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2021 Hunting Season



Tim Casteel

2021 didn't start as planned with the SCI National Convention being canceled due to COVID. This was only the third year that P Cross Bar was unable to attend the convention. We look forward to attending the 50th annual convention taking place in January of 2022.

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 four preference points to draw elk.

This past summer was one of the driest years that P Cross Bar has ever experienced. This was a continuation from a very dry summer last year. Even with the difficult drought conditions and above normal temperatures this year, we did have enough grass to keep our herds healthy and produced some very fine trophies for our hunters.

Our antelope numbers were still down this year due to the Mico Plasma Bovine our area experienced last year.



Seth Griffith



Don Dietrich

Fortunately, the disease wasn't found in the herd this year and should help increase the population for the future.

Outfitter Pat, guides Mick, Kevin, and Randall guided all the hunts this past season and as always, did a great job for all the 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 taking care of the hunter's pictures and supervising the kitchen and cleaning staff.

Mary and her kitchen crew did another outstanding job all season. Sandy Holland and Heather Kleiner split the cooking duties and as always did a fine job preparing meals for all of us. Glenda Hickman again did a wonderful job



Patrick Griffith



Seth Griffith

in cleaning all our facilities. Great grandkids Jerzey and 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 clients game. We also thank Dustin Cargal with Trophy Taxidermy for his expert care of our client's trophies.

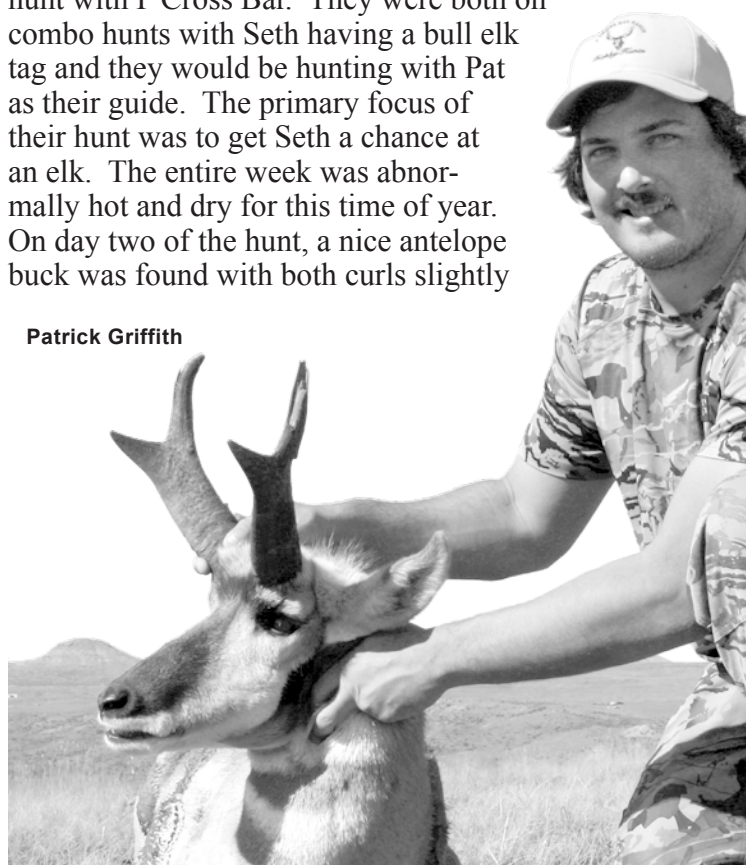
In 2021, hunting at P Cross Bar was enjoyable for all. Deer numbers were good as many bucks and does were spotted every day. Antelope hunting was tough due to small numbers as mentioned before and not all hunters were successful. Six of our eleven deer hunters, three of our nine antelope hunters, and our only bull elk hunter made the SCI record book. We also had 7 successful management mule deer hunts. 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. We have lots of flexibility with our managements hunts. They can be combined with any combination of the other hunts we offer.

On to the hunts. The first week, Lawen Griffith drove in from Pennsylvania for the seventh straight year. He brought his two grandsons, Seth and Patrick for their third hunt with P Cross Bar. They were both on combo hunts with Seth having a bull elk tag and they would be hunting with Pat as their guide. The primary focus of their hunt was to get Seth a chance at an elk. The entire week was abnormally hot and dry for this time of year. On day two of the hunt, a nice antelope buck was found with both curls slightly



Seth Griffith



Patrick Griffith

Judy Dietrich



broken off. A stalk was made on the buck, Patrick made a good shot and the buck scored 71 7/8. On day three of the hunt, a bedded mule deer buck was spotted late in the morning. After much discussion, Seth decided he would like to try and get a shot. A successful stalk was made on the old buck and Seth made a great shot across Rock Pile Canyon. The buck was down and it scored 146 5/8. Early that afternoon, we crossed paths with an antelope buck with unusual horns. Seth liked the unique buck and decided to take a shot. He made a good shot on the buck and it scored 67 7/8. On the afternoon of the fourth day, a bedded mule deer buck

was located underneath a juniper tree. A plan was put in place for Patrick to get a shot. The stalk was perfect and he made a good shot on the buck that scored 158 5/8. Then it was time to fully focus on the elk.

John Petersen



Bill Etter

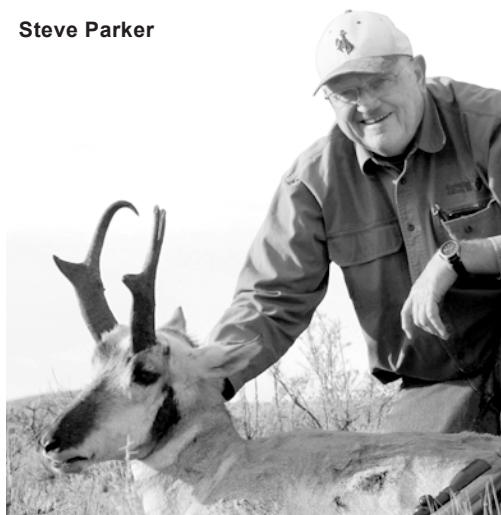
On day five of the hunt, a nice bull with seven cows were seen moving below a point we had been glassing from. A quick decision had to be made since the elk were moving through timber to bed for the day. The bull made it to a clearing in the timber which was the only possible shot. Seth made a difficult 306 yard shot across Rock Pile Canyon and the bull was down. The bull would have to be packed out. Mick was in the area guiding Don and Judy Dietrich so they came to help. The bull was quartered, Pat's father in law Dudley Mackey drug the fronts with a horse, Patrick and Don packed out the hind quarters while a smiling Seth packed out the horns. The bull scored 326 1/8, the largest one harvested by one of our hunters so far. Lawen is booked back in with us for 2023 and we're thankful to have him back for another hunt.

Lawen's cousin, Don Dietrich and his wife, Judy were guided by Mick for a trophy combo deer/antelope hunt, management deer hunt, and a cow elk tag. They have been hunting with P Cross Bar four of the last seven years. On the morning of day one, a really nice trophy mule deer was spotted. Being the first day, we decided to see what else the ranch had to offer. Don was after a cow elk, so prime hunting hours were split between cow elk and deer hunting. Judy had a management deer and antelope tag. On day two a 3X3 management deer with double brow tines was spotted. We were able to get Judy within 150 yards and she made a great shot. For her first big game animal, she was thrilled with the results. Also on day two, the same trophy mule deer seen on day one was spotted and Don decided he would like to shoot him.

John Petersen



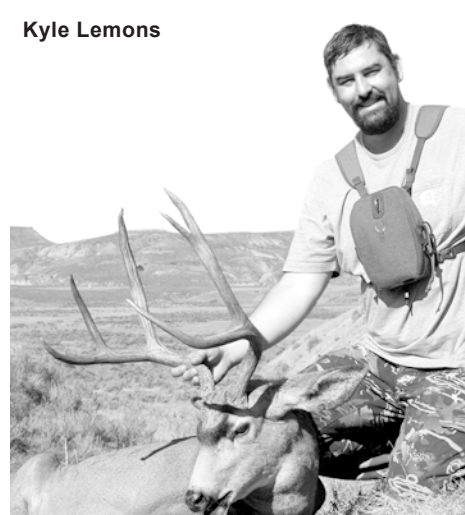
Steve Parker



Zach Engel



Kyle Lemons



The buck was uncooperative and Don was unable to get a shot until outsmarting him on day four. Don was able to make a great shot and put the deer down. The deer was shot in a steep canyon so Kevin was called to help and bring his deer cart. Don's deer scored 171 7/8, the biggest buck of this year's hunting season. We hunted for six days and couldn't get Don on a cow elk and due to the limited number of antelope this year, a trophy antelope wasn't found for Judy. Don and Judy will both be back in 2023. We look forward to having them back in camp.

Fred Alexander



Bob Engel



Scott Swasey



Bill Etter, John Petersen, and Bill's son Tony drove in from California for a 6-day combo hunt with Randall as their guide. Bill has hunted with us each year the past five years and John has hunted with us four of the past five years. On day one, they found a nice antelope that John liked, so a stalk was put together. John made a well placed shot that put the buck down which scored 72. For the first three days, they'd been watching several deer on a creek bottom. On the evening of day four, Bill and Tony made a long stalk through tall sage. Getting within a very close range, Bill was able to connect with a nice 5x5 that scored 153 7/8. On day 6, a nice 5x5 buck was spotted and John made a great shot. The buck was down and scored 161 1/8. Bill and John will both be back next year and bringing six other friends. We appreciate Bill and John for hunting with us these past years as well as bringing new hunters to camp.

After being recommended by family who hunted with us previously, Bob Engle, Zach Engle and Kyle Lemons drove in from Michigan for their first P Cross Bar hunt. They arrived for a 3 day management mule deer hunt and would be hunting with Kevin as their guide. Day 1 was

used to glass and pick over the management deer. Day two was the day to get the job done. Late morning, we saw two beautiful 3X3's together. Zach took the first shot and made a great shot that stopped him in his tracks. Kyle Lemons made a perfect stalk on the other buck and also dropped him in his tracks. That evening, with 15 minutes of shooting light left, two management bucks came out of the bottom of a ravine. Bob had his choice and made a great shot on a very nice 3X3 buck. We hope to see the three of them in the future, they were a great addition to our camp.

The second half of week one, Scott Swasey and Steve Parker arrived at P Cross Bar for antelope. Scott had bought our SCI auction hunt in 2019 and added Steve to

Bill Pritchett



Ben Bolton



Kevin Hodson



Bill Pritchett



Tim Casteel



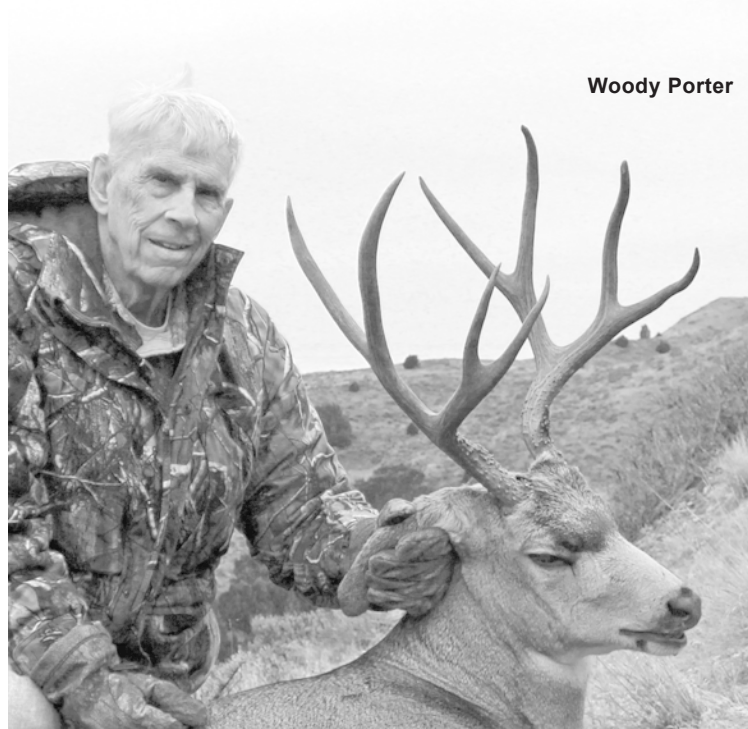
antelope on the ranch the afternoon before.

We were fortunate enough the next morning to find the antelope buck and sneak within range. Tim made a great shot and put the antelope down which scored 75 2/8, the #1 antelope of the season. Later that day, a nice 3X3 management deer was spotted that Tim would like to shoot. With some patience and quick shooting, Tim made a great shot and put the mule deer down. Needless to say, he was a happy hunter who harvested two animals in one day. Looking forward to seeing Tim in 2026 and he will be bringing his son for his first P Cross Bar hunt.

the hunt. They were teamed up with Kevin as their guide. Day one was spent looking for the biggest antelope on the property. On day two, mid-morning we popped over a hill and saw the antelope for Scott. He made an awesome shot on a beautiful antelope with a score of 65 5/8. Later that afternoon, we found Steve's "over top" antelope. Steve made a tiny stalk, put the cross hairs on his antelope, and that was all she wrote. The buck scored 66 5/8.

The second week we had four returning hunters from Georgia. Bill Pritchett and Ben Bolton were teamed up with Pat. Fred Alexander and Tim Casteel were teamed up with Mick. This was Fred's fifth hunt with P Cross Bar and was after a trophy mule deer. This was Tim's second hunt with us and was hunting a management mule deer and antelope combo. Day one was spent glassing the ranch looking for game. The morning of day two, four mule deer were spotted with a nice mature 5X5. Fred was able to belly crawl within range and made a great shot that put the buck down. Fred's deer scored 160 2/8. On day four was Tim's opportunity. Pat spotted a very nice

Bill Pritchett was hunting a mule deer and a cow elk while Ben Bolton was hunting a management mule deer. This was Bill's sixth hunt in eight years with P Cross Bar and Ben's second. On day one of the hunt, finding a cow elk was the goal. Early that morning a cow elk was spotted with a six-point bull. After a failed stalk, it was decided to come back that evening to give it another try. That evening, luck was on our side and we found the same cow elk and bull. This time the stalk worked to perfection and Bill made an awesome 287 yard shot on the cow elk. On the morning of day two, an older 3x3 with brows was up feeding. It was decided this would be a good management buck for Ben. We bumped the buck during the sneak, but he gave Ben a shot before going over a ridge. The shot was placed perfectly and Ben was tickled with his deer. The third day of the hunt, a dandy 3x4 with brows was spotted feeding in the evening. With a snow storm coming that night, Bill decided to take the opportunity. After a short sneak, he made a good shot and the buck scored 161 1/8. It ended up being a great decision since the ranch received 12 inches of heavy wet snow the following night

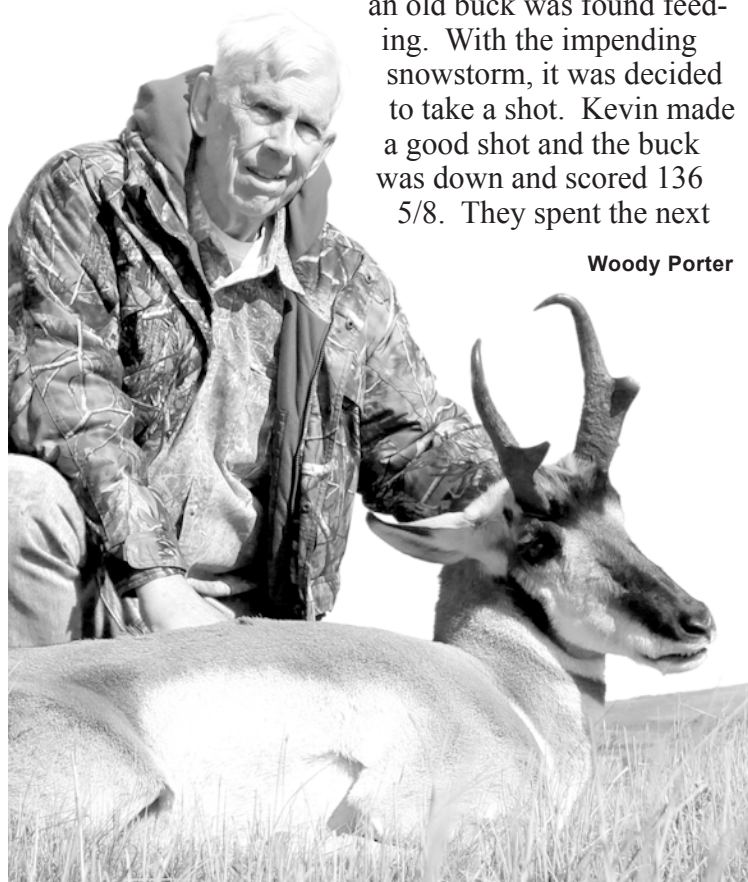


Woody Porter

that closed the highways in the Gillette area. It made getting around to hunt pretty much impossible.

Kevin Hodson returned for another hunt with his wife Carol and they have become a household name around camp. They have hunted with us five of the last six years. Kevin was hunting mule deer and teamed back up with Randall as his guide. They spent the first two days spotting and looking at deer. On the evening of the third day,

an old buck was found feeding. With the impending snowstorm, it was decided to take a shot. Kevin made a good shot and the buck was down and scored 136 5/8. They spent the next



Woody Porter

Andrew Adamson

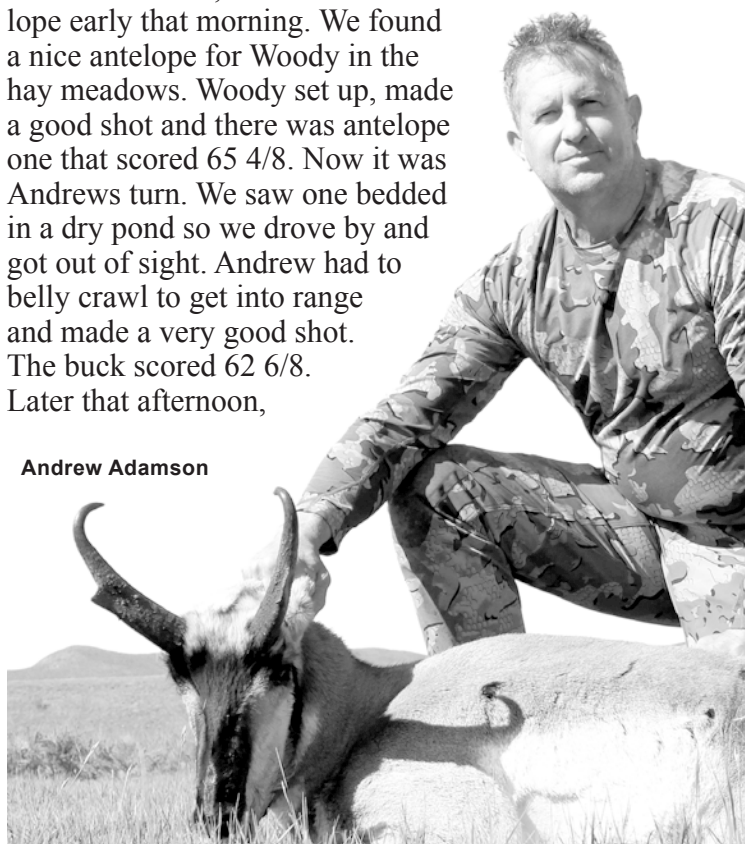


couple of days watching it snow from the window of their motor home. Kevin and Carol will be back next year along with their daughter and her boyfriend.

Woody Porter, wife Angie and son-in-law Andrew Adamson from California returned to P Cross Bar for combo hunts with Kevin as their guide. Woody has been hunting with us on and off for the past 30 years and Andrew was here for his second hunt. The first two days were spent mostly looking for a good trophy deer and that is all we accomplished. Again, with the bad weather forecast, a decision was made to get some animals on the game pole.

After discussion, we went after antelope early that morning. We found a nice antelope for Woody in the hay meadows. Woody set up, made a good shot and there was antelope one that scored 65 4/8. Now it was Andrews turn. We saw one bedded in a dry pond so we drove by and got out of sight. Andrew had to belly crawl to get into range and made a very good shot. The buck scored 62 6/8. Later that afternoon,

Andrew Adamson



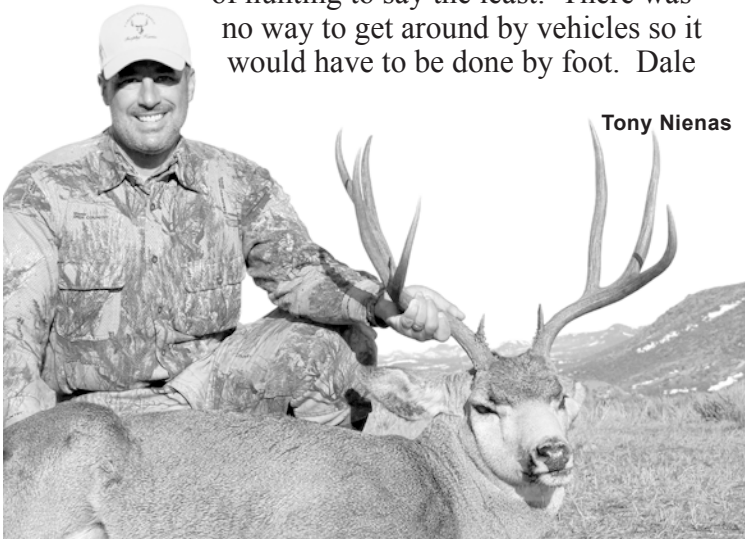
Tony Nienas



4 deer were spotted feeding on a hillside and two were trophy caliber. The only way to get close was to make a half mile stalk. Well, the stalk was successful, but maybe we got a little too close. Andrew made a well placed shot at 50 yards on a very nice 4X4 that scored 155 4/8. A very successful day 3 for the meat pole. Day 4, the weather moved in and started as rain and limited road access. We finally found Woody's 4X4 deer bedded on a bench shortly after noon. He made a nice sneak to get within 150 yards and made an exceptional shot. It scored 147 5/8 and all tags were filled before the worst part of the storm hit. We will be excited to see them all back in 2024.

On the third week of the hunt, Dale Morman returned for his second hunt with P Cross Bar and was hunting mule deer with Pat as his guide. Due to the snow the previous week, it made for a difficult week of hunting to say the least. There was no way to get around by vehicles so it would have to be done by foot. Dale

Tony Nienas



Trinity Wolf



hunted hard for five days, saw some really nice bucks, but luck just wasn't on his side. Unfortunately, he went home without being able to harvest his deer. Hopefully we see Dale again in the near future.

Tony Nienas drove in from Michigan returning for the second time hunting with P Cross Bar. He was on a combo hunt with Kevin as his guide. The first morning was crisp and the snow storm had started the migration of the antelope. The herd size was in the area of 150 to 200 head. We were able to get in front of the herd and set up. They moved in all around us, some being as close as 10 yards and we were unable to move. Finally, we were able to adjust, but Tony was unable to get a good rest. We watched them trot away. We moved to the creek pasture and there was more antelope migrating there as well. Tony got out, set up, one shot and the antelope was down right where it stood with a score of 68 2/8. On day 2, Tony was kind enough to allow Kevin to bring his daughter, Trinity for a management deer. The snow drifts were plentiful so we were very limited on where we could hunt on the property. We saw a nice, big 2X2. We made a plan and executed it. Trinity got within 75 yards and made a well-placed shot. Smiles for the rest of the day is all we saw from Trinity. Day three was talk of more weather coming in. We looked hard for the right deer, but it didn't go as hoped. On day 4, we knew we had to fill before the storm came in. Early morning, we found the deer Tony wanted. The first sneak was unsuccessful since the deer had moved and couldn't get a shot. Tony was able to come in from another angle and this time he was successful. He made a very well placed shot on a nice 3X4 with eye guards that scored 152 4/8.

The last hunt of the year was closing a chapter for



Mick Wolf

P Cross Bar. The last weekend of October, the guides, Dustin Cargal, family and friends went to the Durham Ranch for one last bison hunt. Mick had been helping guide the bison hunts for the past 10 years. He decided he would like to harvest a bison and took the last available hunt. Mick wanted to shoot one with a bow, but the wind wouldn't cooperate. He had a 30/30 rifle for backup and he decided it best to use it. Mick made a great shot on his bison that scored 64 2/8. We topped the day off with a barbecue, some drinks and plenty of story telling. It's with mixed feelings we've decided to no longer offer any future bison hunts.

P Cross Bar would like to give a special Thank You to Randall Otwell and wife Shonda. Randall has been guiding for us for 10 years and has decided to spend his fall a different way. He will still be doing a lot of hunting, but doing it for himself and with family or friends. Randall has been an asset to our business, we appreciate his dedication and hate to see him leave. Thanks to Shonda for allowing us to steal her husband every year for three weeks. It's not easy trying to keep a ranch together when your husband is off "playing" with the boys for three weeks. I'll leave Randall with this one last piece of advice, you may want to keep your voice down at the table, upsetting the cook is never a good thing.

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.

Marion, Mary, Pat, and Crew

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 pictures and newsletters from previous years.

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