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2019 Hunting Season

This has been another great year for P Cross Bar Ranch. In April of this past year, Marion received the Honorary Lifetime Member Award from the Wyoming Outfitters and Guides Association. We truly believe this is a well-deserved award and we are happy for him.

Outfitter Pat Fiedor, guide Mick Wolf, and taxidermist Dustin Cargal attended the 2019 Safari Club International Convention in Reno this past January. As always, we had an exhibitor's booth, where we made many new contacts and visited with past clients and old friends. This makes 45 years P Cross Bar Ranch has attended the SCI Convention. Our 2020 and 2021 seasons are fully booked for mule deer, antelope, and buffalo. Again this year, we are donating an antelope hunt at the SCI Convention. This is the only opportunity to hunt with us this coming fall.

2019 was a good year for ranching and hunting. Winter was mostly mild with only 4-6 weeks of harsh, cold weather with snow. The wildlife and cattle were able to withstand the affects of Mother Nature and came through in fine shape. Summer and fall were the wettest anyone can remember. Due to all the moisture, it was difficult to put up hay but resulted in a bumper crop with twice our average tonnage. All of our reservoirs were full and had run over during our summer thunderstorms.

Patrick Griffith



Mary and her kitchen crew did a n o t h e r outstanding job all season. Heather Kleiner returned for her fourth year as camp cook and again spoiled us with plenty of

Fred Alexander



Charlie Etter



Bill Etter



hearty, delicious meals. 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.

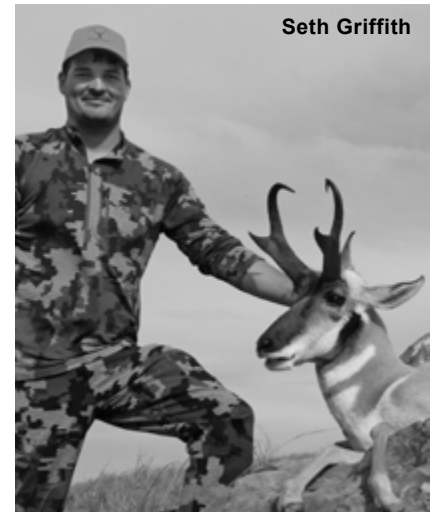
In 2019, our client's mule deer averaged 165 and the antelope averaged 75 in the SCI scoring system. Four trophy buffalo hunters took four bulls averaging 69 inches. Ten of our thirteen trophy mule deer hunters, all of the antelope and buffalo hunters made the SCI record book. We also had two management antelope and five management deer hunts. Over

the last few years we have harvested several management deer. 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.

Pat started his hunting season in early September by taking his son, Ty and daughter, Jerzey bird hunting in the Big Horn Mountains.

It was Jerzey's second year bird hunting and again was able to harvest a blue grouse. While trying to help Jerzey, Ty was able to harvest several birds of his own. Weather was difficult which made it hard to find birds, yet were lucky enough to shoot enough for a good meal. Jerzey is excited for the coming year, as she will be old enough to hunt big game. In November, Pat was able to get some whitetail hunting in on the ranch since there are starting to be a few of them around. After a few evenings of hunting, a mature buck presented a shot. Pat decided to take the shot and was able to shoot a decent buck for this area that scored 133 6/8.

On to the hunt, the first week Lawen Griffith brought his two grandsons Patrick and Seth for a combo hunt with Pat as their guide. This is the second time they have made the trip with Lawen for a hunt. On day one, Patrick shot the biggest antelope of not only the season but the biggest antelope ever shot on P Cross Bar Ranch. We had watched this antelope most of the summer and knew it was a great buck. Patrick was able to make a good shot and his trophy



scored 86 5/8. Weather became difficult with rain, snow, and fog. Patrick was able to shoot a trophy buck that scored 162 6/8. On the fourth day, Seth had a very successful day. He was able to shoot his trophy mule deer in the morning. His buck was difficult to recover due to the thick timber, but after a couple hours the buck was found and scored 154 3/8. That afternoon, Seth was able to find a nice trophy antelope and made a nice shot. His buck scored 70 7/8.

Don Dietrich returned for his third year with his wife Judy and brother in law Dennis Adair with Mick as their guide. Dennis was first up for mule deer. They spotted a good buck in the late evening and decided to wait till the next day. They found the buck early the next morning. After a long stalk, Dennis was able to make a good shot harvesting his buck that scored 164 4/8. The same afternoon after helping retrieve another hunter's deer, they located a nice deer for Don. He made a very good shot and the buck didn't go far. His trophy scored 152 6/8. After looking at several good antelope bucks, Don connected with a nice buck that scored 75 5/8. On the last day of the hunt, they found Dennis a good buck that ended up scoring the exact same as Don's at 75 5/8.





Don Dietrich



Don Dietrich



Breann Hodson



Kevin Hodson



Kevin Hodson

Kevin Hodson, his wife Carol and their daughter Breann returned for their third time with Randall as their guide. They spotted an old heavy horned buck down in a steep draw. After the stalk, Kevin was able to make a good shot and the buck was down. His trophy scored 169 6/8. Kevin's patience during his antelope hunt paid off, as he was able to shoot a trophy buck that scored 70 4/8. Breann hunted both management deer and antelope. There were two particular management mule deer that we wanted her to shoot. One of them was found and Breann was able to connect with a nice old 3X3 buck.



Breann Hodson

The antelope she shot was one that we have seen for several years that needed to be culled. This buck was nicknamed "The Billy Goat" as it never grew a prong on its horns. We were happy to see her harvest this old buck.





The second week of the hunt, Paul Couillard returned for his second hunt with Pat as his guide. The second week was difficult again with weather. Despite the conditions, Paul was able to shoot his trophy antelope the first day. His antelope scored 75 7/8. The morning of the second day was cold and rainy. They were lucky to spot a dandy mule deer. Even though Paul had a

difficult shot, he was able to connect on the buck that scored 178 2/8. Since Paul was filled on the morning of the second day, he and Pat spent the rest of his hunt scouting for other hunters and enjoying the ranch scenery.

On their first hunt with us, Jeff Politz and Adrian Vogt teamed up with Randall for two combo hunts. On the first day of the hunt, Jeff shot his antelope off the hay meadows. His trophy antelope scored 72 5/8. Jeff and Randall spotted a nice mule deer buck one afternoon. They were able to get within range. Jeff made a nice shot and his trophy buck scored 157. Adrian was after

a management mule deer. There was a wide 3X3 that's been on the ranch for the past three years. The buck was found one afternoon. Randall and Adrian were able to sneak within range. The buck presented a good shot and Adrian was able to connect. The buck had an inside spread of 29 4/8. The next day Adrian was able to harvest his trophy antelope. It was a nice trophy antelope that scored 74 5/8.



For the Fourth year in a row, Bill Etter hunted with us. His brother, Charlie and cousin, Ben all teamed up with Mick as their guide. Their hunt was a first for P Cross Bar Ranch in that Bill was lucky enough to draw an elk tag. The first day of their hunt, they concentrated on hunting elk in an area we had been seeing some elk the previous week. A small herd of elk was spotted first thing in the morning crossing from one canyon to another

Bill Etter



Charlie Etter



Ben Etter



and looked to have a good bull in it. A plan was made how to put a stalk on the herd of elk, which was put into play. Mick and Bill were able to sneak on the herd, but the shot on the bull was too far. Lucky enough, a smaller bull started bugling and brought the herd bull closer. Bill made a great shot on the bull at 320 yards and the bull was down. This is the first time a client has harvested an elk on P Cross Bar Ranch and scored 290 5/8. The entire hunting camp was excited for sure.

Ben Etter



Later in the day, Bill shot a nice antelope that scored 74 2/8. It wasn't until the third day that he shot his mule deer that scored 159 6/8. Charlie got his chance on the evening of the third day. Right before legal

shooting light was about to expire, a really nice mule deer buck was spotted. They needed to get a closer look and were able to get in range so Charlie could not only see the deer better, but also make a shot. Charlie decided to take the shot and the biggest deer of the year was down and scored 188 1/8 non-typical. After shooting his deer, Charlie decided he would like to shoot an antelope that was different or unique. We had been seeing a buck that had one normal

horn and one that curled forward. They were able to find the buck on day four of the hunt and Charlie was able to make a good shot on the management buck.

Ben had booked in with us to shoot a management deer and trophy antelope. Since Randall didn't have a hunter the first day of the hunt, he guided Ben. They found a nice antelope buck and got into range to make a shot. Ben made the shot and the buck was down which scored 73 2/8. The next day, he teamed back up with Mick and the rest of the group. A mature 3X3 mule deer was spotted. It was decided the buck would be a good one to harvest and Ben made a nice shot. They had another great hunt with us and we look forward to seeing them again next year. There will be eight of them hunting with us in 2020.

Jim Engel



The third week of the hunt, Jim and Matt Engel drove in from Michigan for another hunt with us. They again teamed up with Pat as their guide. The first evening of their hunt, a nice mule deer buck was spotted.

After deciding who would take the shot, Jim made a great shot on the buck and it scored 181 non-typical. On the third day of the hunt, after looking at many antelope, it was decided to try and find a good buck we had previously seen. That evening we finally found the buck where Jim could get a shot. After some patience,



Jim Engel



Matt Engel

their hunt, Bruce and Mike were both successful in shooting their antelope. Bruce made a nice shot on a buck that scored 75 3/8 and Mike made a good shot on a buck that scored 70 3/8. The third day of the hunt was another good day for both of them. In the morning, Bruce shot a mule deer that scored 159 1/8 and

the buck turned so a shot could be taken.

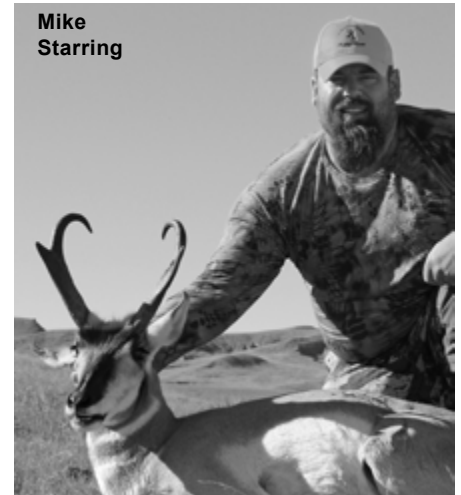
Jim made a good shot and the buck scored 75 7/8. On the second day of the hunt, Matt was up to shoot his mule deer. That evening a nice buck was found feeding on the side of a canyon. After some discussion, Matt decided to put a sneak on him.

He was able to sneak to the edge of the canyon to try and get a shot. The buck presented a good shot and Matt put the buck down. It was a bit of a drag to get the deer out, but worth the effort since the buck scored 152 6/8. On the third day of the hunt, a nice antelope buck was found. Matt decided he would like to take a shot at

the buck. He made the shot and a buck scoring 75 7/8 was down which was the same score of Jim's buck. They both left the ranch early due to a snowstorm coming in. We hope to see them both again in the future.



Matt Engel



Mike Starring



Bruce Starring

Bruce and Michael Starring also drove in from Michigan that week for their second hunt with us. They again teamed up with Kevin as their guide. The second day of

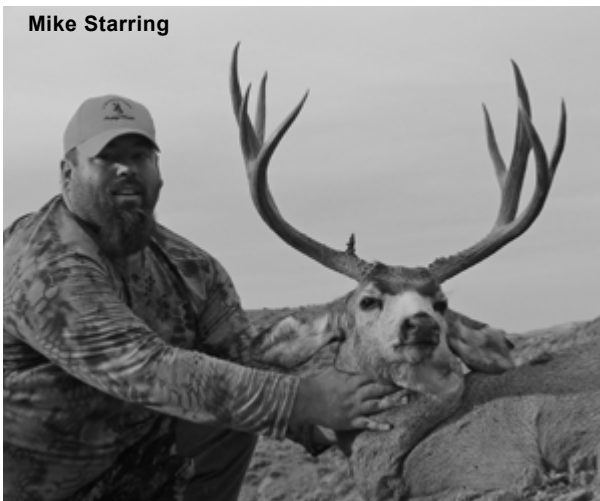
that afternoon, Mike shot a heavy horned mule deer that scored 161 2/8. Mike had shot this buck in a hole and needed to call for some assistance. For all of those who were a part of this hunt and understand the joke,

they didn't go through the brown gate to shoot this deer. Bruce had to leave his hunt early due to a pending business trip, but Mike ended up staying with us an extra day. Due to snow, Mike was unable to fly out of Gillette and had to wait until the next day. They had a great hunt with us and we hope to see them in Reno for the SCI Convention next year.

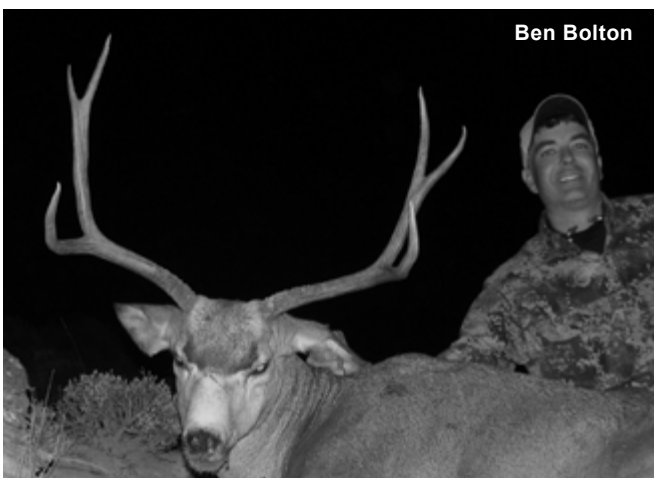




Bruce
Starring



Mike Starring



Ben Bolton



Bill Pritchett

Bill Pritchett flew in from Georgia for his fifth hunt with us and brought his friend, Ben Bolton. They came to hunt management mule deer and hunted with Mick as their guide. On the first day of their hunt, Ben was up first to shoot his deer since he didn't have as much time to hunt as Bill. They were able to find an old 3X3 that he liked. Ben made a good shot on the buck and was able to fill his tag. The third day of the hunt, Mick and Bill looked for an old 3X4 in an area he had been seen early in the day. They decided to take off walking to try and find the buck. The buck was spotted bedded underneath a juniper tree. Even though a difficult shot, Bill was able to make a great shot. Bill and Ben had a blast spending the rest of their time shooting prairie dogs and spotting for the other hunters in camp.

Two weeks later, Bill Pritchett flew back to Gillette with wife Leslie and good friend, Fred Alexander to hunt trophy Bison with us. They had a great first day of hunting with Pat and Mick guiding them. The bulls

hadn't been hunted yet this year and were really calm. Four bulls were found early that morning and were feeding on a ridge. We decided to get ahead of them since there was a pile of rocks where we could get some cover. Shortly after sneaking to the pile of rocks, the first bull appeared and was heading right toward us. Unfortunately, Mick had a cold and couldn't stop from coughing. The bull immediately stopped and was trying to figure out what

was going on. This was the start of a long waiting game to see what the Bison were going to do. The other bulls did continue toward us where we could see all four, but wouldn't get any closer. They did start moving around where a shot could be taken. Bill picked out the bull he wanted and Fred picked his in case there was time for a second shot. Bill made a good shot on the bull he liked and disappeared behind the ridgeline. Fred was able to move to a different position to try to get a shot. The bull Fred liked, presented a good shot. Fred shot and the bull was immediately down. Fred shot the best bull of the year scoring 71 7/8 and Bill shot the second best bull of the year scoring 70 2/8. We now call the pile of rocks, "coughing rock". Looking forward to seeing Bill and Fred in 2021 since they will both be returning to hunt deer, antelope and possibly an elk.

The third week of November, Lynn Herbert drove in from Oregon for his trophy Bison hunt. With Pat and Mick as his guides, it took a couple of hours to

find the bulls. They were in a spot where a stalk could be made. We snuck to some rocks where we could try and get a shot at one of the bulls. They were bedded and there were no shot at any of the bulls. As we were deciding which bull Lynn would like to get a shot at, the bulls sensed our presence. They slowly started to



walk away from us toward a draw that drops off the ridge we were on. Just before they dropped off out of site, the bull Lynn wanted to shoot turned broadside. Lynn took the shot and made a heck of a shot on the bull. The bull disappeared over the ridge, but didn't go far. It scored 67 2/8 and was such a good looking bull, Lynn decided he would like to do a full body mount. We had our taxidermist Dustin Cargal and daughter Brooke come out to help make sure it was caped right.



Lynn had a great hunt and left the next day with his meat.

The last Bison hunt this year was the last weekend in December. Shawn McDonald drove in from Texas for his

hunt and was shooting a compound bow. The first morning, the bulls were found almost immediately. After spending some time looking over the bulls, Shawn decided which bull he liked the most. A plan was put in place and the stalk was on. The first stalk didn't work out so well and the bulls spooked. The second stalk was almost too close for comfort.



One of the bulls was at 10 yards when he noticed Shawn and Mick hiding in a creek bottom. Shawn was able to get a shot at the bull he liked before they got out of range. He made a great shot and the bulls wandered off. The bull Shawn shot couldn't keep up with the other bulls and laid down. We decided to try and get another arrow in the bull. After a couple failed attempts, Shawn was able to make another great shot and the bull was down for good. The big bull scored 66 3/8 and Shawn was on his way back to Texas the next morning.

We THANK all of our hunters for choosing P Cross Bar Trophy Hunts, LLC 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.

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