



# PUFFS OF SMOKE



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## Jim Walker Receives CRB's Life Membership



The Highest award Cedar River Bowmen can present to a member is the "Life Membership Award". This is not easily obtained. You have to have at least 15 years of membership and during that time show above average devotion in work and other actives for the Club.

Jim has been a member for about 23 years. A board trustee from 1990 to 1999 and He has been president since the year 2000.

When CRB moved to Black Diamond, the financial longevity of the Club was questionable. Through his business and management skills, the Club is now financially sound.

His countless hours working at and for the club sacrificing personal and family time, his unending dedication and time spent behind the scenes overseeing all aspects of the club has proven invaluable. Through his efforts, vision and foresight, this Club is second to none.

Congratulations, Jim, you deserve it.

### *From the President:*

#### **Dear Fellow Club Members,**

Remember that story I told you last December about how busy I was remodeling my house? Well, I spent the entire summer remodeling the outside of the house, painting outside, rebuilding my back deck, and building a fence. Now I didn't

get the entire inside done before I started working on the outside, but I am down to just 2 bedrooms and a den to paint and all will be complete. Hopefully this year allows me the opportunity to get behind my bow and some seriously needed shooting. I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Talking about the New Year, we will start our yearly "CLEAN UP" around the range in January and we will need help to get things ready for 2012. Please see upcoming Puffs for dates, times, and a work list of things we hope to accomplish. Don't forget about elections on January 12th and the chance for YOU to get involved with your Club. Happy Holidays!

**Shoot Straight and I'll See You At The Range!**  
**Jim Walker**

## First Elk with a Bow

By Carl Graver

On opening day of elk in GMU 454 I hiked all day with a pocket full of valid transport tags for deer, elk, bear, or cougar, but at the end of that day all I got was tired from hiking all over the country side licensed to kill just about anything. On the second day I decided to enter into my spot



before daylight so that by the time the sun came up I will have already walked the mile or so away from my rig. I stood at the tree line in an opening in the stand of old growth timber as daylight revealed the many elk trails. I slowly emerged from my staging area onto one of the elk trails so

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If you have any **NEWS** THAT you would like to see in **your** monthly "PUFFS", please submit it before the 25th of each month!

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## CRB Board Meeting November 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 5:47 pm

12 board members present

October minutes approved as published in the "Puffs"

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris will be here next month to go over the Treasurers report

**Membership:** 147 or 148 paying. Reviewed handout with proposed activities for 2012. Looking for someone to take on a Youth or Scout Day at the club.

**Old Business:** Struthers bow still not paid for yet. Jim will check with Chris Gates to see if he has received a check. If not, Scott will find the person.

**Range master:** D7 pathway needs to be cleared. Not a lot to do but some targets are getting the center shot out and may need to rotate them. The stand on C5 has big hole. Should have 2 work party lists, one being a priority list.

**Tournament Chair:** 2<sup>nd</sup> leg IBO date we did not get and had to settle for Mother's Day weekend in 2012. May do something special for the mom's that come out and shoot on Saturday. Most revenue comes from the Saturday practice. Mike can be chair for 2012 as he has not sold his house yet. Mike to contact WSAA to get them to correct the date for the IBO shoot on their shoot card.

Turkey shoot is this weekend. Set up today. Changing the scoring, double or nothing or something for points. Set aside \$4750 for targets and sent out email on what is needed. XT's have replaceable core vs. patching or replacing mid sections. XT's cost \$2065 and HD cost \$1809. XT foam lasts longer than HD. Voted to purchase the XT's

**New Business:** The minimum charge to dump waste goes up on the first of the year to \$20.

TBW rent due and Jim spoke with Dale Sharp and his treasurer will mail out the check.

After this weekend's shoot will be reducing the porta potties down to one at the clubhouse. The flat range one will be removed until next year.

Cross bow waiver issue. Need to review the amendment given last year and let the 2012 board discuss and approve. Report from committee on wooden nickels. Need to figure out accountability. Will continue on with the program next year. However, people who work at work parties HAVE to sign in, and a minimum of 3 hours has to be worked to receive one. Redemption will remain at the cook shack but

at registration the registration can be paid with the nickel except for \$5 of the cost. Will send out the updates to the membership as soon as finalized.

Sportsman's Show – Edo is waiting on them to call to see if we plan on doing it again this year. CRB will have another booth again in 2012.

Clubhouse roof and carpet, hot tape seams, tie off for safety when chalking the roof.

Indoor League starts in January

The firewood disappeared at the Bownanza shoot. John Hill will not replace as he said he would do before. Thinking about selling bundles of wood, put up a fence around the wood shed.

Need to drain the hot water tank to winterize after shoot tomorrow.

IBO trophies- provide a sample to Monty to see if his pricing is competitive.

**Bow hunting Chair:** Send in your comments on the wolf plan. Good luck on late season hunting and turn in your Ray White awards.

**Puffs Editor:** Send in stories and pictures.

Mtg adjourned at 7:32 pm

### ***(First Elk with a Bow Continued from page 1)***

quiet that the only sound I heard was my own breathing, and as I crested my first ridge I caught movement down and to my left, It was a cow and calf elk coming up one of the lower trails.

I immediately hunkered down behind some large ferns and quietly knocked an arrow. I moved my range finder up to my eye to get the yardage right. I got a twenty yard reading off a tree where I had anticipated they would go past as they crossed the clearing in front of me, I was hoping the rest of the heard would follow her lead as I would never shoot a cow that had this years calf accompanying her. Sure enough she was being followed by a spike bull, one side had a fork (in full velvet).

As I stood there motionless I noticed he was taking a lower trail than the cow and calf had taken, and it also appeared that these were all of the elk that were going to cross in front of me this time and I needed to make a decision to pass or shoot. It has been fifteen years since I've harvested an elk so the decision wasn't that hard for me. I ranged a tree that I anticipated him walking by as thirty yards, so as he walked behind it I drew my bow and held my thirty yard pin in the spot where he would be walking. As he passed the tree my index finger found the trigger of my release and I waited for the perfect second

in which he would stop. What seemed like ten minutes, in reality was probably just ten seconds when he stopped with his vitals peering through some tall thin salmon berry bushes. I pulled the trigger and in a second my arrow hit a salmon berry branch then penetrated the bulls flesh. as the arrow passed through him he wheeled around and barreled through the brush like a bull dozer, and as he disappeared in the trees I began squeezing the hoochi momma elk call in hopes to slow him down, the funny thing is that the cow that was in front of the bull began to answer my calls.

Slowly I began to walk in the direction of where the bull had run still using the cow call, I actually thought I had missed this bull but as I passed the spot where he had gone out of my sight I noticed some dark red blood. I was pretty worried about the color because it definitely was not lung blood. I was anticipating a tough time tracking to recover this elk if it ended up being a gut shot. As I entered the tree line I saw my bull standing about twenty yards in front of me frozen like a statue, being careful to act as if I hadn't seen him I knocked another arrow, came to full draw then released the final arrow into his lungs, the mortally wounded bull ran another thirty yards and piled up right before my eyes.

I pulled my cell phone out and began calling every person that at some point in time had said "hey if you ever get one give me a call and I'll help you pack it out" well that would have been awesome but not one of those people were available to help. I packed it out piece by piece by myself, four trips later I had the entire four quarters of my elk in my spare refrigerator, and I spent the whole next day recovering my strength. I feel very blessed to have harvested this young bull elk, and as I sit at the table with friends and family eating elk steaks, I remember that warm autumn day when I got my first bull with a bow.

## Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot

*by Jim Walker*

For those of you who missed the annual Club "Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot", you missed some great food and a blast of a shoot. The Club supplied the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, pop, and condiments. We had some great side dishes, salads, and desserts brought in by Club members to help make our dinner a feast. Just as last

year, it rained up until the time to start shooting and then we got a break in the weather. With flashlights in hand, away we went into the darkness. The cardboard scenes on the butts had multiple targets on them, typically one big, 1 or 2 medium, and a few more small targets, all of which had their own individual score. It could be a positive or negative number. But you didn't know what the score for a target was until after you shot it and went up to the butt and find out what it scored on the target score sheet. This year we added a twist to the scoring.

Here were the rules;

**"Double or Nothing or Something":** Scoring will be as follows: Shooter must call their target and hit it. If you hit it, whatever the point value is for that target, the shooter can decide if they want to take double the points (a +10 for the target will score a +20 on your score card or a -10 would end up being a -20 on your scorecard) or you can take nothing which would be a 0 (zero) on your scorecard. If you miss the target you called; you would only get whatever the "missed target" score is, which could be a positive or negative score.

### **You can not double the missed target score!**

This scoring added a little taste of poker to the mix. You had to decide how you wanted to score as there was an award for men and women's high and low scores. This made you think about how you wanted to score each target.

This shoot is always allot of fun; rain or not. And we were able to shoot all 24 targets before it started to drizzle. Fun was had by all who attended, even the person who thought the guys who had told him about this shoot were pulling his leg and this was one of those "snipe hunts". But he did bring his bow and equipment, just in case. Not to mention any names of who that person was but he won the men's high score. Thanks to Edo and Patrick for setting up this shoot, Galen for the ghoulish trophies (see pictures), Shad for running the Cook Shack, Mike for running registration, Jim for the pictures, everyone who brought something for the feast, and everyone who helped out or just came to enjoy themselves. Put this shoot on your calendars for next year as a must do event and come and share the fun with other Club members.



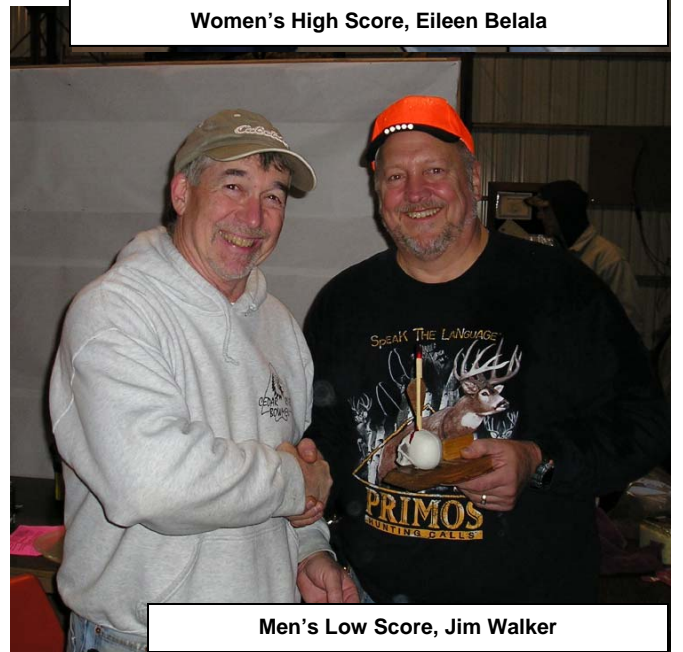
**Men's High Score, BJ Brewster**



**Women's High Score, Eileen Belala**



**Women's Low Score, Roxanne Chavis**



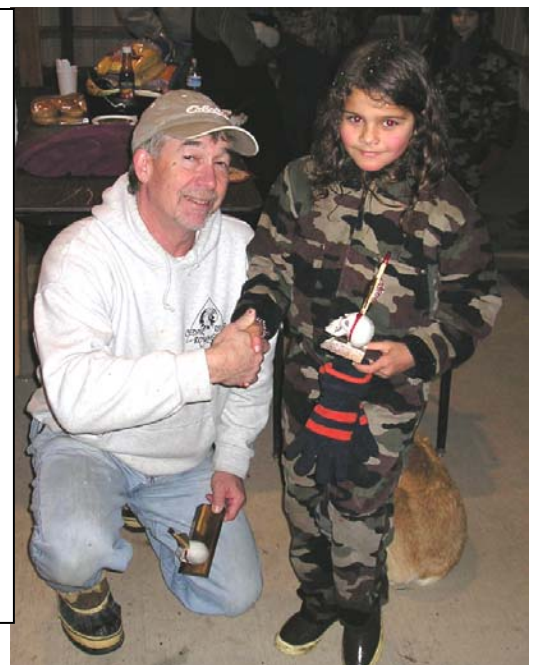
**Men's Low Score, Jim Walker**



**On the left is  
Alexandra Puzon  
Winner of the Cub's  
High Score**

**On the right  
Natasha Puzon  
Winner of the Cub's  
Low Score**

**Aren't these just about  
the cutest children you  
have ever seen , , ,  
They belong to Mark  
and Judith Puzon**





## DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

from: Mike Stefanick

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: 2011

Below are the members who have recruited a new member or two. The ongoing Membership drive states that for every two members recruited the recruiter (note the "ed: and "er") will receive a 25% dues reduction IF both the recruiter and the recruited renew their membership by the SuperBowl Key Exchange shoot on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please examine the list and let me know if I have failed to note someone in either category. Last year the board approved a 10% dues reduction for those recruiting just one member. I will request the board do the same again this year, I will report back in January. Also, it will be reflected in the membership renewal notice that will be sent out around the end of December, see next item.

#### Recruiter: Recruited

Jeff Baran: Sean MacDonald, Joe Paladino  
BJ Brewster: Jim Doty, Gary Whitmarsh  
Frank Cepeda: Jason Miller  
Clint Collins: Robert Powers  
Jacob Davis: H James Ickes  
Gerald Fall: James Lemke  
Mike Garrett: Ryan Pederson  
Curtis Hall: James Schiller, Kirk Richards  
Aaron Hipps: Michael Hopkins, Leonard Tompkins  
Jamey Holmes: Anthony Maeno, Michael Winney  
Shad Hulse: Aaron Hipps  
Tony Lama: Ray Buckingham  
Richard Lemon: Norm Graves  
Kraig Lichtenberg: Troy Stoll  
Doug Lyons: Traci Dewitt  
Rick Matthes: Kyle Jaramillo, Jason Lane  
Patrick Seiver: David Ingham  
Bill Sharp: Ernest Alameda  
Tristan Talvi: Lee Yandl  
Dustin Veenker: Monte Moore  
Bruce Wagner: Zack Wagner  
Mike Wallace: Gerald Hickman  
Robert Zyskowski: Tony Zyskowski, Amy Khat

I want to thank everyone for their commitment to CRB and the added wonderful members they have added to our ranks. Hopefully, everyone has

enjoyed their membership year and is eager to continue in 2012.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The end of the CRB membership year is 12-31-2011. I will be sending out renewal notices in late December. The notice will contain the data I have for you, ie: name, address, phone, email, spouse card request, etc please look it over and verify that my records are correct, or you may want something changed. There are payment options which include the CRB internet Paypal, checks and of course, good old cash. The current key will work until Sat February 4<sup>th</sup>, the date of the Superbowl Key exchange shoot. You will be instructed on the notice to send in your key and payment only if you will not be using the range during January, but more on that later.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board meeting are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. During the winter months we have been meeting at the Black Diamond library where the December Board meeting will be held beginning at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The January board meeting is the winter months exception, it will be held in the club house as this is the annual election of officers and it is felt that it should be held on "home" turf. It will begin at 6:30 on Thursday, January.

Board meetings discuss and implement decisions regarding policy and procedures for Cedar River Bowmen, come give your two cents to the discussion; club members can discuss, but not vote on issues. But, participation is vital as you get to have input and the board gets to hear from you, the members.

### YOUTH COORDINATOR WANTED

This is getting to be a broken record, but hopefully someone will step forward. We need to develop a program to pull kids into archery. The few youth activities that have been conducted at CRB all have been well received by the kids and parents, we need to do more. I have program ideas, I have people to help, we just need someone to step up and be the chief. Give me a call or send an email.

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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