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From the President:

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I hope everyone had a great early hunting season, had a chance to enjoy the great outdoors, a chance to establish new friendships and bolster old ones, and enjoy that time of year that we seem to wait so long for to roll around. Whether you harvested an animal or not, I am sure you have stories of your hunt. Please take a minute or two and send Walt an article to share in the Puffs.



We will be having our Club Turkey Shoot on November 7th (rain or shine), please see attached flyer. A great time is had by all that attend. Remember that guests can attend for a nominal fee.

Shoot Straight and I'll See You at The Range!
Jim Walker, President

First big game archery kill, 6x6 elk.

By David Wilson

On Thursday, September 18, I had set up my blind at the 1000 foot level behind the mountain, there had been bulls passing through that area the last few nights so I positioned the blind in a spot with wind and shooting lane advantage. I got some elk to move near the area, but they didn't close the distance by sundown, so I headed back home.

On the way back, my friend, Ryan, called and said he had seen a 5x5 bull in the pasture not too far from a place where he had a blind set up for his brother last week. Same general area I was in the night before, just the other side of the river. He insisted that I set up in his blind on Friday. Drove over there and checked out the blind. I returned there about 4:30 Friday morning.

About a half hour before sunrise, I decided to break the silence there with a loud whining estrus call. It seemed to get the birds going, waited another fifteen minutes and called with a bugle and a few chuckles. 18 straight days of hunting, 11 in the elk season was starting to wear heavy



and I couldn't fight the sleep. I heard a noise, right there in front of me 20 yards just a few minutes later a 2x2 bull. I looked real close for his missing third point but it wasn't *(continued on next page)*



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**No Meeting in September
So no Minutes**

there. Game unit is bull only, 3 point minimum. There was a large cow elk off to my right. Then I noticed six elk had entered the meadow 100 yards to my left and one in there seemed to be a legal bull. Hard to tell at first how many points because of obstructions. Then a great commotion to the right. Branches breaking, sounded like a windstorm busting through the timber. Figured it might be a big one coming. Turned out to be two more cows and a spike with a strange second point on one side.

The six elk to my left became alarmed by road noise and started moving my way. The bull out front. Clearly at least a 5x5. Moved across the field to my right and nearly left the field. However, he was seriously distracted by that large cow. He buried his nose in her back end and stayed there long enough for me to confirm his range right at 30 yards. I had a gap in the blind without the mesh there so I drew. Was ready to shoot when he moved to my left about 20 yards. I had to move to the next window in the blind and shoot through the mesh. Ready and still at full draw I knew I had everything lined up perfect and let it fly. The bull bolted 50 yards. Stopped. When he did, the other ten elk became alarmed and all of them bolted immediately, the bull resumed and left the meadow behind a stump.

It was a great shot. Got him through the left lung and heart. He made it just ten feet past the stump and good thing he stopped there. He was on the edge of an 80 foot cliff, main current of the Middle Fork at the bottom. The bull must have expired in less than five minutes but we gave him plenty of time because of the cliff. Turned out that the cliff was pretty handy for disposing of the gut pile. The

rise from the meadow by the stump was just high enough for the tailgate. Got a lot of great help watching, dressing, and cleaning the elk from my friends Joe, Ryan, and Scott. A few couldn't make it because of work. Amazing day, I'll never forget it.

Cook Shack Co-ordinator Needed

The Club is looking for a volunteer to organize and coordinate the work shifts in the Cook Shack for next year. Concessions are an integral part of our shoots and without it; our shooter attendance will drop and eventually our shoot(s) will die. *Don't let that happen!* Please give your Club a hand by stepping up and volunteering for the job. Please call Jim Walker for more information.

NO BROADHEADS ALLOWED on COURSES or FLAT RANGE

All members please be advised, that broadheads are NOT ALLOWED anywhere on the range except at the broadhead pits. There are now signs at the beginning of each course and the Flat Range stating "No Broadheads Allowed". Please abide by the rules.

"BLOCKS" Used at Range

Please be advised if you use a "Block" or similar target to sight in your broadheads at the Range, you are responsible to clean up after yourself. Please put your "Blocks" in front or to the side of the sand pits rather than in the pits so the sand doesn't get pushed out the front.

Thanks!

To whoever took the time to do some filing on the gate to make it easier to open and close.

TBW 3-D Shoot

For those interested and shoot traditional archery; there will be a 3-D shoot at the Club on October 17 & 18. Hope to see you there!

2010 Elections!

It's not too early to think about being on the Board of CRB. January is the month for elections and it is just around the corner. All Club members in good standing are eligible and all positions are open with the exception of 2 Trustee positions (which are 2 year positions and have one year remaining). This is your chance to become more involved in your Club. Remember the Board is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Club. Without an active Board we would cease to function as a Club. So please think about being a Board member. Board meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday of the month (typically at 7:30 PM to allow everyone time to attend). **A Board position is not difficult, but it requires commitment.** Anyone interested in running for a Board position please contact any Board member and let them know.

Board Positions (Brief Summary of Job Duties, for complete descriptions see CRB By Laws)

President: Shall serve as Chairman of The Board of Directors, preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committee chairmen and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the Constitution and By Laws.

Vice President: Support and assist the President. Serve as President in the absence of the President.

Secretary: Keep minutes, maintain records, open and distribute mail, other duties as required by the President.

Treasurer: Be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the organization.

Trustee (4): Serve as the voice of the General Membership, ensure present and future Club policies and procedures are in the best interests of the General membership.

Range Master: Overall operation of CRB's ranges and other grounds and safety.

Animal Master: Assist the Range Master and take primary care of the animal courses and broadhead range.

Field Master: Assist the Range Master and take primary care of the field courses and flat range.

Tournament Chairman: Overall operation of CRB's tournaments and shoots for the Club and public.

Membership Chairman: Handling of inquiries of CRB, mail applications and receive completed ones, process applications and distribute membership packets and distribute membership funds and receipts.

Bowhunting Chairperson: Keep the General membership up-to-date with current and upcoming hunting rules and regulations and process all Ray White Award applications.

Newsletter Editor: The editor shall prepare and distribute the monthly newsletter for the Club called the "Puffs of Smoke."

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

WDFW to release pheasants on the Skagit Wildlife Area's Samish Unit

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will release pheasants this fall at the Skagit Wildlife Area's Samish Unit rather than the Headquarters Unit, where a substantial portion of land is no longer suitable for pheasant hunting.

WDFW is temporarily moving its pheasant release program to the Samish Unit because an estuary restoration project has returned portions of recreational land on the Headquarters Unit to intertidal habitat for fish and wildlife. In the past, pheasants were released on the Headquarters Unit during the general hunting season.

"This is a stopgap solution for this year to address the loss of suitable pheasant release sites at Headquarters," said Lora Leschner, regional wildlife program manager for WDFW. "We will continue to work toward securing alternative sites in the region where we can permanently relocate our pheasant release operations."

Pheasants will be released several days a week on the Samish Unit from Sept. 25 to Nov. 7.

Hunters who plan to hunt the Samish Unit during the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the weekends must choose to hunt on odd- or even-numbered weekend days when purchasing a license. All pheasant hunters may hunt the unit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week during the hunting season.

The general westside pheasant hunting season runs from Oct. 3 through Nov. 30. For more information on upland bird hunting seasons, visit WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/water.htm>.

Meanwhile, delays in an estuary restoration project on the Skagit Wildlife Area's Leque Island Unit will likely allow WDFW to release pheasants there this fall. For updates on pheasant releases at the Leque Island Unit, hunters can check WDFW's website at

http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/skagit/unit.php?searchby=unit&search=Leque%20Island.

Restoration projects on the Skagit Wildlife Area are intended to restore important habitat for wildlife and fish, particularly salmon, Leschner said. WDFW owns and manages the entire 16,700-acre Skagit Wildlife Area to preserve habitat for fish and wildlife, and provide a site for outdoor recreation.

Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot #2

Open to Club Members & Family & Guests of Club Members!

Saturday Evening, November, 7th 2009 Rain or Shine

Free Scary Movies in the Clubhouse along with Popcorn and Treats!

Details:

- 20 paper targets setup like a Safari shoot.
- Score is dependant on which target is hit. You won't know your score until after you shoot.
- One Arrow per Target.
- Bring your flashlights & fowl weather gear.
- Rangefinders and Binoculars OK but useless.
- Turkey gift certificates for high score male & female. Trophies for youth, & cub.
- BBQ Hamburgers & Drinks Courtesy of CRB.
- Members and guests bring a Hot Dish, Salad, or Desert etc. etc.
- Ghosts, Goblins & Monsters may be let loose and roaming the Course.



Hell's Turkey

Cost:

Club Members and Family ----- **Free**

Members Guests ----- **\$3.00** per shooter

Hours:

Party and BBQ Starts at 4:00 p.m.

Shoot and Fun starts about 5:30 p.m.



You should know the directions by now!

Directions from North: From Maple Valley go south on SR 169 through Black Diamond across the bridge and up the hill to Enumclaw-Franklin Road. Turn left on Enumclaw-Franklin Road and go about 1 mile to the yellow gate on right. Go through the gate and follow the road to the right to another gate. Club is just a short ways beyond this gate.

Directions From South: From Enumclaw go North on SR 169 to Enumclaw-Franklin Road and turn right. Go about 1 mile to the yellow gate on right. Go through the gate and follow the road to the right to another gate. Club is just a short ways beyond this gate.

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WDFW NEWS RELEASE

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Hunters take note: Law restricts game carcasses from out-of-state

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) reminds hunters who travel to other states that big game carcass transport back into Washington is restricted to reduce the risk of transmitting chronic wasting disease (CWD).

CWD is a fatal illness among deer, elk and moose in several states and Canadian provinces that could be spread to Washington through the importation of some parts of those animals.

So far, the deadly disease has not been found in Washington's wildlife, despite testing of thousands of animals since 1995.

"We don't want any deer, elk, or moose heads coming into taxidermy shops or anywhere else from states or provinces with chronic wasting disease unless they are absolutely clean," said WDFW veterinarian Kristin Mansfield. "That means that there must be no hide, muscle, or especially brain tissue attached."

The states and provinces with CWD are Alberta, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

As described on page 98 of Washington's 2009 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Regulations pamphlet, the only parts of deer, elk or moose from these places that can legally be imported to Washington are:

- Meat that has been de-boned in the state or province where it was harvested.
- Skulls and antlers, antlers attached to the skull plate, or upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories) from which all soft tissue has been removed.
- Hides or capes without heads attached.
- Tissue imported for use by a diagnostic or research laboratory.
- Finished taxidermy mounts.

Violation of this rule (RCW 77.15.290) is a gross misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine or one year in jail.

Research to date indicates that CWD, one form of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, is not likely to be transmitted to humans, Mansfield said.

"We need hunters' help to keep CWD from getting started here," she said.

Hunters from eastern Washington can assist in that effort by stopping at WDFW check stations with harvested deer or elk so tissue samples can be taken for testing, she said. If check stations aren't available, eastern Washington hunters should make arrangements for fresh tissue sampling by calling (509) 989-6224.

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