

P CROSS BAR RANCH

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2017 Hunting Season

There were a few changes this year at the P Cross Bar Ranch. Marion, the boss, had a successful back surgery in mid November. He is currently at The Legacy Rehab Center in Gillette going through therapy. He is recovering real well and our hopes are to have him home in the middle of January. With his absence, Pat and Mick took over as authors for this years newsletter. It will be a challenge but we hope this years newsletter will measure up to Marion's.

All in all, 2017 was a good year for ranching and hunting. The winter started off with a difficult December and January with lots of blowing snow and ice. The snow and ice made it difficult to access the ranch to feed the cattle. Spring came early which provided for an early snow melt. The livestock, deer, and antelope made it through the winter in fine shape. Spring brought lots of moisture which allowed good grass growth and a

Jeremy Evans & Mckenna



good crop of hay that we did not have the year before. Summer and fall was very dry, so the wildlife had average horn growth. Yet, we were still able to find good trophies for our hunters. Game Bird populations are down from last year with some sharptail grouse and very few hungarian

partridge. We continue to do our best at controlling the coyote population. With the help of our hunters, they killed around 20 coyotes this season. So far this fall, we have had a dry beginning to winter. Our wildlife appear to be going into winter in fine shape.

In January of 2017, Fred Gutwein was our first buffalo hunter of the year. After a couple days of

Chip Miller



Steve Griffith

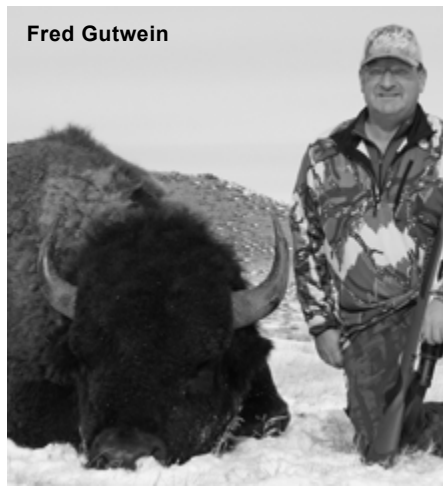


tough hunting, he was able to successfully kill a cagey buffalo. Our first approach put this buffalo on the run and broke through a steel gate that allowed him access to the highway. After a few close calls with semi's on the highway, the buffalo found his way back to the pasture.

Fred was able to make a good shot and his trophy was down. The buffalo scored 68 3/8. This will definitely be a hunt that Fred will remember.

Guides Pat Fiedor, Mick Wolf, and Randall Otwell along with his wife Shondah attended the 2017 Safari Club Int. annual hunting show in Las Vegas in early February. The Ranch again had an exhibitors booth. We made many new contacts, saw many old friends and booked a full 2017 season including Bison. The Boss and Mary 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 2018 at the Vegas Convention. This will make 43 years P Cross Bar Ranch has attended the SCI Convention. As our 2018 and 2019 seasons are fully booked for mule deer and antelope with two hunts open for buffalo for 2019. They will be booking for 2020.

We had a full booking this year. The mule deer and antelope quality was similar to 2016. 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. We put out several trail cams on water tanks in early August and had several nice trophy bucks watering regularly so that really helped the hunting. Guides Pat, Randall, and Mick guided the



majority of the hunts this year. We broke in a new guide this year, Kevin Wolf who helped with our last group of hunters and did a great job for his first guiding experience.

Mary and her kitchen and cleaning crew again did another outstanding job all season. Heather Kleiner returned for her second year as camp cook and again spoiled us with plenty of hearty, delicious meals. Great grand kids Jerzey & Jarek Fiedor again helped after school when they could. Stacey Carrell had the cleaning duties and did a fine job. THANKS to an outstanding crew for their hard work.

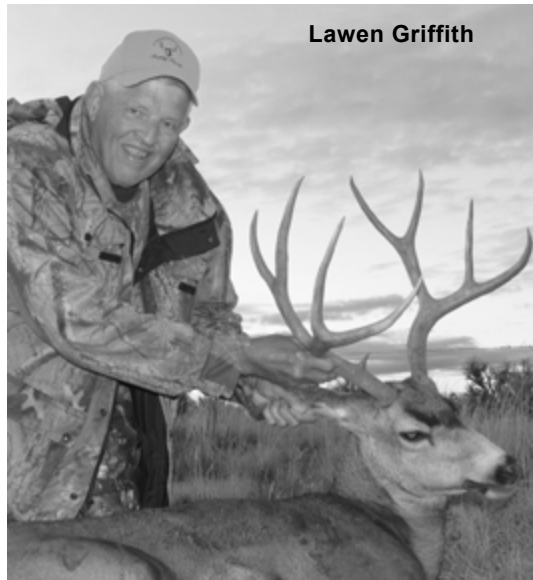
We also want to thank Dustin Cargal and Tyler Watts, the owners of Olds Processing, for the fine job again processing our clients game. We also thank Dustin Cargal with Trophy Taxidermy as well as Syd and John Long with Trophies Unlimited for their expert care of our clients trophies. Thanks also to Purcella's Meats for their excellent processing and care of our clients buffalo meat.

We had a very similar fall to 2016 with very little moisture and mostly what we call "Indian Summer" fall weather. The guides worked hard this year. They guided eleven trophy and two management mule deer hunters as well as 17 trophy antelope hunters. The mule deer averaged 159 4/8 green score. The antelope averaged 74 6/8 green score. Five trophy buffalo

hunters took five bulls averaging 68 5/8 inches. Six of the eleven trophy mule deer, all the buffalo, and all but one of the trophy antelope made the SCI record book.

On our first week, we had a returning father and daughter on a combo hunt and management antelope hunt with us. We also had four combo hunters the first week, two old friends and two new friends. Kevin Hodson and his teenage daughter Breanna drove in from California with his wife Carol as a non hunter. With guide Randall Otwell they had a great hunt taking one trophy and one management antelope. Kevin's antelope scored 72 7/8. Breanna shot a pretty management buck. On day three, Kevin shot a big management 2x2 mule deer. He shot it in difficult country and they had to quarter the deer so they could pack it out on their back. Kevin is booked for a six day combo trophy hunt for 2019.

Lawen Griffith returned from PA with his son Steve Griffith who was on his first hunt with P Cross Bar. With Mick as their guide, they scouted for the first day. On day two, Lawen was able to make a good sneak on a nice 5x5 mule deer that scored 154 5/8. Day three was a great day for Steve as he shot both his deer and antelope. Mid-afternoon, Steve was able to take a nice trophy antelope which scored 76 6/8. That evening, Steve put a great stalk on a real heavy horned 5x5 that scored 177 1/8. Steve's buck was the number one mule deer for 2017. On day four, Lawen made a perfect shot on a great



Lawen Griffith



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Steve Griffith

antelope that scored 76 0/8. Lawen is booked again for 2018 & 2019.

Father and son, Charlie and Chip Miller, drove in from New Jersey on their first P Cross Bar combo hunt. With guide Pat they had a great hunt. They filled both Pronghorn licenses opening day. Chip made a good sneak and one shot later had a great antelope that scored 81 7/8.

Chip's buck was the number one antelope for 2017. Shortly there after, Charlie connected on a nice antelope that scored 76 0/8. On day four, again they were successful taking both deer on the same day. Charlie was intrigued by a wide 5x5 and was able to put a long stalk on his buck which scored 155 0/8. Later that evening, we spotted a nice

buck at a watering hole. With very little daylight left, Chip made a quick sneak and took down a 5x5 that scored 160 0/8. Another great father and son hunt with all their bucks making the SCI record book. The Miller's are anticipating a return hunt in 2020.

Our second week was not so busy as we had one no show and just three hunters. One combo hunt, and two antelope hunters. Husband and wife, Phillip and Kelly Teel, had Randall as their guide. Phillip had purchased our donated 2017 SCI antelope hunt. The Teel's upgraded so the couple were both able to take an antelope. On day one, Phillip was able to

Chip Miller



successfully take a nice antelope that scored 72 2/8. The following day, Kelly found an antelope that she absolutely fell in love with. After she secured a steady rest, she made one shot and her trophy buck was down. Kelly's antelope scored 76 4/8. Phillip and Kelly had a great time and are interested in returning

Phillip Teel



was able to take both his deer and antelope on day four. The morning of the fourth day, a nice mule deer was spotted that Paul was able to get in his scope. Paul connected on a 5x5 buck that scored 153 4/8. Later that afternoon, Paul snuck through a row of hay bales and was able to make a perfect shot on a beautiful antelope that scored 78 3/8. Paul enjoyed his hunt and booked a combo hunt with us in 2019.

On our third week, John Petersen and Bill Etter returned for a second straight year for two combo hunts. They drove in from northern California. Bill and John again treated the whole camp with 30 dozen

Charles Miller



Charles Miller



for a future mule deer hunt.

P a u l Couillard flew out from Maine for a combo hunt with Pat as his guide. After three days of glassing many deer and antelope, Paul

Kelly Teel





his first time hunting with us for a combo hunt. He teamed up with Randall as his guide. After looking over many antelope, on day four of Bill's hunt, he shot a nice antelope that scored 69 3/8. He then decided he would rather focus on harvesting an old mule deer buck rather than worrying about the score. On day five of Bill's hunt, he made a great shot on an old heavy horned 5x3. He had a great hunt and will be back in 2018 to hunt buffalo.

A family of four with two father son combo's made a trip from Michigan. Jim and Matt Engel teamed up with Pat. Bruce and Mike Starring teamed up with Kevin. Jim had hunted with us many years ago. On day two, Matt was able to successfully connect on a spooky antelope and made a nice long shot. Matt's antelope scored 74 4/8. On day four, Matt again was successful on a nice 4x4 mule deer in some rugged

fresh oysters. The night before their hunt they were boiled and everyone enjoyed the feast. They once again teamed up with guide Mick and had another very good experience. On the first day, a dandy buck was spotted bedded in a tough spot. Later on that evening, the deer had moved to a better spot and John was able to make one good shot on a nice 5x5 that scored 162 0/8. On day three, Bill patiently waited and was able to make a difficult stalk and shot a nice deer at 18 yards. Bill's 5x5 scored 159 1/8. On day four, a spooky group of antelope was spotted and John was able to take a nice buck that scored 72 2/8. On the evening of day five, Bill was able to avoid a den of snakes and made a great shot on a nice antelope buck that scored 71 0/8. They booked the whole camp for the second week of 2018 for a family hunt, and are also coming back in 2019.

Bill Hukill drove to the ranch from Michigan for





terrain. After calling in help from other guides to pack the buck out, the buck was loaded and scored 160 $\frac{6}{8}$. That evening, Jim was able to make a good shot on a real nice antelope that scored 75 $\frac{2}{8}$. On day five, a buck was spotted in the morning and escaped without a shot fired. That evening the buck was found again in some real rugged terrain. Jim made a difficult sneak to within 60 yards and made a good shot on a nice 4x4 that scored 161 $\frac{0}{8}$.

Bruce and Mike were on their first ever Wyoming hunt with Kevin as their guide. Mike had a busy first day as he was able to take his deer and antelope which happened to be his birthday. Early that day, Mike was able to make a perfect sneak on a real nice antelope buck that scored 71 $\frac{7}{8}$. Later that evening, a nice 5x4 mule deer was spotted and Mike made an excellent shot. His buck scored 153 $\frac{2}{8}$. What a great way to celebrate a birthday. On day three, a good buck was spotted bedded with no shot available. Bruce waited for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the deer would stand and made a great shot. The buck scored 159 $\frac{0}{8}$. On day five, Bruce made a sneak on a nice antelope that was close to a watering hole. He was able to squeeze one off and had a dandy antelope that scored 73 $\frac{4}{8}$. The Engel's and Starring's enjoyed their time here at P Cross Bar Ranch and booked in for another family hunt in 2019.

Jim Engel



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Vinton Woodyard flew in from Alaska for a combo antelope and buffalo hunt with Pat as his guide. The first two days several antelope were glassed but no trophies were found. On day three, the buffalo were spotted in some flat terrain where a stalk was not possible. After some patience, Vinton was able to make a perfect shot on a buffalo with his rifle that scored 69 0/8. Day four was back to antelope hunting. After glassing many antelope a trophy buck was found

Matt Engel



and Vinton connected on a dandy antelope that scored 77 5/8.

A family from Idaho drove out for our last buffalo hunt. Jerry Pitts and his wife Lenée, Jeremy Pitts and his wife Deanna, and son-in-law Jeremy Evans and his daughter Mykenna all enjoyed a few days at the P Cross Bar Ranch.

Jeremy Evans was first up as he was an archer. The first stalk on the buffalo was unsuccessful as the buffalo spooked.

The second stalk worked out perfect. Jeremy was able to get an arrow in the lungs of the buffalo with a shot at 44 yards. Jeremy's trophy

Matt Engel



Mike Starring





Bruce Starring



Bruce Starring

load. They took all three buffalo back to Idaho for processing and taxidermy.

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We THANK all of our hunters for



Mike Starring



Vinton Woodyard

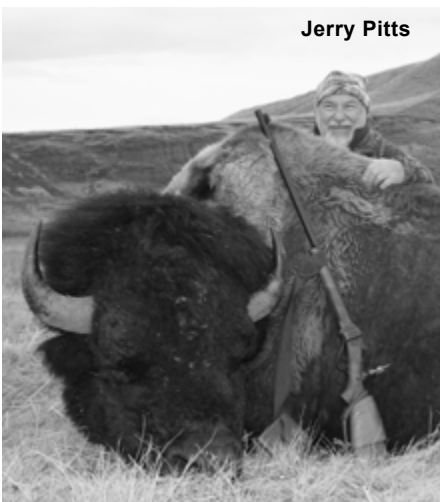


Vinton Woodyard

bull was number one for the year and scored 71 2/8.

On the same day after the archery hunt, the bulls presented Jerry a shot. He was hunting with a 45-90

black powder rifle. Jerry was able to place a shot in the heart and put the buffalo down. Jerry ended up with a nice bull that scored 66 6/8.



Jerry Pitts



Jeremy Pitts

On day two of the hunt, a very skittish bull was found that eluded us for several hours. Jeremy Pitts was hunting with a 338 rifle. After a nice stalk, he made a great heart shot that put the bull down quickly. Jeremy's bull scored 67 6/8. The family had quite a

choosing P Cross Bar Ranch as a place for your hunting experience. We truly enjoyed the time that you spent with us. 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, Pat, and crew