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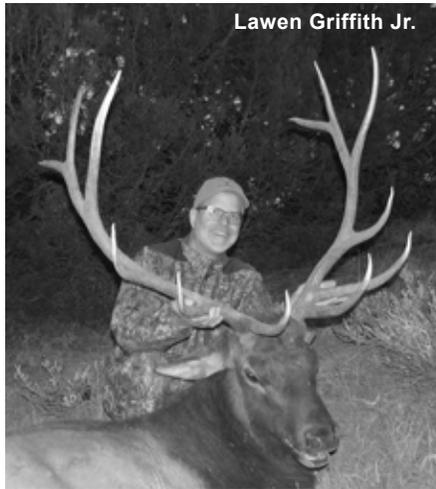
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## 2020 Hunting Season

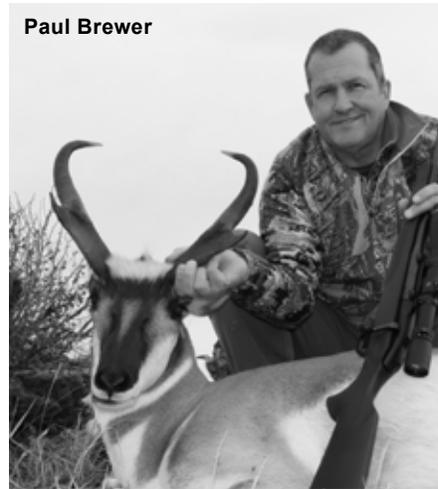
To say the least, 2020 will go down as a challenging, but memorable year for everybody. P Cross Bar was thankful to still provide hunts to all our new and returning clients. This season was difficult due to drought conditions, above normal

temperatures and a large amount of our antelope died from Mico Plasma Bovine. This disease was a lung disease that we estimate killed 70% of our antelope. This disease seemed to be limited to a small area within unit 17. We are hopeful our numbers will bounce back as we are seeing other antelope migrating to the ranch. Ranching was difficult due to lack of grass due to drought conditions and we were not able to cut any hay. We noticed our mule deer changed their patterns with the change in weather.

Outfitter Pat Fiedor, guide Mick Wolf, and



Lawen Griffith Jr.



Paul Brewer

taxidermist Dustin Cargal attended the 2020 Safari Club International Convention in Reno. As always, we had an exhibitor's booth, where we made many new contacts and visited with past clients and old friends. This makes 46 years P Cross Bar

has attended the SCI Convention. Our 2021 through 2023 seasons are fully booked for mule deer and antelope. It is worth noting, 2020 was our last year to offer Bison hunts. If anyone is still interested in hunting Bison, the Durham Ranch is still offering hunts which are some of the biggest bulls in North America.

We had a full booking this year with our clients drawing 100% in the Wyoming draw. It now takes at least one priority point for antelope and deer to be successful in the draw or pay the higher priced special draw. It currently takes three points to draw elk.



Chad Kresge & Morgan



John Petersen

Outfitter Pat, guides Mick, Randall and Kevin guided all the hunts this past season and as always, did a great job for all our hunters. Marion continues to be active with the hunting camp. He enjoys meeting everyone each evening in the trophy room to discuss the experiences of the day and telling some old hunting stories. Mary is still scoring some heads, taking care of the hunter's pictures and supervising the kitchen/cleaning staff.

Steven Griffith



Mary and her kitchen crew did another outstanding job all season. We had a new cook, Mike Bauman who drove in from Oklahoma and did a fine job preparing meals for all of us. Glenda Hickman again did a wonderful job in cleaning all our facilities. Great grandkids Jerzey & Jarek Fiedor again helped after school when they could. THANKS to an outstanding crew for their hard work.

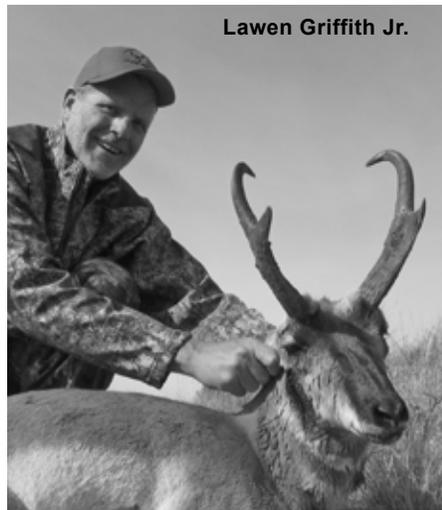
We also want to thank Dustin Cargal and Tyler Watts, the owners of Olds Processing, for the fine job again processing our client's game. We also thank Dustin Cargal with Trophy Taxidermy for his expert care of our client's trophies. Thanks also to Purcella's Meats for

their excellent processing and care of our client's buffalo meat.

Lawen Griffith Jr.



Lawen Griffith Jr.



Charles Miller



Steven Griffith



In 2020, hunting at P Cross Bar was found to be more challenging than we can remember. Many of our trophy mule deer hunters chose to harvest management bucks allowing our younger bucks to mature for future years. Antelope hunting was tough due to small numbers as mentioned before, but all clients were still successful. Three of our ten trophy mule deer hunters, four of the thirteen antelope and all four of the

buffalo hunters made the SCI record book. We also had eight successful management mule deer hunts. This year there were two clients who were able to draw elk tags to go along with their combo hunts. Both were successful in harvesting six point bulls. Our management efforts have shown to be successful by increasing the quality of our trophy mule deer hunts. We will continue to have management hunts available in the future.

On to the hunt, the first week Lawen Griffith brought his two son's Steven and Lawen Jr. for a combo hunt with Mick as their guide. This is the second time Steven has made the trip with Lawen and the first time for Lawen Jr. The entire week was unseasonably warm and dry, with temperatures in the high eighties. On day one, Lawen Jr. shot a nice antelope buck in the Fitch Place that scored 73 7/8. We hadn't shot an antelope in this area of the ranch for several years. After spending considerable time looking for elk, on the third day of the hunt, a six point bull was spotted at daylight. The bull bedded in timber before an attempt to stalk the bull could be made. A plan was put in place to find the bull that evening. Mick and Lawen Jr. found the bull as hoped, but he was on the move. They were able to follow him in timber because of his bugling and were presented a shot in a clearing. Lawen Jr. made a nice shot on the bull and it scored 293 6/8. Lawen Jr. harvested a mature management 3X3 mule deer the last day of his hunt. Steven, shot his antelope buck the fourth day of the hunt on our new lease property. He made a good shot and the buck scored 74 5/8. On the last day of Steven's hunt, he connected on a mature 2X2 with limited time left on his hunt. Lawen Sr. will return next year with his two grandsons for combo hunts and hopefully will be able to draw an elk tag.

Charlie and Chip Miller returned to P Cross Bar Ranch for their second hunt with Pat again as their guide. On the fourth day of their hunt, they both successfully shot their antelope. Charlie made a good shot on his antelope early that afternoon which scored 71 1/8. Later that afternoon, a long stalk was made and Chip was



successful in getting his antelope that scored 62 7/8. On the fifth day of their hunt, they had another great day shooting their mule deer. A mule deer was spotted and Chip decided he wanted to put a stalk on the deer. Due to time constraints, he was dropped off to make the stalk while Pat and Charlie looked for other deer. A stag buck was spotted that had been seen earlier in the week. A

stalk was made and Charlie was able to make a great shot on the buck while still in his bed. This buck scored 170 4/8 non-typical and he was tickled with the buck for sure. We then went to pick up Chip and found out he was successful in getting the buck he was after. He shot a nice 5X5 at dark and in really rough





country. We were able find the deer in the dark and decided to make the long drag back to the truck. Chip's buck scored 143 1/8 and he sure enjoyed the experience he had that evening. Charlie and Chip plan to return for another combo hunt in 2023.

Kevin Hodson and his wife Carol returned for their fourth time with Randall as their guide. Kevin was on a combo hunt with elk and mule deer. Kevin's main goal was to focus on elk. On the fourth day, Kevin was able to connect with a mature 5X5 mule deer that scored 133 6/8. On the sixth day, Kevin's patience was tested as he had to wait several minutes for a bull elk to step out from behind a tree. He made a great shot on a mature 6X5 elk



that scored 255 1/8. The work now began and took some thinking on just how to get the closest to him as possible. After some walking, a plan was put in place and were able to get a truck within a quarter mile. It took six of us to drag the bull the rest of the way. Guides Randall and Pat, hunters Kevin, Charlie and Chip drug the elk with



Carol packing all the gear.

Dave Engel, Hunter Engel, and Bill Bale arrived the first week for management deer with Kevin as their guide. Day one started out looking over the property for a mature 3X3 management buck. Early afternoon, a bedded buck was

spotted, but unsure if it was a 3X3 or 3X4 with heavy mass. A stalk was made and they were able to get within 70 yards. The deer ended up being a 3X4, no shot was made. That evening Bill connected on a nice 3X3 and dropped the buck in his tracks. Dave was glassing over the drainage and saw another good 3X3. We made our way closer and Hunter made an excellent shot on that buck. The evening of day two they found a nice 3X3, but decided to wait till morning because of lack of daylight remaining. At sunup the next morning, the buck was

found in the same location. A sneak happened and that is all she wrote. Dave made a well placed shot on a nice 3X3 buck.



The second week wasn't quite as busy due to a couple of cancellations. We had

one combo hunt and two management deer hunts. On his first hunt with P Cross Bar, Dale Morman came in from Alaska for a combo hunt with Mick as his guide. The first four days of the hunt, many bucks were spotted, but no shots were taken. On the morning of the fifth day, a mature 5X5 with a couple of kickers was spotted that Dale wanted to shoot, but the buck bedded too soon. During the middle of the day, a nice antelope buck was spotted and Dale was able to connect. The antelope



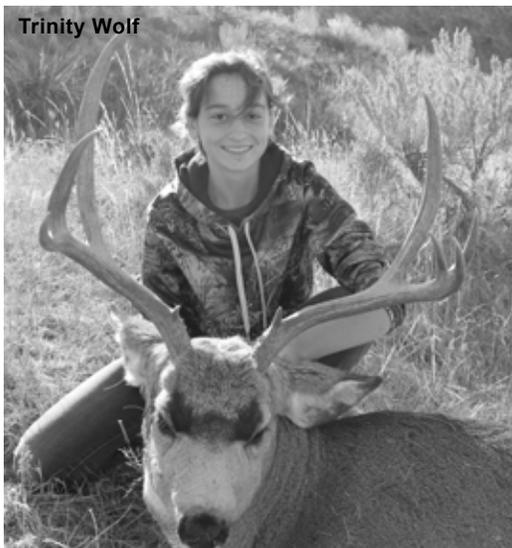
Dale Morman



Dale Morman



Jonah Raney



Trinity Wolf



scored 68 0/8. Later that afternoon, the mule deer buck seen that morning was spotted up feeding and presented an opportunity. Dale made a

great shot and the buck was down. This buck scored 169 4/8 non-typical. Dale will be back next year to again hunt mule deer with us.



Rick Raney brought his three son's

Jonah, Joseph, and Joshua for a management mule deer hunt. Jonah was the only one hunting while the others were there as non-hunters. The first morning of the hunt was spent glassing numerous buck deer. There were a few possibilities and one failed stalk, but it was decided to hold off to look at more deer. That afternoon, a buck was spotted bedded in a place where Jonah was presented a good shot. He made a nice shot on his 3X3 buck and did a great job in gutting his own deer.

Rick plans on coming back in the future for his other sons to hunt management mule deer.

A youth management hunt was guided by Kevin for his daughter Trinity. The first morning, a very nice 3X3 with kickers was found. A short sneak and Trinity had her first buck, shot at 104 yards. She was grinning from ear to ear.

For the Fifth year in a row, Bill Etter drove in from California to hunt with us. His brother, Charlie Etter, friends John Peterson, Nick Mendes, Robert Schultz (Dutch), Geovany Silva (GEO) and Charles Blomquist (Chuck) came to the ranch for trophy and management mule deer hunts as well as a buffalo hunt. Since this was a big group hunting together, they rotated between guides throughout the six day hunt. On the first day of the hunt, a really nice mule deer buck was spotted. Mick and John made a long sneak to get in range. The sneak worked out perfect and he made a good shot on an old 5X5 that scored 178 3/8, the biggest buck of the year. This was



John's fourth hunt with P Cross Bar and congratulations for getting his largest buck with us. Nick was successful as well that morning. A nice wide 3X3 mule deer had been seen throughout the season. A couple hours were spent looking for the buck before he could be found. Nick was able to get in range to make a good shot and the buck was down.

The second day of the hunt was another good day for John. That morning the entire group drove to the Durham Ranch to hunt buffalo. The buffalo were found



Unfortunately, mother-nature decided to temporarily stop the drought conditions. It snowed and rained enough to make it difficult to get around which made day three and the rest of the hunt difficult to say the least. With bad weather and low antelope numbers, finding them was frustrating. Nick shot his antelope that evening in a snow storm which scored 65 7/8.



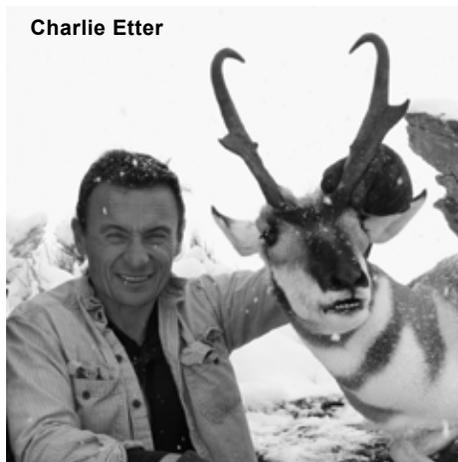
quickly and John got into range to shoot his nice bull. The bull scored 67 6/8. That afternoon he was again able to connect on his antelope that scored 64 2/8. Chuck and Geo had a good afternoon as well. Chuck made a nice shot on a management 3X3 mule deer. Geo shot an older 5X5 that scored 150 3/8.



On day four of the hunt luckily, antelope started to group up and migrate through the ranch. We started seeing more numbers than we had seen the entire fall. Charlie shot his antelope that scored 64 6/8. He was the only lucky hunter that day.



Nick Mendes



Charlie Etter



Robert Schultz



Geoveny Silva



Chuck Bloomquist

On day five of the hunt, three antelope were taken by Bill, Geo and Chuck. Two bucks and a doe were shot in a large group. The shooting sticks were put down in one place and all three hunters shot from the same spot without having to move the sticks.

The last day of the hunt, with conditions continuing to be difficult, the hunters left to fill their tags had to do some walking. Robert still needing to fill both tags, started the day off with shooting an antelope which scored 67 7/8. Later in the day he shot his management 3X3 mule deer. After some walking and horn hunting, Charlie also shot a management 3X3 mule deer. Pat had

to get the four wheeler to help get the deer and horn sheds out. Late in the day, Bill filled his mule deer tag. He shot a big management 2X2. Bill and John will be coming back next year for another combo hunt.



Robert Shultz

The last week of October, Paul Brewer drove in from Oregon for an antelope/buffalo hunt with Pat as his guide. The night before his hunt, a large herd of antelope migrated into the ranch. Luckily they were still there the following morning and he shot the biggest antelope of the season that scored 75 6/8.

Then it was on to hunting the buffalo with Pat and Mick as guides. The buffalo were spotted that morning and a plan was put in place. Paul snuck to a high bluff where he could look over the bulls. They cooperated and the bull Paul liked gave him a good shot. He made the shot and the bull scored 71 6/8. Paul will be coming back in 2025 to hunt mule deer and antelope.



Charlie Etter



Bill Etter



Paul Brewer



Chris Latham

In late November, Chad Kresge and his daughter Morgan, drove in from Pennsylvania for a buffalo hunt with Pat and Mick as their guides. Jerzey went along to experience her first buffalo hunt and to hang out with Morgan. After a couple sneaks, that

didn't work out, an opportunity put Chad within 50 yards of the buffalo. He was shooting his grandfather's old lever action rifle with open sites. Chad made a great shot to put the bull down. The bull scored 72 5/8, the number one buffalo of the year. Morgan and Jerzey had a great time together taking video and pictures of the hunt.

Chris Latham and friend Brad Van Magness drove in from Massachusetts the first week in December for our last buffalo hunt of the year with Pat and Mick as their guides. The bulls were in an open flat that made it difficult to sneak on. Pat, Chris and Brad made a long sneak down a creek bottom. Even though the bulls knew their presence, they stayed there long enough for Chris to take a shot. He made a good shot and his bull scored 68 4/8. Chris and Brad will be coming back in 2025 to hunt mule deer and antelope.

We THANK all our hunters for choosing P Cross Bar Trophy Hunts, LLC as a place for your hunting experience. A special thank you to our hunters for taking management deer instead of young deer when a mature trophy isn't found. It makes a big difference for the future success of our hunters. We truly enjoyed the time that you spent with us. Again, the P Cross Bar and crew sends best wishes for a very blessed, happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all our old and new friends.

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