day. On the third day Pat spotted a great Pronghorn that came across the fence from the neighbors and Bill made a fine

long shot to tag the best Buck of the season scoring 82 SCI points, with 14 1/2 inch horns, 7 inch bases and over five inch prongs. A great ending another very successful P Cross Bar Ranch hunt.

Another old friend and client who had hunted with us several years ago, Bill Fairweather booked a four day trophy Mule Deer hunt. Colter Otwell guided him and on the second day they kept seeing this non typical with just two points on its left horn but nine points on the right horn, not a high scoring buck but different. Bill decided to shoot and had a very different trophy, but, at his age, was very pleased with his non typical trophy.

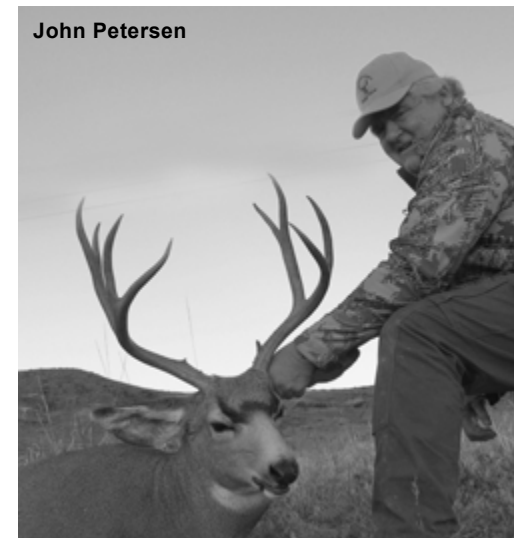
Our first Trophy Bison hunter had some health problems so postponed to fall of 2018. Just got that



John Petersen



Fred Alexander



John Petersen

hunt filled, so hopefully, will do the hunt in January, 2017.

Fred Burd drove in from Missouri for his trophy Bison hunt November 18. Mary and the Boss left earlier that morning for Golden Colorado for newly weds, granddaughter Stacy's and Dustin's reception and exchanging of vows on a mountain side making their wedding legal in the US, so missed the hunt. Guides Pat and Mick with cook Heather Kleiner took good care of Fred. Next morning Pat, Mick and Fred drove to the Durham Ranch to find a trophy bull. They found four bulls and they were a little spooky. Fred made several long shots and had a dandy trophy scoring 72 5/8 SCI. We had a fully processed bull in our freezer so traded Fred out with aged meat, he just paid the processing. He brought several coolers and filled them with the already aged and processed meat and also took the head and hide home with him.

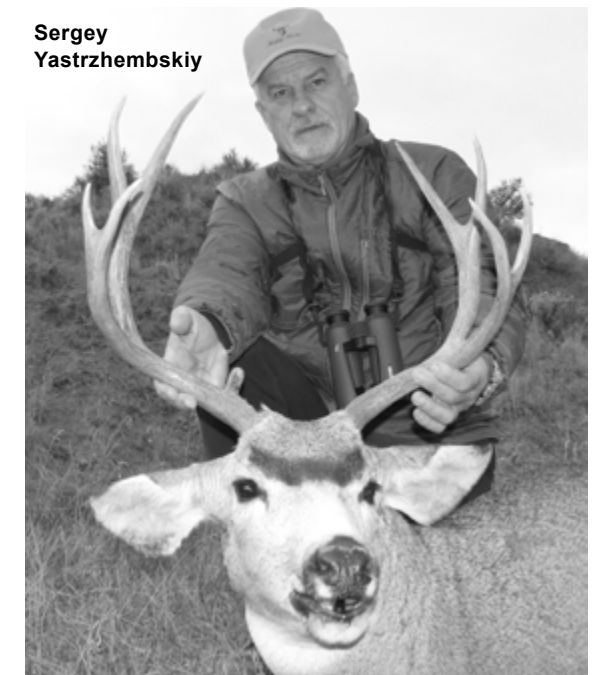
Gary Parker, from Evanston, Wy, booked a trophy Bison hunt for the first weekend of December and he and sons, Dan from Talorsville, Utah, Cole and son in law Luke Carter from West Jordan, Utah drove in for the hunt. Change of plans, they informed us on arrival, Dan was the shooter. The next morning with guides Pat and



Sergey Yastrzhembskiy

Mick, they drove to the Durham Ranch to find a bull. They found three and made a good stalk without spooking the bulls. Dan made a good shot and another great bull was down. The bull scored a good 69 2/8. The guides skinned, gutted and quartered the bull and hung the quarters on the meat pole in our Ranch

shop. The next morning after a good breakfast by Heather, Pat helped them load the quarters, head and hide in their truck and the Parkers headed home after a very successful hunt.



Sergey Yastrzhembskiy

Our last Trophy Bison hunter, Dale Sperl drove all the way from upper New York State with his wife Renee arriving December 9 for his hunt. The next morning after a hearty breakfast by Heather, Dale, Renee and guides Pat and Mick drove to the Durham to find a trophy bull. Dale wanted to shoot his bull with his 338 hand gun



Bill Pritchett



Daniel Hyatt

Dale and Renee
Sperl

and was able to do it as the bulls cooperated and he got a couple good shots at 88 yards and had another fine trophy scoring 68 1/8 setting it high in the SCI record book for hand gun Estate bulls. Dale had made arrangements with Sundance Meats in Sundance, WY to age, process and freeze meat and also freeze the head and hide, for them to take on their return home, as he and Renee were touring Western Wyoming and Yellowstone



Bill Fairweater

Park while the meat aged. We hung the quarters in our shop for two nights in much below freezing temps as Sundance Meats closed over weekends.

Paul Kleiner, Heather's husband delivered the meat, head and hide to Sundance Monday morning. As of this writing the Sperl's are still in Western WY enjoying our wonderful winter weather of snow and very cold. So ends our 2016 season.

You can visit our facebook page for more pictures at www.facebook.com/PCrossBarRanch.



Gary Parker

Again, the P Cross Bar Ranch and crew sends best wishes for a very Blessed, happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all our old and new friends.

Marion, Mary and crew