



WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

2018 Newsletter

“Our Goal is to Provide an Affordable Hunt for Disabled Hunters”

2018 was our 10th year offering hunts and what a great one it was! This year we welcomed 36 hunters from all across the nation to hunt elk, deer and antelope. 32 of these hunters bagged their game on 8 hunts throughout the Big Horn Basin.

The action started with antelope hunting in the Heart Mountain area where the hunters went 3 for 3 including one young lady who took a nice buck in her very first year of big game hunting. We kept the success going with the Meeteetse antelope hunt where both hunters took nice bucks.

The Ten Sleep elk hunt had a hard go of it this year with some unexpected changes on the ground. They rolled with the punches and managed to kill one elk for our three hunters. Here's to hoping for better luck in the future. The Hyattville veteran elk hunt was a great success for the men that have served this country and were disabled because of it. All 6 of these men got the job done, taking 2 bulls and 4 cows in the course of the season. This year we also tried a pilot hunt near the Hyattville Ranch in which both of the elk hunters harvested.

The Cody archery deer hunt was where the adventure all began 10 years ago with 4 hunters. This year there were 11 deer hunters coming in from as nearby as Billings, Montana and as far off as Seward, Alaska. All of these hunters bagged nice bucks and the biggest of them all was taken by a woman hunter showing up all the guys.

Concurrent with the Cody deer hunt, we hosted three elk hunters, one on Heart Mountain and two on the North Fork. One hunter in each of these lo-



*Above: Peyton Wolter
Below: Jacob Grigg*



cations got their elk. We took just a few days off after the deer hunt and dove into an elk hunt up the North and South Forks. Five out of 6 hunters were successful on this pilot hunt, where all the hunters were brought together, rather than one at a time as we had done before.

This year we were fortunate to receive a Game & Fish Commissioner's License from David Rael. This donation made for a great and very fruitful fundraiser. Some of the proceeds were used to purchase a Lifetime Conservation Stamp, Fish, Bird, Small Game license which was given away in a free raffle for kids present at our annual banquet.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our local supporters. Accommodations are provided at no cost by The Nature Conservancy, Ten Sleep Ranch, Paintrock Canyon Enterprises, the Brubaker Ranch and Craig & Marge Hall. The Bull Moose Lodge gave us a sizable discount to house hunters for two weeks. It's so much fun being able to have a place for all the hunters to gather at night to swap stories and play games. Wagler Meats and Little Acres Meat Processing processed our meat from the Cody and Heart Mountain hunts at a discount; as does Paint Rock Processing for the Ten Sleep and Hyattville hunts. Pepsi donated drinks for the Cody and Heart Mountain elk and deer hunts plus the banquet. Albertson's donated the fixings for the sack lunches for our die-hard hunters and guides to spend the entire day in the field. In Hyattville, Fred & Lorie Frandson donated food needed for the meals. Granny's, Our Place and the Irma donated soups for lunch at the lodge. Wyoming Outdoorsmen and the Christopher Reeve Founda-



Above: Roger Nelson
Below: Joe Yartz



John Schrecengost

tion made generous donations toward the purchase of another track chair to replace one that has begun to fail us. The Paul Stock Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation donated to our hunter assistance fund to help hunters who couldn't afford to join us otherwise. Our thanks also goes to MDU and Yellowstone Beer Fest for their continued support. And, of course, the many donations we receive from individuals and businesses year after year are appreciated and help us to continue providing hunts.



None of this would be possible without the growing army of volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes all year long to make these hunts the success that they are. From the guides who show up in the wee hours of the morning to take our hunters on the hunt of a lifetime, to the cooks who start them off with a hot hearty breakfast and work steady until well past dinner time keeping everyone fed. Of course, we couldn't do any of this without our land owners allowing us access to their property every year, in some cases before they open it to the public. Also, many thanks to our license donors for providing the tags for our hunters in wheelchairs or veterans with service related disabilities. And finally, the board of directors who spend all year planning these hunts. Looking forward to another great season in 2019!

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