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NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Tom Daniels, President

Greetings to all, wishing everyone a happy holiday season. For all the hunters in the club I hope your hunting season was full of new experiences and notched tags. For me Tag soup, looking for a new recipe.

SPORTSMANS SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to share your enthusiasm for archery and promote CRB, Please contact Galen Mauden @ 206 257 8243 for shift availability. Show dates are January 25th through 29th. Show admission is provided for volunteers.



Washington
SPORTSMEN'S SHOW® & Sport Fishing
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BOARD MEETING REMINDER

Thursday, January 12 | 6:00pm
Location TBD

All CRB members are welcome!
Come see how you can contribute to your club! Guest comments and feedback are welcome.

SEND US YOUR HUNT PHOTOS

By: Sarah St. George, Puffs Editor

Remember to send us your hunt photos to be featured in the next Puffs Newsletter!



IT IS ELECTION TIME AT THE CLUB

We will count your votes and determine the 2017 CRB Board of Directors at our meeting in January.

Please watch for a separate email with your voting pamphlet, which will include instructions, an outline of the voting process, information about the candidates, and your Ballot.

We appreciate you taking the time to vote, your vote will help ensure we have a strong club!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!





DUES RENEWAL NOTICE: 2017

By: Mike Stefanick, Membership Chairman, 253-630-1184, stefanick.mike@gmail.com

Greetings CRB members, it is time to renew your membership dues. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, but the "key" year is the more important cycle. The locks will be replaced at the end of the day on Saturday, February 4th. Your dues payment will get you your 2017 key and another year of archery fun at CRB.

Super Bowl Safari / Key Exchange Shoot

This year the Super Bowl Safari shoot will be on Saturday February 4th. Our first shoot of the year, it is partly designed to give everyone a good excuse to pay dues and get their new key for the coming year.

Dues Payment

You may pay your membership renewal dues of \$100, or \$60 if a senior, by any of three methods: First, online at CRB website via Paypal, Second, send a check to the CRB PO Box, or Third, if you prefer, either cash, check or credit card at the shoot. If you pre-pay I will have an envelope with your new membership card, 2017 key and information covering club activities for the year. If you pay at the shoot I will have a key for you and will mail your membership card with the club activities information during the following week.

Renewal Location

I will get setup and ready to do membership business by 8am in the clubhouse. That way we won't get in the way of the registration for the shoot.

Recruiting Activities

A number of you have recruited new members during the year, if you and your recruit renew on, or before the shoot day you will receive a dues reduction. Those with 2 recruits will receive a 25% reduction; those with 1 recruit a 10% reduction. *An updated list with all recruiters and those they recruited will be in a forthcoming email.*

Prepayment

If you pre-pay you may send me your key, but only if you are certain you will not want to use it until after the lock has been changed. Early payment via Paypal or check makes the key exchange run very smoothly but, make sure you bring your key to exchange.

Renewal Form & Personal Data Information:

IBO requires the Assumption of Risk form on a yearly basis. I will be sending out a pdf with the renewal form in a separate email after the 1st of the year. Those planning on coming to the shoot or just coming and getting your key on the 4th can use that form. I will also have them available at the renewal table. For those renewing on line, the Assumption of Risk is a statement that you agree to as you go through the renewal process.

If your name on the email is listed as You & Spouse, you have requested a spousal membership card. If only your name appears I will only make you a membership card. If there are changes to this item jot me a note and I will make the changes.

Membership in other Archery groups:

Cedar River Bowmen encourages membership in other archery organizations. Please indicate which groups you are affiliated with. This is especially important regarding WSAA (Washington State Archery Association) and IBO (International Bowhunting Organization). WSAA membership (Google WSAA, once on home page click Forms and contact Info, once there look at bottom of page for Membership form) gives CRB added voting rights at the state convention, more members gives us more votes when it comes to setting up the shoot calendar for the year. If we have enough IBO members (www.ibo.net/) we are able to obtain a club insurance policy.

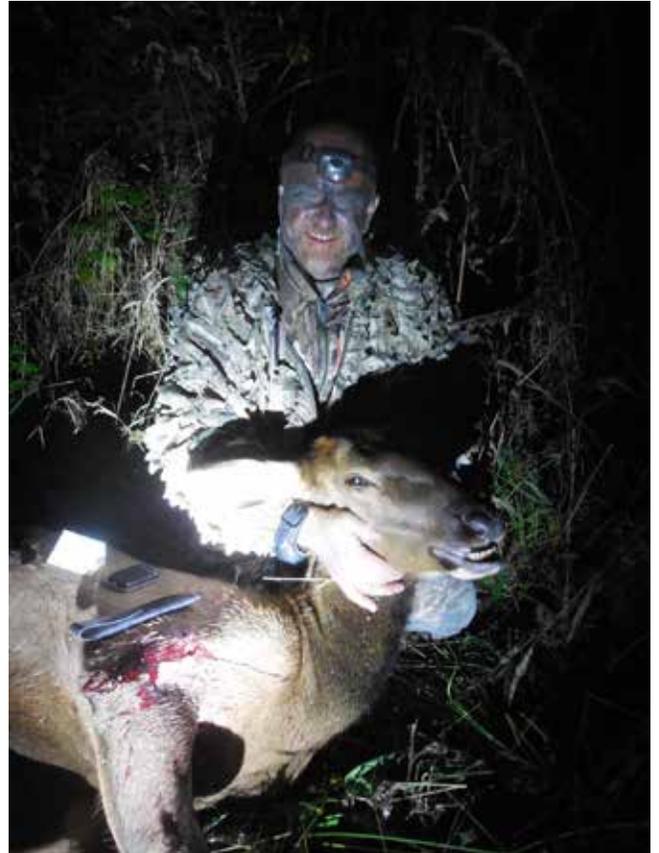
By: *Dave Ingham*

At the age of 13 I first went into the field to tag an elk. I was going with my father to elk camp for the first time, armed with my grandfathers Winchester Model 94 30-30 lever action, open sights and dreams of bagging my first elk. 40 years later it finally happened. It was a long road and one that did not always include hunting elk. That first year at elk camp I quickly realized that the word hunting is not included in the phrase "elk camp". There was not a lot of hunting that went on, it seemed to be more of an excuse to get away from the wives for 10 days than hunting. The BS was deep and kept that way with a lot of alcohol. For myself, I got up every morning and headed out of camp to hunt, sometimes with my dad sometimes alone. The first 2 years I never saw a bull elk, tracked a few cows in the snow and had a blast. Later, after that second year my parents divorced. I stayed with my father but hunting for him was over, he took up a new hobby, golf. It made sense, he no longer had a wife to get away from and now he could hang with his buds every weekend and most week nights. At 15 it also meant that I was temporarily out of hunting.

Once I hit 16 I was back in the game. I took a few deer in those early years but could never get on elk. In 1982 I bought my first bow, a Bear Whitetail Hunter. It was cutting edge, these fancy wheels and cables, sights, a 19-year-old's dream. I spent every free moment learning to shoot. Those early years were awesome. You could drive up out of Enumclaw and hunt elk with an OTC tag. And I got into a lot of elk. I learned to cow call with my voice and used a piece of sink plumbing pipe as a bugle (you older guys know exactly what I'm talking about). I had a lot of close calls and a couple missed shots but still no elk. Then in 1987 on a late hunt in the Wynoochee unit I got my first elk kill. I was using a Hoyt/

Easton Ram Reflex 65 lb. recurve, Easton arrows and some Bear broad heads. I stalked to within 25 yards of a small herd of elk. I drew back on a big cow and let the arrow fly! All hell broke loose, elk everywhere. I knew I had a hit but felt that it may have been a little back so I located the first blood and marked it then headed back to my rig to lose some gear and get ready to deal with an elk. Forty-five minutes later I returned to the blood and started trailing it. At first I was really excited, I had good blood, still had not found the arrow but the blood trail said everything. I was going to find a dead elk. The blood trail took me into some thick reprod, and this is where things turned bad. I noticed that on the elk's blood trail there were 2 sets of fresh boot tracks. I don't know where these guys came from, but when I got to my elk they were gutting it out. Some very heated words were exchanged, as you can imagine. I'm pretty sure the last thing I said was I hoped that they both die of a heart attack on the pack out and I walked away. I put the bow away and then spent the next 20-plus years chasing steelhead.

Seven years ago a friend talked me into picking up my bow again and heading out for some late season deer hunting. I said sure and started shooting my old recurve and got comfortable out to 30 yards. We got nothing but had a good time. It felt good to be out in the woods again. My wife, who used to come along with me in the early years, was excited



to join me. We bought her a bow and started shooting. She had a blast and it was shortly after that that we joined Cedar River. Because of my past experience with elk we primarily chased deer the first couple years. We bought the combo license and put in for quality elk tags but elk were not on the radar.

The last couple years we've had really good luck hunting bear, so our seasons are all about blacktail and black bear. Which leads us to this year. We hunt Hancock Kapowsin timberland. Hancock gives out 6 elk permits for this area and during elk season the only hunters allowed are those with the elk permit. So during early archery we get locked out during elk season. Well, my wife and I are getting a little stir crazy so we buy a walk in pass to the timberland out of Enumclaw and head up one evening to look for deer. The area is not known for a lot of animals but it gets us out of the house so we're happy. At dusk on

our way out we are shocked to see 3 cow elk feeding along the edge of a logging road. I decide to try and make a stalk. I'm carrying my longbow so I know I need to get within 25 yards. As I round a corner I felt a shift in the wind and decide to back out, I did not want to spook them out of the area. On our way home we come up with a game plan for the next evening. We are going to post up just a little down wind of where they came out and hope to get an ambush shot on one. I also decide to bring my compound bow, because I'm good to 50 yards with it and I would hate not getting a chance at my first elk because I was not within 25, my long bow range.

The next evening finds us walking in, the area we are posting up is about a mile and a half in. As we get closer we slow down to make sure we don't bump anything. We round a corner where one elk was the night before and all I see is the biggest black bear I've ever seen, 20 yards in front of me, feeding. I grab an arrow and at the same time he winds us, gone without a shot. I was stoked! I felt like this was a good omen. We proceed to the spot where we're going to post up take our places and wait. It's about 2 hours before dark. The winds remained perfect, and at about 20 minutes before the end of shooting light my wife says, "They're out!" 250 -300 yards back down the road 5 elk had come out to feed. They came out in the exact spot that we bumped the bear. My only chance is going to be trying a stalk. The first 150 yards is going to be tough but if I can get through that then I would have a corner that would hide me for another 50. I make myself as small as I can and start moving. I made sure to always face their direction and that I had no movement outside of my profile. Once I got to the spot that I was out of their view, I dropped my back pack and took off my boots and continued the stalk. I ranged them the first time just as I came to the corner, 55 yards out! I wanted to be under 50 so I slowly worked in a few yards closer. At this point I have

a big yearling calf at 40 and the spike and cow at 50, but no shot. I make the decision that which ever one gave me a shot I was taking it, I know I'm right at the edge of shooting hours. The yearling took 2 steps forward exposing all his vitals. I drew back, picked my spot and the arrow flew! It sound like someone had just smacked him with a 2x4! Off they go, running down the roads towards our rig!

I take a moment to collect my thoughts. I did not see the arrow hit but I felt like it was a perfect shot. I go back to gather my gear and put my boots back on, and my wife makes her way down. She saw them run off but she could not see me so she wasn't sure of what happened. She heard the arrow hit something so she knew I shot. I was jacked and ready to go but she's saying, lets wait, give him time, we don't want to push him. I agree, but convince her to go up and look for the arrow. We could not find the arrow but there was blood instantly. I called a friend who was hunting in the area to see if he wanted to take part in tracking, he didn't answer, so I left a message. I told my wife, lets follow the trail along the road until it goes into the brush then we'll wait a little before going in. We start working up the road and I find the arrow, and 10 yards later we find my elk piled up on the side of the road! Hugs and high fives. At this point my friend called me back and he's heading in to help. I call another friend and ask if he can bring his bike and trailer up. He was more than willing. We took a couple pictures and got to work. The heart had a perfect X carved out of it with my Slicktrick. By the time I got him ready to haul out my friend showed up with the trailer and the 4 us got him out in one trip.

Forty years after first going in the woods to hunt elk, I've tagged my first one! It feels good! I'm still a blacktail/black bear junkie but if an opportunity presents itself I'm all in on the elk.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS DECEMBER 2016

*By: Mike Stefanick,
Membership Chairman*

As you are searching for Christmas present ideas, consider a CRB membership for friends or family. It just might be the perfect gift to kick start a life long relationship with archery and the outdoors. The website is for business 24 hours daily for both new and renewal memberships. If you wish for the membership to be a surprise, there is a buyer comments space for a note. So left a phone number or alternative email address and we can discuss how you want to proceed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

RAY WHITE AWARD

By: Addie Nelson, Bowhunting Chairman

All successful hunters please remember to fill out a Ray White Game Award application!

If you had a successful hunt this season, be sure to submit an application, as you will be recognized at the annual banquet. A copy of the Ray White Award application is included in this newsletter. I know we have several members who took animals last year, including some very nice bulls. We give a gift certificate for each successful hunter. We also have a biggest deer and biggest elk plaque on the wall in the club house that has the name of the hunter. Please send me a photo with your application and send a story to the Puffs editor. These can be sent to me by mail (address on the form) or by email to nelsona020@yahoo.com.



2016 Season: Jeff Keen

Spot and stock 4x3 mule deer from NE Okanogan. 50 yard shot and 150-200 yards to track him.



2016 Season: Mike Stefanick

Mike Stefanick took this 2pt Blacktail taken from a tree stand, with archery tackle, during rifle season on a multiseason tag.

CEDAR RIVER BOWMEN RAY WHITE BIG GAME AWARD

Animal killed _____ Sex _____ Weight _____ (field dressed)

If Deer or Elk, number of points per antler: Right _____ Left _____

Date killed _____ Where killed (area & state) _____

At what distance was the animal hit? _____

How far did the animal travel after it was hit? _____

Draw weight of bow _____ lbs.

Was the animal dispatched in any other way than with an arrow? YES NO

If yes, explain:

How many seasons have you hunted with a bow? _____

Have you previously received a big game award from the Cedar River Bowmen? _____

Fair Chase Affidavit

I, _____, by my signature do swear and affirm that the above animal was killed by myself with a legal bow and arrow under the rules of Fair Chase and the game laws of the state or territory in which I hunted. That no aid was used in the form of tranquilizers, poison, or firearms. I understand that any attempt to falsify this application will result in the immediate revocation of my membership.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Witness _____

Address _____

Witness _____

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For You Hunters

Successful hunters should be sure to fill out this Ray White Award form because there are awards for largest bull etc. These awards are given out at the annual Banquet.

MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2016

CRB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2016 AT KRAIN CORNER

Attendance:

Jeff Keen	Josh Tedeschi
Mike Wallace	Addie Nelsen
Dave Garrison	Tom Daniels
BJ Brewster	Ace Sanders
Galen Mauden	Kimi Sanders
Bocci Delfino	Travis Gahan
Mike Stefanick	Jennifer Gahan
Jason Coleman	

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

A quorum is present.

Secretary's report - Diane – Distributed 10/17/16 – Accepted as written

Treasurer's Report – Travis – Distributed 11/9/16 – Dave G asked to have income items identified. Report Accepted.

Range Master report – Mike W.–

* Member bitten by dog. Tabled for later discussion

* Flat Range surveyed for safety. Looking for a fix for arrows that have been found in neighbors yard. No solution at this time. Options being discussed, 25 ft walls behind flat range to stop arrows.

* Announcement of "shame"/ attention board of arrow found in neighbor's yard. Do not call people out on matching arrows to the one on the board, but please help call honor system to tell people not to sky draw.

* Mike S drew attention to bottom of the application of rules including the 100 yard butt, sky draw and walking backward on courses

* Mike W advised option to purchase the tractor and tow behind trailer that was used for Bownanza. 1948 John Deere Model M asking \$6000. Questions asked in regards to implements to the tractor. No implements are equipped on the tractor. Questions arise with Liability insurance especially with children

riding in the trailer. Brought up that the score cards have a liability claim on them. Issue brought up regarding those not shooting therefore a liability release has not been signed and how to tell in the claim was signed or not. Further discussions on who will drive the tractor/trailer combo? No real answer other than Mike W said he would volunteer sometimes to drive it. Suggestion to Mike W was for him to purchase the tractor/trailer itself and bring it to the shoots. Discussions on storage issues/maintenance especially regarding the slow tractor not fitting on all trails, Slow and power concern. Galen suggested not to purchase, BJ agreed. Mike S suggests a small truck instead of a small tractor/trailer. Discussion Tabled.

Assistant Field – Bocci –

* Need new count of paper targets. Questioned especially for the flat range

* Jim and Galen have templates for flat range to cut down. Discussion on duct taping them and posting the templates to the butt as they are plastic templates.

Assistant Animal – Dave –

* Sunday walked course A, all new targets

* Watch the trails for fallen trees/ debris. Help remove the orange dots on flat range.

* Discussion on needing to order new burlap targets soon. Looking to order 10 of 3 kinds.

Bow hunter report - Addie –

Volunteered for Y.O.U. for a family of 5. They got a turkey and deer. (will be writing an article and has pics for Puffs)

Membership – Mike S-

* Approx 4 new members. 271 members total.

* Gave out a couple \$78 memberships in the issue regarding the fill in oops for online membership hassles. Potentially adding a page to the website for membership to help with the fill in page for membership.

* Discussion on keys/locks for 2018 changing?

* Discussion on 2nd weekend elk season. Man and Girlfriend on quads passing on our property. They shot an elk and bear. Game Warden called (could not come out) and PCC security called too. Man left with elk on quad/trailer. Not for certain that they pulled their bear out.

* Discussions on Dave Smith advising gate not locked, witness people on foot leaving.

* Discussions of trail cam lock box, satellite security.

* 2018 thinking option of one no duplicate key per family. Deposit for key and changing out master cylinder on locks as a discussion.

Tournament report – Open – none other than turkey shoot was wet to say the least.

About \$200 in food given in can food to Enumclaw food bank.

Puffs – Sarah – Not in attendance

Old Business –

Club Pins- looking to be about \$3-4 cost for pin for awards, Or could sell for \$5 in opted. Search for cheaper options discussed. Which logo to use (Indian/elk) being discussed. Tabled.

New –

* Elections-If you want to run send bio/resume to Jason or BJ. Watch for emails.

* Sportsman's Show- Do we need to attend? We have membership numbers up. Discussion to pair up with Skookum like we did for the

Puyallup fair with flyers and volunteer to educate and shoot. Discussion on doing both the booth and Skookum. Feedback about not wanting to pair up with Skookum. Galen then given the setup and to arrange the times for volunteer for the CRB booth and we will still put flyers at Skookum and suggest volunteers at Skookum shoot lanes.

* Dog bite-Sunday victim of dog bite.

Nip on the heel coming out of the truck @ flat range. Dog went away unleashed. Person unpacked gear. Reached down to grab some of their gear at flat range and was bit on the arm with a good size puncture wound drawing blood. Dog owner did not offer name or phone#. No apology was given and little to no assistance given to the victim by the dog owner. Dog was not on a leash and the owner advised that "Dog has never did that before."

Tuesday victim talked to Mike and explained issues.

Tom sent EM to 4 dog owners and 4 non-dog owner club members asking what do you expect if got bit by dog? If not offered help, what would expectations be? Pic sent to victim of person he explained to be. Victim and witness confirm the positive identification of the dog owner.

Suggest dog never allowed at the club again and if brought on premise to be escorted off the property and owner can return without the dog. Tom to contact positively identified person to discuss no longer allowing the dog on property.

Galen discussion on carpet bale fund. Discussion on needing to find another source of monies to buy pressed straw bales for club house as the carpet bales fund is for carpet bales only. Discussed that the carpet bales fund is "earmarked" monies that cannot be used for other purposes.

Discussion on moving money as funds account may no longer be needed for just carpet bales.

Dave G motion to move carpet bale fund, keeping monetary balance from carpet bale fund, to the general fund, to make a new fund called Target Butt Fund (replacement) with same monetary value of the carpet bale fund.

Motion approved.

Discussion to move meetings back to the clubhouse due to the loud noise at Krain. Bocci is willing to see if the grange next to his house can host our meetings once per month instead so we have heat.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

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