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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 October 30th (rain or shine), please see attached flyer. A great time is had by all that attend. Please bring something to share with other Club Members such as an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

The Board will be discussing our 2011 shoot calendar during the October Board meeting. Anyone with any ideas or suggestions is welcome to attend. Some of the other items to be discussed are; incentive programs for CRB worker bees and updating our Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules. BTW: we will be holding the October meeting in the Black Diamond Library where it is much warmer and less of a workout.

Sorry for the short article. But my mind is on the 49 degrees north, any moose, any weapon tag I have in my pocket.

Shoot Straight and I'll See You at The Range!

Jim Walker, President

MY VERY FIRST DEER

By Roxanne Chavis

This is the very first big game kill that I have ever made in my life. I grew up in a hunting family but never went hunting with my dad. I was always playing soccer when it was that time of the year for my dad to leave. It wasn't until I met Scott that I had even considered hunting, the thought had just never crossed my mind. But here I am 6 years later, having harvested my first big game animal. It might be hard to tell from the picture but he is a spike deer and was still in velvet. He was feeding about 35 yards off of the road that we were driving down (looking for those darn elk that would not talk to us). Scott stopped the truck and as I was jumping out, Scott told me how far it was so I could shoot before both of the deer ran away. He also told me to shoot the one on the left, so I did. After I shot, Scott said that I nailed him. We found a small blood trail and followed it. After about 100 yards, we ended up jumping it and we were able to watch the direction

that it had ran. We also noticed that it had something hanging down and everyone assumed that it was a gut shot. We decided to give him an hour and went off to search for some more



elk. We came back an hour and half later and followed the trail where we had left off. We picked it up again but it was faint, and of course, raining as well. After searching for a while Scott found him lying on the ground, dead. We were able to look at the entrance of the arrow and determine that I had it in the right spot, but because it was quartering sharp towards me, it dropped out on the lower back of his other side and that is why he had guts hanging out. Boy did that make me feel better. Tony Pierce arrived in camp 2 days later and said that his son had done the same thing and he had forgotten to tell him that if it is quartering towards you, then shoot for the shoulder and NOT behind the shoulder. I learned a lesson that day. But I am still very excited to have taken my first deer.



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CRB Board Meeting August 12, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

9 board members present

July minutes approved as published in the "Puffs"

Treasurer's Report: Not here, Still no books from Tony.

Jim reduced the percentage of the tournament funds for the generator and target butts by 5% for the balance sheet

Membership: 152 members currently. We have passed our goal of 150 members. Mike apologized for speaking incorrectly about the new decals. They will not be distributed to all members in their renewal packets. The decals will be given for free to new members in their packets. Current members can get them but they will need to purchase them. It is believed that they were sold previously for \$5 each, but that will depend on the cost to make them.

Old Business: Dave was able to provide the logo for the Ames carpet bale sign.

Range master: Dave and Jim took out the broad head targets and went through them for the shoot. We may not have enough for 40 targets to be set up, may need to look and see if there are some regular ones that need to be pulled from inventory and put into the broad head inventory. They cut up the good parts of the very worst targets to use in repairing other targets in the future. Mike mentioned again about sending a few of our animals away to be repaired in Idaho; he does a great job looks like new. We will look into the cost of the repair.

Scott forgot to call the toilet people to have them come out and clean this week before the shoot.

Scott will take the 2 old mowers down to Sumner Lawn and give them to them and then discuss the cost to repair our new used mower (1 of 2 purchased from landscape company)

Tournament Chair: Bownanza results. Funds were discussed, but will not be disclosed in this report. We had a record number of people attend and a record number of prizes donated. A few prizes were withheld to be given away for door prizes at the Extreme shoot next year.

Broadhead, a little different this year and will be set up to be a hunting experience. Walk through the woods and you will have to locate the animal to shoot it. You can risk getting a

closer shot, but if you pass the shot you cannot go back on the trail to shoot it. Ethical shots, like a string shoot. NFAA sectionals shoot results, we had 36 people attend the shoot. Most of our income from the shoot came from the cookshack sales. Funds were discussed but will not be disclosed in this report.

There were several new ideas suggested for next year's Bownanza. Will discuss in further detail as the year progresses

Joe needs to get an email list for all of the members so that he can email them directly instead of having to go through Walt.

Need to start discussing our 2011 shoot calendar. Will not be doing NFAA next year.

New Business: We will be going over the Constitution/By Laws/Standing Rules to see about some changes to membership dues, trustee description, 3 visit guests, etc. Would like to see about giving incentives to be on the board and to work the shoots and work parties. Threwout a few ideas about coupons off shoot costs and cookshack food for every 3 hours worked, tracking hours worked, etc.

Workhorse dinner at the Krain restaurant instead of the club cooking it, nicer for the worker bees. Board members dues paid for the year following the year they are on the board to encourage more member involvement on the board.

Need to check the bales on the courses and see if they are still good, cover them up, etc

Need to drain the water out of the water line for the cookshack, winterize.

The 10/12 meeting will be held at the Black Diamond library.

The room is reserved from 6:30pm-9pm

Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot will be held on October 30th.

Bow hunting Chair: August 18th is the last day to purchase tickets for the drawing to hunt on private land in Eastern WA..

Puffs Editor: Explained why the Puffs was screwed up this month. Thought Jim was only going to be gone for one week and was waiting on his article.

Mtg adjourned at 8:59 pm

October Calendar of Events:

2	Cancer Benefit Shoot	Skookum	S
9	3-D Saturday	Skookum	3-D
14	<u>CRB Board Meeting 7:30 p m New Location</u>		

Black Diamond Library, all members invited

22/24	WSAA Convention, Tri-Cities/Colyak		
30	<u>CRB Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot</u>		Paper
	<u>Evening Shoot - Bring Flashlights</u>		
30	Halloween Fun Shoot	Skookum	S

Scott's 5x5 Elk

By Roxanne Chavis

What a year for elk hunting!!! We had terrible weather and the elk were just not talking. Scott decided to ask Paul Kinberg to come and call for us one day. We went up into the hills and proceeded to call, but nothing was answering once again. We knew there were elk in there because you could see all of the fresh tracks from them and we had even seen them prior to the season opening. We had stopped and called at every location that we could on the road and were giving up to go back to camp and have some breakfast. Scott made some smart comment about stopping and bugling at this one canyon that went forever and was very steep. They got out, bugled, and nothing. They bugled again, but this time there was an answer. They jumped back in the truck with Scott saying that he knew exactly where this one was at. We drove down the road onto another road; stopped, got out and they bugled again. This time the bugle sounded deeper. There was 2 elk in this area that were finally starting to talk. We got our packs on and headed down this old overgrown skidder road. We bugled on our way down every so often to locate them. The deeper one sounded like he was getting farther away. We decided that he was probably a bigger bull and had cows with him and was getting out of town. We had to walk past where we thought the other one was to have the wind in our favor. At that point we headed into the deep dark woods; the tall timber; the perfect hunting area. We hid behind some trees as the elk sounded close. Paul backed off to see if that would draw him to us. That didn't work and it sounded like he had gotten farther away. Then when we felt safe and Paul bugled, we moved in closer. This guy was being stubborn and we knew we were going to have to go after him and Scott was off. Pretty soon Scott was deeper in the woods and we had no clue where he was at. Paul decided to come in closer again and it got the bull riled up but he still didn't come in. Paul and I were moving in closer as well. I ended up falling down 3 different times and had pretty much given up on me going after this bull, as my ankle and knee were starting to hurt from the falls. At that time, Paul got out his cow in estrus call and this bull went crazy. Paul rushed up this hill and I wasn't that far behind. We figured he was about 100 yards away from us, but once again, we had no idea where Scott was. We had now been working this bull for about an hour and half. I got behind a fallen tree and waited for him to appear on top of the hill. But before he came up my way, we heard a shot. Paul, who was behind me, came running up saying Scott just shot and hopped over the tree.



We then heard another load noise and saw the elk running off to our left. We went toward where we heard the shot and the elk ran from, and there was Scott. He had followed the elk bugles and was able to position himself in an area where he thought that the elk had been going back and forth through. He took his shot and was sure he hit him, but the elk didn't go very far before he stopped to figure out what just happened. At that point, Scott nocked up another arrow to give him a second shot to be sure. You never see those small branches in front of you and his arrow blew up when it hit it. This scared the elk off and away he went. They both thought that they heard him fall just over the hill. We went looking for his first arrow and a blood trail, but didn't see anything. Scott started to doubt his first shot. While we continued to search for any clue, Paul went over to the hill edge and started calling the bull. He was able to hear it making a lot of noise in some brush down the hill. During a bathroom break, I noticed a large area of dirt that had been disturbed. I walked over to it and realized that this is where the bull had run through. I was able to find a nice blood trail and called to the guys. It was on. We went searching for Scott's elk. After going a short ways down the steep hill, I told Scott and Paul that if I continued to go downhill, that I would never be able to make it back up from my falls. I gave Scott my radio and went to find the other guys that we were camping with to help get this guy out of the woods. I raced back to camp and found Tony, Dan and Danny. I yelled to them "BBD, let's go". BBD is code word for Big Bull Down. Dan's wife was on her way up and we had to wait for her to get there. I also left a note on Mike's trailer for him and Justin that also read BBD and where we were at. We finally made it back to where we had parked earlier and were able to get them on the radio. Scott said that they had just kicked him up and they were going to wait a few minutes before tracking him some more. At that point, it was close to 2 hours since he had shot the bull. I asked him where they were on the hill and Scott was telling us an area that did not make any sense to us. We found out that they had tracked the bull over a mile and were confused where they were. I drove up to the landing that we had bugled the bull the first time and had Paul bugle. We heard him but were not able to pinpoint an exact location but we knew that he was deep in that steep canyon territory. After what seemed like another hour passing, I hear yelling from the canyon and Scott on the radio saying that the bull was finally down for good. Now the hard work would begin. Dan, Tony and Danny loaded up the pack frames, extra knives, flashlights etc and headed down to try and find them. It was decided that with where the bull was located it would be easier to debone him right there. It was a long process, and finally they were making the first trip up the steep canyon with the first load of meat. They were unable to get it all on the pack frames and had to leave some behind. They were about two-thirds of the way up and were resting when Justin and Mike showed up and headed down the hill to give some of the guys a break. Right as it was turning dark, all of the guys finally made it up onto the road. It was not an easy haul. And at the top, all of the guys told Scott that if he didn't do a shoulder mount on this guy, that they would kick his a___, because of all of their hard work. We got back to camp, but still had to go back tomorrow and get the rest of the meat. After **(continued on next page)**

sleeping in the next morning, Scott, Tony, Dan and Danny headed back out and met up with Justin and Mike. They all hiked back down and split the meat up between all of the guys and hiked back out. It was a little easier that morning than it had been the night before. They got all of the meat back to camp and took pictures. Then loaded it in Scott's truck to take home and clean and get to the butcher and taxidermy. And as our usual camp rule, we brought the tenderloins back to camp and enjoyed them for dinner that night. We would like to thank everyone that helped us out, once again, and a special thanks to Paul for the great bugling work.

Meat is Meat

By Carl Graver

As I left my vehicle behind at 6:45 on the morning of September 21st, I entered into what I call my "Narnia", this is the Maple Valley country side. Just a short time into my walk I spotted this little spike deer about forty yards ahead. The thought crossed my mind that this was a considerably smaller deer in terms of the four point black tailed buck that I harvested on December 10th of last season.

It was pretty near this area, but I also reminded myself that I was having a revision of a knee replacement surgery on the 28th and who knows when I would be trekking



through these hills again, if even this years late season. So I knocked an arrow and closed another ten yards, not making eye contact so as to let this little guy think he was invisible, and I didn't see him. He was quartering away and his four inch spikes were very visible as he stared at me. I nonchalantly came to full draw. With my 65 lb pull Bowtech. Settling into my anchor point I placed my thirty yard pin near the last rib and released the 5575 arrow, and at 300fps with the 100 grain wasp broad head, it passed through both lungs and exited in a split second.

It was exciting to see this buck run a short distance, stop, and then lay right down. I've never had an easier tracking job and drag to my vehicle. My final thoughts about this years end to deer seasons for me was; what a blessing to have spent the time hiking around this beautiful country, and end up harvesting some delicious meet for the winter, as my knee heals up I will be looking forward to next years glorious experiences in what I call my "Narnia".

Attention all Members!

The winter meetings will be held at the Black Diamond Library. The reason is we are tired of freezing . The Clubhouse is so big and un-insulated that is practically impossible to heat it to a decent temperature in the cold winter weather.

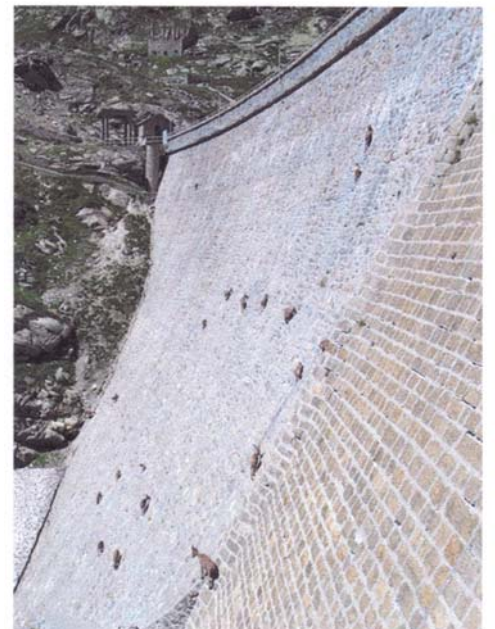
Thanks to Mike Stefanick, who took the time to look into the problem and was able to secure the Black Diamond Library for Our winter meetings. This will be much appreciated this winter. Remember, all members are encouraged to attend.

How About This!

When I was looking for something to fill this space I found an e-mail that had this very interesting couple of photos.

This is the Buffalo Bill Dam on the Shoshoni River at Cody, Wyoming.

The caption says these Big Horn sheep are working their way across the dam. I would not have believed they could do it.



Cedar River Bowmen presents the

Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot

Saturday Night, October 30th / 2010

Never before open to the General Public! Non Club Member must be 18 or older!

Details:

Shoot Starts just after Dark.

20 paper targets setup like a Safari shoot.

Score is dependant on target hit.

One Arrow per Target.

Minimum 2 shooters per group.

All Cedar River Bowmen rules apply.

Turkey gift certificates for high and low score male & female.

*** Complimentary BBQ Hamburgers & Drinks, Courtesy of CRB ***

Attention: * Flashlights Required *

Every shooting group needs to bring at least 1 flashlight or light of some kind.

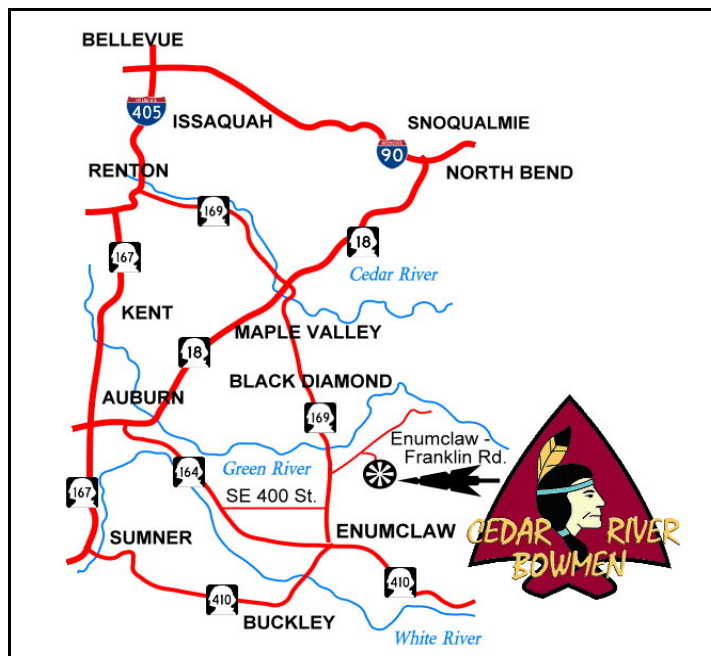
Date and Time:

Saturday Night, October 30th 2010. Registration starts at 4:00 pm & closes at 5:30 pm

Cost:

Non Members: (must be 18 and older) \$10.00

Club Members: Free



Directions from North:

Going south on SR 169 follow road across the Green River Gorge bridge to the Enumclaw Franklin Road and turn left. Go about 1 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Our Club is a short distance beyond the gate.

Directions From South:

From Enumclaw go North on SR 169 to the Enumclaw Franklin road and turn right. Go about 1 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Our Club is a short distance beyond the gate.

Information email: contact@CedarRiverBowmen.net

GPS Coordinates: N – 47 / 16.004, W – 121 / 58.684

MapQuest Address: 38000 Enumclaw Franklin Rd SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022. This address will get you within ¼ mile of the range

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