

The Broken Arrow

News for Archers



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The GHCA newsletter has a new lease on life as part of the incoming board's goal to improve communications across the membership.

Named, "the Broken Arrow," the newsletter will be sent via snail-mail and e-mail to all members each quarter. Look for your copy on or about April 1st, July 1st, October 1st, January 1st.

Input is always welcomed, and we look forward to hearing about your competitive endeavors and hunting successes.

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President's View



Hello All,

Well, springtime is here and that means "renewal time," so don't hesitate as we fill up quickly! We have raised the membership cap but last year we hit it sooner than we thought.

I would like to mention that the board does it's best to try and inform the membership when there is work party scheduled, BUT! It is the responsibility of the members to contact a board member as to when the work partys are happening as these things do change. And, of course, the weather can change them as well. So keep an eye out for any postings at the range.

We have our new web site up and running, so take a look at it. There have been some great changes, an we're already receiving some good feedback. That's goldenhighcountryarchers.org Soon, this will become the best way to check for updates and events.

I would also like to let every one know we have a new Memberships Chair in Dawn Tio, Welcome Dawn! Unfortunately Carol Ashurst has resigned and we wish her well.

Turkey season has passed, so I would really like to see some photo's of your success or just photo's of your outing!

Remember shoot strait and keep them in the 10 ring.

Thanks, Dennis Doerr
President
GHCA



I'm sure we will have a great year again in 2010.

Dennis

Shoot for the Troops

This year's *Shoot for the Troops* promises to be the best ever! Great prizes and more! And all for the men and women in uniform, far from home. Here are more details about the day. If you haven't signed up to help out or shoot, Do It Now!

Cost:

\$25.00 Men

\$20.00 Women

\$15.00 Boys and girls 13-17

Free-12 and under

Prizes and Sponsors

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Majestic Elk Ivory

Where exactly are the ivory teeth located in a cow elk and what is the best way to extract and take care of them?

If you open up the mouth and look at the top towards the rear of the mouth you will see 2 teeth. One on each side. Sometimes they are brown sometimes white and sometimes they are really small if it's a young calf. Brown ivories are usually considered to be prettier than white.

I usually insert my knife straight in to the gums on all of the sides of the ivory and loosen as much tissue as possible. Then, I will pry at the roots a little bit from one side until it begins to turn out. Be careful not to damage the ivory, as some of the ivories, which I have pulled out, have been almost hollow and fragile. Most are not hollow and are pretty strong.

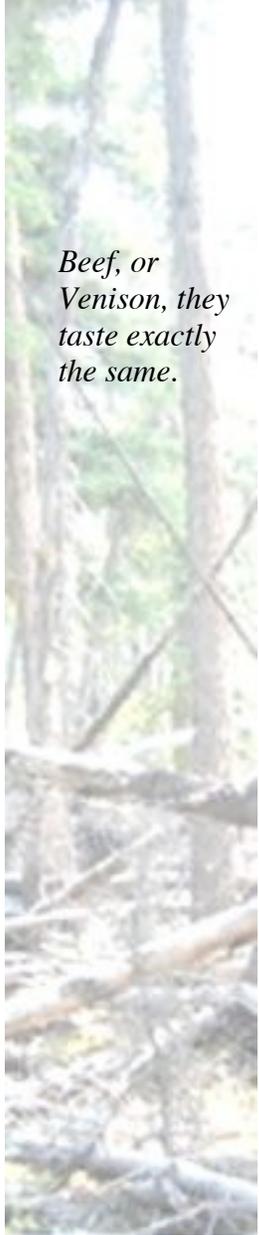
Some guys will tell you to use pliers but this is a bad idea since you will scratch the sides of the ivory.

Bull and cow ivories are in the same spot. After you have pulled the ivory you can use your knife to gently scrape the remaining tissue from the roots until you have gotten most of it off.

I let my ivories dry out and keep them in any small container that you like.

If you make a ring out of them, you have to take care of them so that they don't lose their color. I put mine in crushed cloves at night or whenever I am not wearing it. This seems to preserve the color.

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The elk ivory is actually an interesting story. At one time elk did not have antlers at all but they had tusks (like walrus) and they used these tusks to fight for dominance and gather cows much like they do today. Many thousands of years ago, elk grew long, pointed tusks that protruded from their upper jaws. Over millennia, these receded, eventually becoming canine teeth. The only thing that is left is the little tiny ivory tooth at the back of the mouth. It would be cool to go back in time and hunt elk when they still had both antlers and tusks.



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GHCA Membership

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Our club reached the 350 member cap for the 2009-10 season GHCA has much to offer archers and bowhunters along the Front Range including great events, camaraderie and perhaps one of the best 3D ranges in Colorado!

Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to get your work parties completed, verified and turned in. If you turned in your work parties to a Board Member, please follow-up with them prior to March 31st to ensure that the Membership Chair, Dawn Tio received it.

Per GHCA bylaws, no work parties will be accepted after March 31st—no exceptions! Partial work parties do not count- you must have the full FOUR HOURS. Renewal notices have been sent out. We absolutely must have yours! We are required by club bylaws to limit membership to 350. Contact a board member if you did not receive yours.

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The XTreme Series features replaceable cores made with E-Z Flex soft foam material that releases arrows extremely easily. It's designed for shooters who want the quickest and easiest arrow removal available. The replaceable E-Z Flex cores make these high-quality targets economical to use, since the cores can be replaced as often as necessary, without replacing the entire target.

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"Fred Bear" *by Ted Nugent*

There I was, back in the wild again
And I felt right at home where I belong
I had that feelin' comin' over me again
Just like it happened so many times before

The spirit of the woods is like an old good friend
It makes me feel warm and good inside
I knew his name and it was good to see him again
'Cuz in the wind he's still alive

Oh, Fred Bear, walk with me down the trails again
Take me back, back where I belong
Oh, Fred Bear, I'm glad to have you at my side, my friend
And I'll join you in the big hunt before too long
Before too long

It was kinda dark, another misty dusk
And it came from a tangle down below
I tried to remember everything he taught me so well
I had to decide which way to go

Was I alone or in a hunter's dream?
'Cuz the moment of truth was here and now
I felt his touch, I felt his guiding hand
The buck was mine, forevermore

Because of Fred Bear
I'll walk down these trails again
Take me back where I belong
Oh, Fred Bear, I'm glad to have you at my side my friend
And I'll join you in the big hunt before too long
We're not alone when we're in the great outdoors
We got his spirit, we've got his soul
He will guide our steps, he'll guide our arrows home
The restless spirit forever roams

Fred Bear, walk with me down the trails again
Take me back, back where I belong
Oh, Fred Bear, I'm glad to have you at my side, my friend
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Oh, Fred Bear, walk with me down the trails again
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Oh, Fred Bear, I'm glad to have you at my side, my friend
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In the wind he's still alive
In the wind, I hear, I hear Fred Bear

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Range Captain Aimpoints

So, we have received a bunch of new targets at the range - a good mixture of McKenzies and Reinharts.

We have been putting them into a good rotation and have received a bunch of good comments on the target selection.

I am waiting on a bunch of free dirt to be delivered to the range, so that we can start building to the back stops and filling in some holes around the range. This will be one, big, work party when we receive it. I don't have any set dates as of yet.

Leo and a few other members just finished replacing the wood frame around the sight-in targets last week and it looks great.

I will be sending out an email and also writing updates for work party dates on the whiteboard in the club house; so everyone please keep an eye out.

If any one doesn't receive an email they need to make sure that they contact Dawn and update their contact info ASAP.

I am also planning on having a work party to build a cover addition on the back of the small shed where we keep the targets so this will be a good chance for people to get it out of the way.

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Old Chinese, poem, in which is said:

*If archer shoots just for fun he has all his skill.
If he shoots for score his hands tremble and his
breath is uneasy.*

*If he shoots for a golden prize he becomes mad
and blind.*

*His skill was not lessened, but the vision of the
target changed him.*

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Start Your Autumn Hunt Now!

During the dog-days of summer your pre-hunting activities are kicked into high gear. Final scouting trips should be planned, and your maps marked.

Target practice is very important at this point, and by now you should be hitting in groups of 4 inches to maximum 6 inches at 30 yards.

If you plan on using an elk call, you should be comfortable with it; please don't practice on elk while sitting in your car at the side of the road—elk learn fast!

Spend some time looking at the division's **Game Management Unit (GMU) interactive maps** -- <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/GMUnitMaps.htm>. The Elk Migration and Travel Corridors map shows you where to focus efforts and mark GPS points.

As the hunt draws near, spend time in the forest (not necessarily where you'll hunt) and practice making tough up-hill, and down-hill shots (check forest regulations first). It's also a good time to judge distances before pulling out the range finder to verify your guess.

Go back over your hunt plan. Use the [Plan Your Hunt page](http://wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/PlanYourHunt) as a checklist and refresher:

When it comes time to start packing for a hunt, start a couple weeks early to check gear before it's packed and loaded into the camper. The camper is used as a base camp (which can easily be substituted with a tent/wall tent).



Making a list and checking it off is helpful; try making a list of all the gear you take and separate it into two categories—gear for a backpack hunt, and gear for a base camp or static hunt from a fixed tent.

If you decide to use a base camp, you can then configure your pack with essential gear you need to carry and know what weight you are carrying. Knowing weights of items beforehand comes in handy when planning to carry a backpack!

Packaged goods are unwrapped and sealed in plastic bags that can be reused for hauling trash back out. Conserving weight by carrying items that serve more than one purpose is a good practice; the multi-purpose tool, for example. It has a saw blade that will get you by in the back-country to cut branches for firewood, elk pelvis, and ribs, and a sharp blade that can take care of an elk.

Don't forget to bring extra coolers—a quartered elk will fill two king-sized (really big!) coolers.

No matter how well you plan, you can count on one thing: the elk have complete disregard of your plan.

Be flexible. No secret here—elk are where you find them, sometimes hunting from base camp will keep you in elk range.

But you may have to follow the herd. Having a backpack ready to go might be your best option, planning for more than one scenario both can increase your odds of success.

My preference is packing a mid-sized backpack to carry emergency items, along with sufficient supplies to field dress an elk and even having a game bag or two will save an extra trip back to camp.



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Preserving Velvet on Trophy Antlers

Velvet is not "dried" per se by taxidermists or EVER soaked in gasoline! It is generally cured by injecting formaldehyde into the veins underneath the velvet and pushed out the tips of the horns that are slightly cut with a razor. Once completely injected, a light application on the outside with a brush is common and completes the cure once it dries.

This method is tried and true and will give you years and years of enjoyment on your velvet trophy. I have a few mounts cured with this method and they have not changed a bit over the years and look very natural.

Freeze drying your antlers also works very well. You can do this at home if you have a FROST-FREE freezer that is large enough to hold them...6-8 months in the deep freeze will take care of it. This is the only method that I have ever used and I have yet to have any issues whatsoever.

The following website offers two DIY methods to preserve the velvet on your antlers
<http://www.taxidermy.com/cat/15/velvet.html>

Bollmann's Velvet Tan

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Knobloch's Antler in Velvet Tan

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Know the Distance

Range estimation is a skill that must be learned through repetitive practice. A lot of novice archery hunters do their homework—practice calling, tune their bows and outfit themselves in full camo—only to go afield without a skill that is equally as important.

It has been proven in military field tests that the average person estimates range with a probable error of 30 percent!

Several range-finding devices are available to help you estimate distance. When a buck is coming to stand, it is obviously not the time to try out a range finder. Find various landmarks, trees, rocks, etc., to note distance when you first set up. By the time a deer strolls within range, you should be ready to shoot rather than squinting through a peepsight.

If you go the route of using a range finder, don't make the mistake of trying it out the first time the morning you go hunting. A few minutes on local high school football field will assure you the range finder is accurate. Bring a box, set it on the goal line, and begin to back up, checking the range at every five yards.

There's another method that works well if you don't choose to use a range finder. Have a partner place a life-size decoy at an unknown distance in the woods, sit down and guess the yardage. Vary the terrain, lighting conditions, thickness—or lack of—brush to offer true hunting situations. Remember to sit down to estimate range because things look deceptively different from different heights. Take turns at this game and your range estimation will dramatically improve.

Accurate range estimation could help you in another way as well. There's a threshold at about 25 to 30 yards where mistakes, usually hunter movement, seem to be more critical than when a deer is beyond this distance. When an animal walks into this "hyper zone" practically any hunter movement can spell disaster. Inside 25 yards, an animal's best judgment is full retreat if he becomes suspicious.



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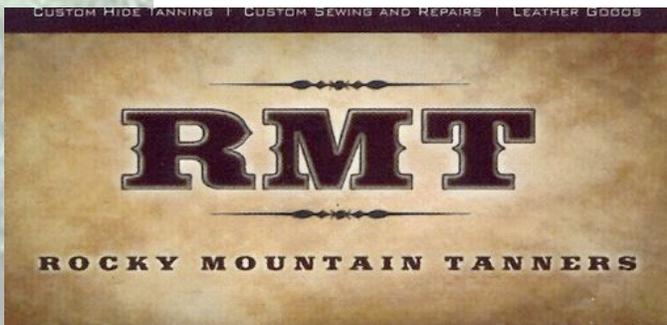
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 Jun 30, Wed 5:30 pm
 Jul 3-4
 Jul 7, Wed 5:30 pm
 Jul 10
 Jul 16

 Jul 16-18
 Jul 21, Wed 5:30 pm
 Jul 28, Wed 5:30 pm
 Aug 4, Wed 5:30 pm
 Aug 7, other dates
 Aug 15, Sun
 Aug 21, Sat 5:00 pm
 Aug 28, Sat
 Aug 28, Sat
 Sep 2, Thu
 Sep 4, 1875
 Sep 7,
 Nov 7, Sun 12:01 am
 Nov 11, Thu
 Nov 13, 1899
 Nov 25, Thu
 Dec 4, Sat
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