

ALBERTA TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTER ASSOCIATION (ATBA)

President's Report February 22 2017

Spring is around the corner. It must be because I saw a gull yesterday flying around. A new sight for me in wintery Calgary!

I was able to get out to the Techno shoot at Trophy Book last Friday and it was nice to visit with a lot of friends from up in the Edmonton area.

Your executive had an excellent meeting a couple of weeks ago and we have a few details to share, as well as an exciting new shoot coming up.

First on the report is to announce a new raffle dedicated to raising funds for The ATBA Conservation Education Bursary Program. Abe Penner of Cari-Bows came up to me last HCJ and remarked that he and Tina feel we are doing a great thing in having created this bursary program. He said he would like to donate a custom bow dedicated to raising funds for this effort.

This custom Cari-bow raffle will proceed and be launched at this year's HCJ. It will run for 1 year and be drawn at the next years HCJ. All proceeds will go to the bursary program. Currently we are paid up to the end of this year (2017) with \$500 awarded annually to any student going into 3rd or 4th year Conservation Studies, at the University of Lethbridge. We are planning to extend the program this year to include a northern post-secondary institution as well. We will start another major fund raiser next January.

Some folks were wondering where our next HCJ is at. In my last report I announced that it is at Rocky Mountain House . Excerpt, "I am pleased to announce that this year's HCJ will be held just south of Rocky Mountain House on the land of Sam Quintal. Our HCJ starts with registrations on the evening of August 4th, activities on the 5th 6th and wrap-up and take-down on the 7th. I can tell you that this place is on the banks of the Clearwater River. A band has been organized for Saturday evening. The banquet will be provided by MAD Catering whom provided us with a great meal last year. Planning is well underway. Ron and Sam Quintal will be working with me to coordinate this event. The rest of the details will be coming out in the next few months."

Major new business is the upcoming Annual General Meeting being held at the Nisku Inn, March 25th. We will have our meeting at 1:00 – 3:00 in the Devon Board room. If you wish a room, book directly with the hotel and state that it's an ABA function as they have the contract. Room prices are \$105 for a double. If you want the Banquet tickets go to the ABA Website and order your ticket. One table has already been bought. A second and or 3rd table is in ATBAs' name so ask for that, or your own table.

We are not partnering with the ABA on this year's event as they choose to go on their own. I encourage all our members to support the ABA and attend their AGM and the banquet.

The ABA has their meeting in the morning

Their Banquet starts at 5:30 with cocktails

Go to their website to purchase banquet tickets <http://www.bowhunters.ca/>

Mitchell has sent out the resolutions from your executive and we are requesting some additional help. The resolutions show we are proposing to create a new board position by splitting the job of Membership Director and Treasurer. This is required to spread the work and have more ideas at the executive level.

As I have stated the last 3 years, we need people to step up and participate to maintain and strengthen our ATBA. As members you should not expect your executive to do multiple jobs such as Mitchell is now. We need help so we don't burn out and throw the towel in. We also desire succession planning. At this year's AGM the following positions are up for renewal:

1. Nomination and Election of Executive Officers for this year

Vice president - 2 yr. term - Rainer Oebels will let his name stand

Treasurer - 2 year term

Membership Director - 2 year term

Youth Director - 2 year term

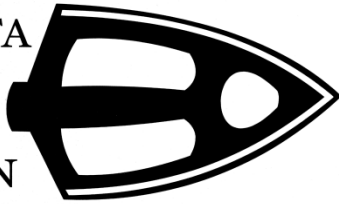
Director-at-large - 2 year term - Tim Duggan will let his name stand

Remember we have a new awards program to vote on and also have competitions for largest shed and biggest shed, each with a \$60 prize. Bring a new member in and have your name entered for a draw of a free membership.

We have around 67 paid up members. Last year's membership was 105, a new high. We will be taking new members and renewals just before the AGM. We still have about 40% of members that have not renewed yet for this year. Please help us out by sending in your renewals. These can be paid for on line but we must have a filled out membership form. For those of you with ABA membership numbers we can only accept forms that we have a number printed in the appropriate box. Thanks.

(Scroll down for Sprig Shoot information)

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Announcing a fun traditional archery Shoot at Ron and Roseanne Quintals' (the site of last year's HCJ)

Bear the weather and shoot a bare bear!



On April 8th 2017

2 rounds of 3D targets

This is a fun Saturday shoot with primitive camping on Friday and Saturday, or come on the morning of

the shoot

Time: first round 10:00 Am, second round at 1:30

Lunch is provided, as is morning coffee.

Members pay \$15.00

Non Members \$25.00 (buy a membership first and save \$10)

Shoot me an email at mark.barberhealth@gmail.com if you plan on coming, so I have an idea on the amount of food to buy. Text is fine to at 403-703 7910

Location;

GPS: 52.421364 by 114.457081

3 miles north of Eckville on HWY 766 [paved]

Turn (west) on Rainy Creek Road – 4 miles [paved]

Turn North on RR 41 – go 1 mile it dead ends at Ron's [gravel]

Turn into site. Please be courteous of the neighbours go slow!