

Vertical Response Aug 17 2016

Hopefully you got at least one of your draws, have a pocket full of general tags, the bow is shooting good (as well as the operator lol), stands are up. Opening day in some areas is fast approaching - Aug 25th!! Good luck to everyone!!

We really need help in getting stories and pictures for your ABA newsletter. Stories are the highlight of each issue and right now we are at ZERO inventory. The next deadline is Oct 10 - should be plenty of successful bowhunters by then. Success just doesn't mean bringing home an animal - it could be a neat experience, in a different country, etc. Would be great to have a bunch of these stories sent in to fill our shelves for the next few issues. If you would like to put pen to paper and send in a submission that would be awesome/greatly appreciated. If you have some questions or a story/pictures to send, contact our newsletter guy Gord at Gord@albertabowhunters.com.

The current issue should be in your mailbox soon if it is not already. If you didn't get an issue, let Brent (Brent@albertabowhunters.com) know and he can send you one. Always gets a few extras in case someone is missed.

Neil Johnson from your ABA executive and Sean Smallwood from the Calgary Cabelas store made the draw Aug 10 for the "Deluxe Wall Tent Package". The lucky winner was Darin Quintilio of Calgary. Congrats!! Is an awesome package and am sure Darin will put everything to good use. A huge thanks to Cabelas and to Perry at "Deluxe Wall Tents" for supplying the prizes. We sold app 65% of the tickets which kind of surprised us. We figured it would be a quick sellout. Not sure why not - ticket price too high? Prizes not attractive enough? Have a 2nd, 3rd, 4th prize be better? Let us know your thoughts. Regardless, we did raise app \$2000 that goes to help offset the costs of the newsletter, the Game Awards and 3D "ABA Bowhunter Challenge" Programs, youth initiatives. Huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets!!!

From our **3D Chairman** - Kris Skelly (Kris@albertabowhunters.com)

The season for 3D has come and gone again and that means one thing....hunting season is almost here! We first want to thank all the volunteers, committee members, sponsors and host clubs that supported our established and growing ABA Bowhunter Challenge Format. The final shoot hosted by Brazeau Bowbenders out of Drayton Valley had a little bit of everything weather wise and some really challenging shots. The buckle shoot up had the top 12 scores of the 3 rounds in a shoot up style where Chris Drewes and Norm Devaleriola had a tight playoff as the final two. Norm edged out Chris to win the buckle in the final shot! Jim Bows donated the Championship Buckle that Norm got to take home. We would like to recognize the shooters who will be presented with placement plaques at the annual Banquet this spring in Nisku.

Youth Female 1st-Stephanie Drewes, 2nd- Brooklyn Berge

Youth Male 1st Adam Berge

Experienced Female 1st Linda Hewlett, 2nd Lori Keeler, 3rd Helen Popson

Experienced Male 1st Leonard Claffey, 2nd Al Keeler, 3rd Alf Farn

Bowhunter Class Male 1st Chris Drewes, 2nd Norm Devaleriola, 3rd Mitchell Payment

Also with the support of our sponsors we were able to send every participant home with a prize! We cannot thank the following sponsors enough:

Jim Bows Archery – Calgary and Edmonton
Big Guy Outdoor Sports (Whitecourt)...
TTRC (Whitecourt)
Trophy Book Archery
Wolverine Guns and Tackle
Cabela's Edmonton
Canadian Tire (South Edmonton and DV)
T & T Archery
North American Hunting Supply
Wholesale Sports
United Truck and Machine
Ti-Ro Enterprises
The Oilmans (Shane Jensen)
Tammy Bilodeau
Lamont Fish and Game Association
Barton's Big Country Outdoors

The scheduled "Allocation Policy Review" meeting that was scheduled for July 27th was canceled last minute and is now tentatively rebooked for late August or early September. Will keep everyone up to speed on things as they proceed.

The ABA will have our **display** at the north Cabelas store on Manning Drive **this coming Saturday Aug 20** to help promote the ABA. Gord is going to be looking after our display that weekend but we need some volunteers to help out. So far we have NO volunteers outside of Gord - he will have some obligations that weekend in doing seminars for Cabelas so if we get some help in sitting at the booth, promoting the ABA, handing out brochures and past issues of the newsletter to interested folks, just talking bowhunting, that would be great. Let Gord (Gord@albertabowhunters.com) know if you can spare a few hours. You get employee pricing for helping out so it's perfect timing to do your shopping before hunting season starts!!

Check the mailing label of this last newsletter - it will have your membership expiry date on it. If you have any questions on your membership status, expiry date, send a quick email to Mike (Mike@albertabowhunters.com) or Brent (Brent@albertabowhunters.com)(780-978-1195) and we will check that out for you. The database is right up to date.

The easiest way to join/renew if you do not belong to an affiliated club, is to join online (www.bowhunters.ca) - it is very quick and easy. You get an immediate email confirmation and you can print off your own membership card. If you are a new member and do not have a membership number (this number stays with you forever) Mike will send it to you and you can fill it in on your printed card. Make sure you renew promptly so you remain eligible for Game Awards and 3D program awards. Every year we have one or several people who thought they were members who in fact had not renewed and thus, their entries to the Game Awards Program are not valid. In the current edition there is a great write-up about entering your critters - make sure you read it over. Double check your expiry date!! Make sure!

If you have any questions, concerns, thoughts on the "ABA" don't hesitate to contact any of the executive members or myself (Brent@albertabowhunters.com) (780-978-1195)

GOOD LUCK THIS FALL!!