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Voice of the Alberta Traditional Bowhunters Association

**Summer/Fall
2006**

**Group Hunt
Finalized...**

**Jamboree
Report...**



Featured Story

Amy's Buck by: Gun Lemke

From the Editor



Well I guess this would be my second newsletter and I'm already running out of things to enter in newsletter. We would like to make this newsletter interesting for our members. In order to do that we need our members support by sending me stories, interesting articles and so on. I don't think you want to read about stuff that doesn't pertain to our association or do you ?

The first time I wrote a story I didn't think I could do it. I thought what quality of a story could I write that wouldn't sound terrible. I don't think my story was great by any means but I did get some compliments that made me feel pretty good. How I did it you might ask, well I wrote the story the same way I told it to my closest friends. When I came to a part I had used body movement telling my story. I took the time to describe it in words.

Enough about that. I'm looking forward to this years hunting season, it will be a time to get away from all the hectic stuff going on in this booming economy. I could here Elk calling in my sleep the other night. At least I thought I could here one or maybe it was my neighbors cat. Can't wait to get away from that as well. Time spent hunting with friends is priceless. Time to create some new stories and have some laughs. I may even bump into some of you this season, I hope I do. I missed most of the Jamboree this year due to other commitments so I didn't get a chance to visit with friends and fellow bowhunters.

In closing I would like to ask each and every one of you to take the extra few seconds it takes to be safe this hunting season. Make sure you are equipped for your journey and give yourself the extra time to get there. Once your there relax and enjoy with your friends what Mother Nature has given us.

"You need not harvest game
For a hunt to be successful"

Calvin Briggs

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Presidents Message

Well folks....we just wrapped up this year's installment of the A.T.B.A. Heritage Classic Jamboree at Sherwood Park. "How did it go?" you ask. Well, there were some good things and some not so good things.

The good things....From an operational perspective, it was a huge success. The site and weather were perfect, the courses and novelty shoots were challenging and loads of fun, the meal was outstanding and we really put some smiles on the faces of our young bowhunters. Pat Morphy, Wayne Pirnak, Bert Frelink, Ken Bodden and the members of your executive and their families worked very hard at providing a real "bang for the buck" experience. From all reports, we met our objective. I cannot say enough about the work my team did throughout this past year to organize and facilitate the Jamboree operations. They did a tremendous job; a job that I am proud of and very grateful for. When you have an opportunity, give them a well deserved pat on the back. They certainly deserve it.

The not so good things....the Jamboree fell short on member participation. On the date of the Jamboree we had 82 members on our roster but only 29 members attended and 15 of the 29 consisted of the executive and their families. That left 14 individuals from our general membership who took part. Those figures cause me considerable concern and I ask you these questions... What was it that kept you away? How do we make the Jamboree a viable opportunity that you will participate in? Do you want us to continue presenting the Jamboree or is there something else that we should be doing on your behalf? I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas so please take the time to send me an email at gary.mccartney@telus.net and let me know the sorts of things you want out of your association.

On a more positive note. The "Season" is upon us; only three weeks, at the time of this writing, until I walk into the woods for the first time this year. The group hunt is five weeks away and I am definitely excited. I got drawn for antelope, so we have lots of critters to go after down south. I hope your own plans are all firmed up and you will have plenty of time a-field. I wish each one of you much success at building memories so aim carefully, pick your spot and be safe. Oh, and take lots of photos ☺ ; I'd love to see them.

Take care and have a good one

Gary McCartney

President

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"Go Hard Or Stay Home"

Gary McCartney

Membership & The Cash

Memberships Report

Well we made through another Jamboree and now we are getting ready for hunting season. I'd hoped to get a few more members to join at the HCJ but if it wasn't for David S pushing we wouldn't have gotten anybody else to sign up. However David did manage to get one person to join. So at this time we have 48 families signed up totaling 83 members. I can't see many more joining for 2006. I'd hoped to get 100 members this year but we were not able to reach that mark.

I'm not sure just what we need to do to get more members. Perhaps we need a more active game award system, or some other initiative to get people to join. We have one of the better newsletters in the province hoping to entice people to join. Maybe a contest is needed to get our members to urge their friends to join. If anybody has any ideas please let our executive know of your thoughts.

Treasurer Report

At this time I can not tell you just exactly how we made out at the HCJ. I know we made money but I'm still waiting reports from some of the executive so I can figure out just how we ended up. My gut feeling is that we did better this year than we did at last years HCJ even though we had fewer people attend the shoot. However we made some changes from last year and they



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were good changes as far as making money is concerned. Unfortunately some of these changes put more pressure and work on the people who worked so hard at putting the shoot on. For those who worked so hard I'm not sure that their efforts were rewarded due to the lack of participation by our membership. The HCJ is the only fundraiser that the ATBA has each year. Our membership fees just barely cover the ABA, FCA fees and our newsletter costs. Once I get all the information in I'll be able to give an exact report as to where we made money and where we didn't do so well. At this time the best guess that I can come up with is that we made approx. \$1500.00, again that is a real rough figure.

Duane Hicks

"I can always use money"

Duane Hicks

Web-Masters Report

As your webmaster I feel I need find you some interesting page to surf for on the net. I can't talk enough about Trad Gang. There is so much information on this forum you will want to read about. Hunting stories, bow making the list goes on. Join in on some conversations. Their web site is <http://www.tradgang.com/>

Trophy Shots

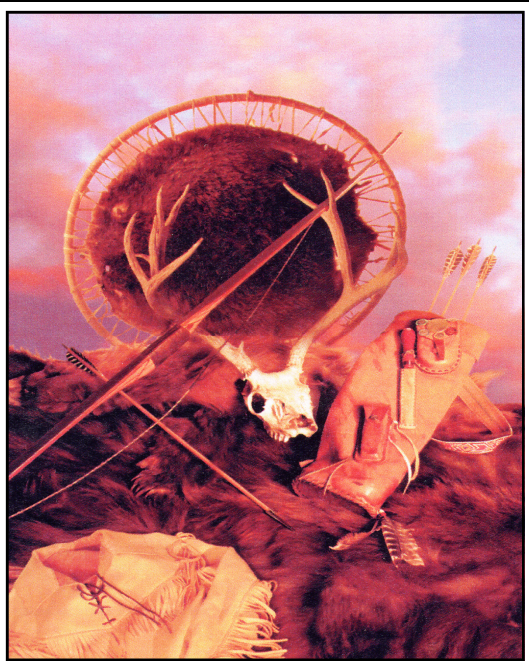
In the world of scouting cameras, a picture may be worth more than a thousand words. Check it out at <http://www.bowhuntingmag.com/tactics>

Your Webmaster
Calvin Briggs

Fourth Annual A.T.B.A. Group Hunt

The dates of this years annual group hunt will be 13-17 of September and we will be hunting mule deer (general archery season) and antelope (on draw-code 807) and there are lots of whitetails there too. We want as many of you as possible to attend so we focused on the antelope rut , the weekend and the few days leading up to it.

The zones we will hunt are 150,151 and 152. Mel Kaban, Duane Hicks, and I are familiar with the area surrounding Jenner and Buffalo and we are optimistic that a good hunt will be the result of our experiences there in the past. When I was there three years ago, there was a pile of deer around and I mean a pile. Mel hunted there last year and he tells me that nothing has changed. He saw and had plenty of chances for both deer and antelope.....he said he was being "selective" and didn't harvest anything©.



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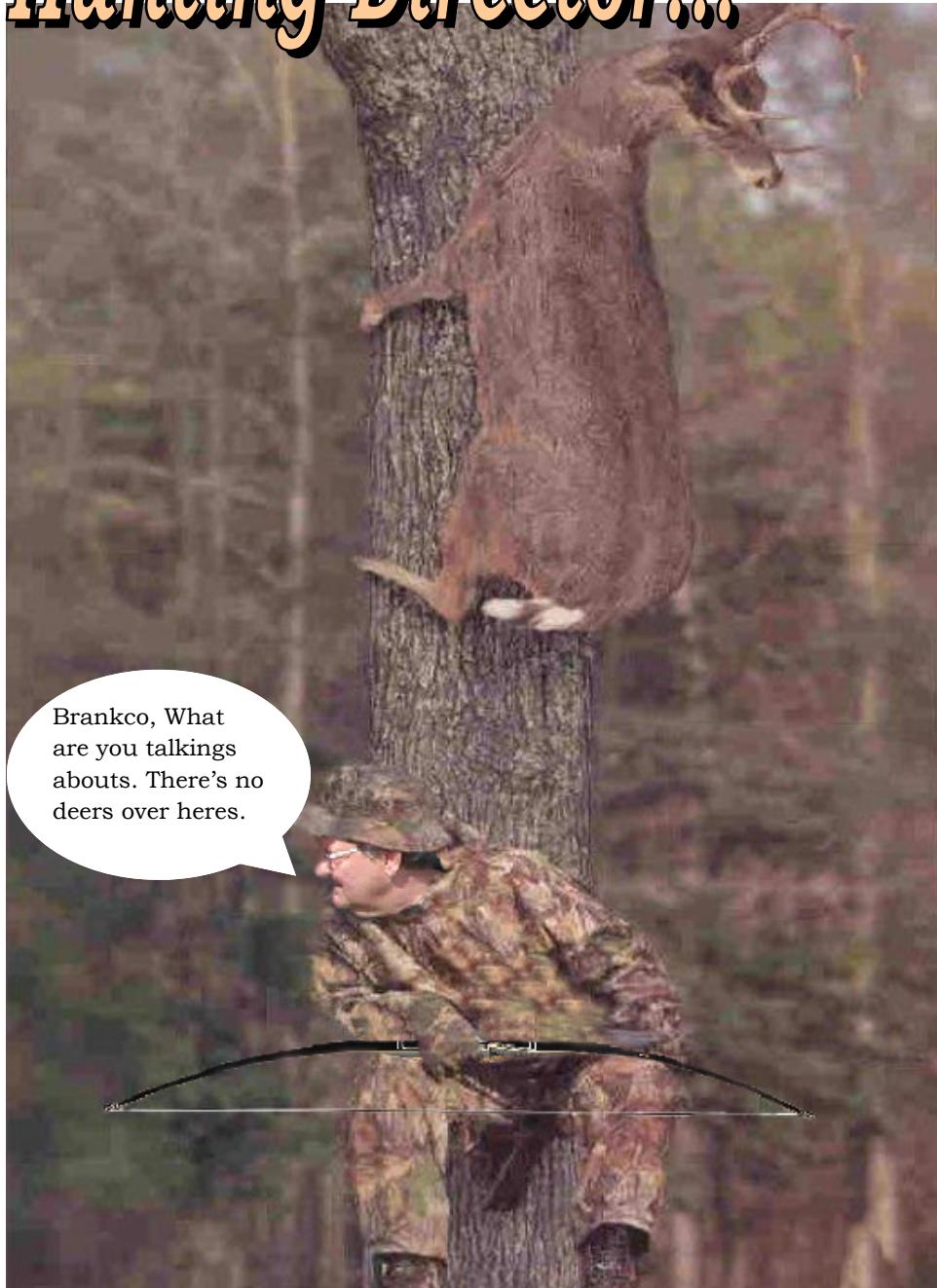
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Mel also says that permission will not be an issue and we should have lots of land to hunt on.

Hunting Director...

A man in camouflage gear and a hat is holding a bow and looking up at a deer hanging from a tree trunk. The deer is upside down, with its head near the top of the frame. The background is a blurred forest.

Brankco, What are you talkings abouts. There's no deers over heres.

From The Cookshack

Caribou Chili Con Carne

- 1 lb lean ground Caribou meat (Any red meat)
- 1 lb chopped shoulder roast
- 1-28-oz. can of diced tomatoes
- 2 cups rinsed kidney beans
- 1 large chopped onion
- 1 large chopped green pepper
- 3 chopped stalks of celery
- 3 minced cloves of garlic
- 1/2 can of chopped water chestnuts
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1/4 tsp of hot pepper flakes
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar salt to taste

Brown meat. Add beans and tomatoes, chili powder, pepper flakes, vinegar, salt and simmer for about 1/2 hour. Add 1/2 of all the chopped vegetables. Simmer another 15 minutes. Add the remaining 1/2 of vegetables. Simmer for another 10 minutes. Ready to serve.

Recipe entered by: David Sherwin

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Youth Director Report

Howdy all I really enjoyed meeting all of you at HCJ and hope every one had a great time. Congratulations to Meagan Davies who won the kids long shot with a perfect 10x and also Josh Frelink for winning the sportsmanship award. As Traditional bowhunters one of the greatest things we can do is to teach kids how to bow hunt and how to shoot traditional equipment but I did notice a couple of problems at HCJ When we are teaching kids to shoot we need to remember not to over bow them as a proud Father I have been guilty of this. Kids are still developing and shooting a heavy bow can injure them.

Now I am going to get up on my soapbox and say we need to watch what kind of message we are sending our kids when all we can talk about was how big your last deer was. Traditional archery and bowhunting are about the experience not the destination yes I put every effort I can into getting an animal yet one of my most successful trips I never even pulled a string.

Well now that's off my chest I'm going to sign off so Good Luck and Good Hunting.

Delin Watmough

Did You Know...

Alberta Environment just launched a new website that highlights public and stakeholder involvement information...

Reaching out to Alberta Environment's Stakeholders Alberta Environment encourages active participation of all Albertans to steward our land, air and water. In order to engage early and have meaningful public and stakeholder involvement, Alberta Environment has launched a new website called, Getting Involved: Initiatives. This site provides a one-stop location where information on current, future and past public and stakeholder involvement initiatives are listed. Visit the site at <http://www.environment.gov.ab.ca/stakeholder/>



Another highlight of the ATBA, our second annual Heritage Classic Jamboree, has passed. I found to have enjoyed it more that the first one as returning folk were reacquainted with and new ones were met. Those of you that could not return this year; you were missed. Traditional people are so enjoyable to be with: good-natured, sincere and all with their stories to tell. How can a gathering of such not be fun! The



absence of one clan was noted with gladness: that of the mosquito clan. One of the reasons the August long weekend is picked is that, generally, by that time their blood banks are full! To see the enjoyment of folk attending is very rewarding to that special group of volunteers who, without their commitment, such an event could not be put on. The thank you list goes further. To all who registered, you made it successful by your coming: thank you! And thanks to the membership of the ATBA, for your signing up ensures its continued existence and makes it possible for the hosting of such events. Together, the possibilities for us are many.

One of the highlights we enjoyed was that of our special guests, Dick Robertson, who shared his history which ties so closely with the resurgence of traditional bowhunting. How can such a young man go back in history as far as he has? And Clark



Dick Robertson
From Robertson Stykbow

Dennill who amazed us by fashioning a shootable longbow from a Saskatoon stave right before our eyes. I'm sure that, as a result, suitable Saskatoon and choke-cherry stems in the wild will be threatened!



Clark Dennill
From One Tree Wooden Bow Co.

Several people asked with a sense of excitement, where is the HCJ going to be next year? Their enjoyment and anticipation was evident.

Prizes: were there ever a lot of them! A big thanks goes to our sponsors and to many of you who brought prize donations as well.

If you were wondering how you could show gratitude for the HCJ, I know just the one that would tickle the hearts of the ATBA executive. That would be to help out with next year's. Any portion as simple as flipping pancakes at breakfast or setting up the event to its disassembly would be very encouraging: lest we wear

out that extra special current group of volunteers. Please consider that.

Well, I'm already keen to see you all at next year's, but before that comes our annual group fall hunt, chasing mulies and pronghorns. More fun in the company of good people!

With traditional regards,
David Sherwin

**The Alberta Traditional Bowhunters
Association**
would like to thank all the sponsors and
volunteers that helped make the
Heritage Classic Jamboree 2006
a success.

**We would also encourage our membership
to support our sponsors.**



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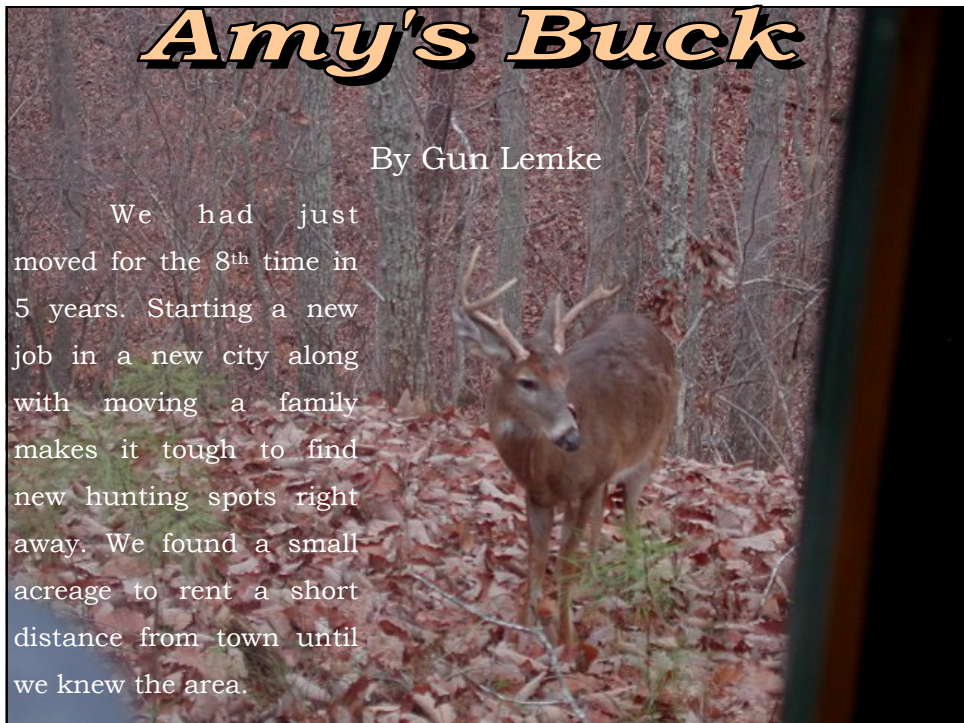
Amy's Buck

By Gun Lemke

We had just moved for the 8th time in 5 years. Starting a new job in a new city along with moving a family makes it tough to find new hunting spots right away. We found a small acreage to rent a short distance from town until we knew the area.

With public land nearby I had been concentrating my hunting efforts there along with knocking on doors trying to find some new spots. The season was winding down and I hadn't been able to get out as much as I like. I was working night shift as well.

One morning I did have a good opportunity at 3 bucks that I had rattled in. The bachelor group consisted of a small 4x4, a 135" class 5x5, and a monster 4x2. He was one of those 300# plus Bucks with a 4 pt., 160 class antler on the right side, a weird bulb like growth on the left side that had a small point sticking up and a long drop tine coming down along his cheek. They all came in at a trot after my first attempt that morning and as they got to about 40 yards, they split up with the big guy coming right up to me on my left side. The 4x4 was at about 20 yards behind him and the 5x5 was more to my right and had hung up about 50 yards out watching the other two. I decided that the big guy was too ugly and hoped that the 5x5 would come in range. The big Buck was slowly walking by me inside 10 yards, I marveled at his body



size. He was so big I thought it would be impossible to miss him at that range. When he was past me he stopped and looked around. All of a sudden his head snapped up and looked right at me. You could just see his attitude change and I thought the jig was up. He slowly turned and moved through a thicket off the trail to put some cover between us. When he was about 50 yards out he snorted and ran off at a trot. The other two bucks instantly became alert. My stand was on a small ridge and they could not see where the big Buck went. The small 4x4 however soon turned and went in the same general direction. The 5x5 was still hanging tight and looking all around. I still hoped that he would continue on to me and see where the others went. But it was not to be. He turned around and made a wide loop around me then headed off in the general direction as the others.

With only a few days left and still no deer it things didn't look promising. The Landlord had moved their Horses out the week before. Some fresh snow and the Rut in full swing a few deer tracks started showing up.

We were sitting around the table eating lunch when my six year old daughter Amy, looked out through the patio door and said "Dad there's a deer in our yard". I stood up to get a better angle and saw that it was a small Buck out cruising.

I quickly threw on some boots and grabbed my Bow, which hung by the back door. I sneaked along the back of the house until I got to the corner. When I peeked around for a look the Buck had just gone under the fence into the pasture. He stopped and looked around. I grunted at him with my voice and he came along the fence. As he passed behind some brush I moved about 20 feet closer to the fence and behind a large Poplar tree. He continued along and would pass within 20yds. I let him go a bit past me, and grunted again stopping him. The shot looked good and as he disappeared into the brush I could see a good spray of blood along side of his tracks.

As I came back inside Amy asked, "Did you get Him"? My wife, Yvonne, Amy and her sister Katie were trying to watch out of a bedroom window but lost sight of the Buck just before I shot. I smiled and said we'll go track him after we finish lunch. About a half hour later we got dressed and headed out. I showed Amy where I stood at the shot and where the Bucks tracks were and the blood trail, which we followed. Both girls had seen dead animals before but this was the first time they had witnessed the whole event. The questions started rapid fire. How far do you think he went? Will we get lost? How are we going to get him home? The trail was short and soon we were examining him up close. More questions. While field dressing, wide eyed and amazed Amy watched as I explained the different organs to her. I said that this would be her deer as she was the one who saw it first. She could take credit for helping to put meat in the freezer. After we dragged him back to the house we took some pictures and Amy was overcome with the emotion of it all, giving me a hug. It felt pretty good, being able to show her where meat really came from.

All that winter whenever we had a meal of venison, Amy would ask, is this my deer Dad?



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