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The Fourth Annual
Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot

will be held

May 9, 10 & 11, 2013

in Hulett, Wyoming



FINAL REPORT

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For more information on the Old West Invitational Turkey
Shoot, visit the Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation website at
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The Third Annual Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot was held in Hulett, Wyoming, May 10-12, 2012. The Planning Committee included individuals from Hulett and other Wyoming communities who shared an interest in supporting this event. Planning Meetings were held once a month, August, 2011 through April, 2012.

These individuals were a key component in the planning and organization of the Shoot and each was assigned to a sub-committee covering various aspects of the planning. The dedication, cooperation, enthusiasm and attention to detail exhibited by every member of the Committee was evident in the success of the event.

The Greater Hulett Community Center and Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation want to express our sincere thanks and congratulations to all on a job well done.

Past Shooters Club

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Chad Bedell
Tom Buchanan
Brad Cundy
Matt Cundy
Tim Danley
Mark Drury
James Evans
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Jim Neiman
Joel Pile
Jack Scarlett
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Mike Sullivan
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Glenn Williamson
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Pete Lien
Gary D. Jensen

SURVEY continued

- The changes in the check-in times last year fit the hunting schedule better. This year was probably the best compromise of hunting and fundraiser that could be made. Keep it the same for next year.
- Great event. Continue improving the auction and raffle items.
- Keep Saturday night in the tent.
- More organized Saturday night event. Get more actual turkey hunting guides. Not all shooters or celebrities are good turkey callers.
- This was my first time hunting turkeys, so it's all new to me. Loved everything about it.
- Everything was wonderful!
- Perhaps more and a bit more variety on items to be auctioned off. Otherwise, can't think of anything. Its very well done. Congratulations!
- The ATV. Values range from \$12,000 to \$16,000. Sell 200 tickets at \$100 each. I would buy 2. Have more games like the turkey pluck. Have to go plates available for dummies like me.
- Get the Governor and his son a turkey.
- I would like to see 4 dinner lines at the buffet which would shorten the evening events for the hunters who would like to get an early start. Have the banquet on Main Street where alcohol can be served. Or GHCC get the rule changed. Keep on theme, they are here to hunt and enjoy themselves. Never pass a hat for money!!!! TACKY.
- Eat, drink and be merry! Make it easier to eat, allow us to drink and keep us merry with activity.
- I think it would be more enjoyable to choose your hunting partner and draw for guide and location. I enjoyed hunting with my partner, however, others may not have had as good an experience.

2012 Celebrities

SSG Joe Fowler, Ret.
SFC Paul Maas
Scott Talbott
WY Governor Matt Mead
Lance Parrish
Rob Keck
Marty Fischer
Brandon Bailey
Brian Scott
Chad Bedell
Former Governor, Dave Freudenthal
Haley Heath
Former Governor, Michael Sullivan
Tom Buchanan
Lt General John Sattler, Ret.

Youth Hunters

Bryson Mills
Katie Johnson
Masen King – Fathers in the Field
Kyle Upton – Basin/PreCorp
Amanda Fawcett - NWTF
Colton Jensen – Expo Stewardship Recipient
Jace Cussins – Expo Stewardship Recipient
Keeley Newkirk- NWTF Scholarship Recipient
Aaron Lockman – Cheyenne, WY
Peter Mead – Cheyenne, WY
Michael Schebler – NWTF
Ryan Majeski – G&F

2012 Sponsors

Key to the success of any event is the monetary and in-kind support from outside entities. Our sincere thanks to all the sponsors who supported the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot.

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- Honestly, I cannot think of anything major that needs to be changed! I was a little worried about having enough space in the tent, but that didn't seem to be an issue. Everything seemed to run very smooth. My The only thing I got is to continue to grow and keep up the great work!
- No glaring problems I saw. I had a blast.
- I am sure there are small things to work-on, but the event is nearly perfect.
- Live music.
- I personally will try to get more Wyoming Donors.
- Make a little bit more of a big deal of the kids participating.
- Maybe help the out of town guides with Housing. Not sure if the Canyon House will be made available every year.
- Do the same thing you did that past year. You all did a Great Job this year.
- Shorter social times before the main events.
- More places to go and more people.
- Score the birds for SCI entry.
- The youth should get a how to DVD & some calls before they arrive so that they have an idea what to expect BEFORE they arrive. Check prize shotguns to be sure that they are choked properly for turkeys. I would like to have some areas set aside for people who don' have the mobility to hunt rough ranches, disabled and elderly hunters especially.
- Sorry to say but I have no suggestions of how to make it better because it was great this year.
- Continue to improve the quality and quantity of celebrities and shooters in order to increase the funds raised relative to the capacity of the land and game available.
- Don't know. You can only squeeze so much into 3 days. I think the way you've set it up is fine.
- I think it was well done. I would have liked time for a nap!

SURVEY continued

- No comments at this time.
- No help here either.
- To make this event better in the future I would recommend ensuring the guides qualifications and ensure that they are up to par or pair new guides with veteran guides and do a larger group to ensure that the hunt is more educational for new shooters.
- The local community was very gracious and the hospitality was outstanding. The quality of meat at Friday's dinner was not very good and it appeared they ran out of food.
- We can't think of anything to put here this year. Past feedback has been considered and adjustments made each year to improve the event.
- Shorten speakers time on the mike.
- It is just like doing a turkey banquet the more you do the better it gets. Everybody just knows what to do and they just do it.
- Stop the Wyoming wind. I don't have any better ideas. This was a very good event.
- Nothing comes to mind, everything fell together and blended very well I thought.
- I would like to come myself next year.
- Everything was great.
- As I stated above, the event is excellent how it is. I would make the networking more accessible, part of this might require a larger tent to move around more freely. In general, it was a big improvement over last year's event!
- Provide more information on the hunt itinerary and activities.
- More sponsor involvement, and I know that's a tough order given the economic climate today. Any major increases in net dollars will have to come from sponsorships, as it looked like the event was pretty sold out for hunting teams.

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taken by means that don't reflect fair chase hunting, but more shaking the corn bucket.

- During auction crowd noise is very loud. Not having time to do Annie Oakley.
- The first thing that I would like to bring to your attention is the slight shortage of pork on the Friday night dinner. It didn't affect me all that much but some people were complaining about getting what was scraped off of the bone. I didn't care for the raffle. You had to buy an outrageous amount of tickets to get one chance at the safe.

Please tell us in your own words what you would do to make this event better in the future.

55 Responses

- The Saturday night banquet needs to be more organized; needs to start on time and perhaps have some entertainment. Maybe meal needs to be served buffet style so doesn't take so long to get everyone served.
- I thought it was really good.
- Keep guides sober enough to get up on time. Make sure the guide knows his stuff (i.e. can call, knows the land).
- I do not know what I would change.
- Did not attend in person. Have no comment.
- A lot of fun!
- Raise more money for the community center! Get some real celebrities involved. There were a few that nobody ever heard of? Country Music singers, Ted Nugent!!
- It would be great to have all the youth go shoot their new guns before the hunt. Some of the kids have no idea how to shoot or load their gun.

SURVEY continued

- Everything was great.
- No down side.
- I could not find a reason to attend the Saturday banquet.
- None.
- I unfortunately could not bring my young family along to enjoy this event due to scheduling conflicts of my own.
- Can't... It was all good!
- The Saturday night event seemed disorganized. Leaving the tent for dinner. Better guides.
- Getting up at 3:00 am.
- Not shooting a huge Tom.
- Going home.
- Getting up at 3:00 am.
- Having my group manipulated by Livin The Hunt. Grumpy bartender (the tall lady). We didn't win any guns or the safe.
- I enjoyed all of it.
- Banquet held in a dry building. Repeating the trials of the GHCC. Repeating the guest speakers story, Rob's speech, while patriotic and touching, a wet towel at a time when the attendees are excited & proud of what they have accomplished in the 2 days and that high should continue as they tell the tales of their hunt around the dinner table.
- I thought I was at another military banquet, keep it upbeat and more about turkey hunting. Stop history of community center, lam it & put it on a short flyer & place on tables. Lack of alcohol at banquet. Unclear/changing rules. Calcutta this year. Poor guy thought he won with biggest bird. Him and his son were so excited!
- Can't think of anything.
- The high wind event in the tent.
- The 2 small drum tumblers that were used for the main raffle, should have been in 1 large drum and stirred between each drawing. I also feel that the winnings of the event and several other turkeys were

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Revenue

Sponsorships, Auction, Calcutta	\$193,024.04
Raffles	

Total Revenue **\$193,024.04**

Expenses:

Operating Expenses	59,609.46
Printing	4,698.90
Marketing	2,197.69
Travel & Lodging	10,000.63
Food/Catering	11,073.94
License Fees	3,555.00
Miscellaneous	<u>818.18</u>

Total Expenses **91,953.80**

Total Revenue over expenses **\$101,070.24**

Total Net Profit **\$101,070.24**

**50% to Greater Hulett
Community Center** **\$ 50,535.12**
50% to WHFW **\$ 50,535.12**

All donations and expenditures were handled by the Wyoming Community Foundation and are subject to Audit.

Participating Guides

Our sincere appreciation to the following guides for volunteering their services.

Frank Amos	Nick Kafcas
Samson Bears	Rick Leonard
Derek Benson	Bob Lott
John Berndt	Will McAmis
Wes Bush	Joe MacGuire
Bruce Carlson	Scott MacNaughton
Dennis Cease	Marcus Neiman
Dick Conzelman	Nate Nelson
Roy Conzelman	Jay Norman
Ken Conley	Jw Nuckolls
Casey Dickinson	Joe Penning
Charles "Booie" Dirks	John Pierce
Mike Dirks	Joel Pile
Robert Ellis	Claude Rauch
Tim Farris	Dan Redding
Rick Foster	Dave Redding
Danny Fowler	Jimmy Roberts
Ella French	Mike Schmid
Emris Graham	Clint Snook
Jackie Griffith	Art Sommervoid
Josh Gullett	E.O. Sowerwine V
Adam Hayes	Keaton Stevens
Todd Helms	Troy Svoboda
Jason Hippen	Eric Thomas
Bill Howard	Jerry Westover
Charlie Hook	John Williams
Alan Ista	Charles "Bill" Wilson
Lee Jay	Kellen Wilson
Mike Johnson	Calvin Wolf
Lloyd Jolley	
Wayne Jordan	
Gary Jorgenson	

- Didn't know much about the other events. The Annie Oakley shoot was not well advertised and I never got much information about where it was or what it was.
- Nothing was a wonderful experience.
- Need more Hulett people involved.
- Overall it was a pleasant experience.
- Address timing. Work on length of extemporaneous speech gives time vs the Auction and other Fund-raising time.
- The only thing I disliked was the drawing for the raffle prizes went to fast. We had trouble keeping track of who won what guns.
- I loved the event. I was a guide and one of my hunters didn't have camo.
- None
- I can't really come up with a 'LEAST'!
- Need more networking time.
- Hunting partner draw process-having to hunt with someone you don't know or who may not be a serious hunter.
- Honestly cannot think of anything negative about the event. Thought it was one of the best I've been to, and I do get to attend many fundraising events tied to hunting.
- The LONG drive. It only lasts 3 days! Having to leave Hulett.
- I really don't have any this year. You moved the Thursday night get together up so it was over in time to get some decent sleep.
- Would like better breakfast on Saturday. More recognizable celebrities .
- The former Governor Sullivan, the liberals, and the freeloaders.
- I can't think of anything that I didn't like.
- Nothing really...I think the Calcutta should've ran for both days. This put more pressure on shooters and alot of younger birds were taken the first day just to get on the board.

Participating Landowners/Lessees

SURVEY continued

- Meeting great people. Enjoying the hunt. Checking out the sponsors and auction items.
- Meeting several new people in a friendly atmosphere and being able to participate as a guide.
- Also the opportunity to see and visit with friends and neighbors in the community.
- To see the thrill and feel the excitement of the two hunters that I guided when they filled the license and got their turkeys using only fair chase hunting methods.
- Auction items were impressive. The food. The community involvement.
- The Annie Oakley shoot was a good deal. I didn't actually shoot in it but I watched for a while and the people in it were having a good time. It was a good thing to kill time with if they had already killed their bird. The second thing that I liked was the brunch. I had a taco that was as big around as a five-gallon bucket and it stuffed me.
- Small town nature of event. The interaction between all parties. The dedication of the volunteers.

Please tell us in your own words the three things that you LEAST liked about attending this event.

43 Responses

- The experience with my guide and the area I hunted.
- I didn't dislike anything.
- I sponsored for the benefit of the kids.
- I have no complaints!
- The time frame. I believe it should be earlier in the season. The apparent lack of fair chase for some of the guides.
- Didn't have any.
- I am speechless.

Without the participation of the following local landowners, we would not have been able to hold this event. Our sincere appreciation is extended to each and every one.

7W Ranch, John Pierce
Ackerman Ranch, Brandon Ackerman
Bacon Rind Ranch, Bruce & Peggy McAmis
Buckhorn Ridge Ranch, Lloyd Pruet
Butte View Ranch, Dick Conzelman
Carlson Ranch, Bruce Carlson
Campstool Ranch, Ogden & Zannie Driskill
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Diamond Bar D Ranch, Charles & Pat Dirks
Ellefson Ranch, Al & Linda Ellefson
Hauber Ranch, Wes & Bonnie Bush
Hedges Place, Tam Hedges
Hook Ranch, Leonord Hook
HT Ranch, Daniel & Deb Odegard
Hutton Land & Livestock, Ken Hutton
IPY Ranch, George & Vicki White
Ista Ranch, Alan & Hannah Ista
Jay Ranch, Leon Jay
JH Ranch, Mae, Chip & Joni Neiman
McDonald Ranch, J.O. McDonald
Morken's Belle River Ranch, Chuck & Janet Morken
N Bar J Ranch, Ted & Betty Wilson
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Nuckolls Land, LLC, Jw Nuckolls
Pieloch's Tie Creek Ranch, James S. Neiman-Lessee
R\ Ranch, Charles & Donna McAmis
Redding Ranch, Dave Redding
Roth Ranches, Inc., Dick Roth
Rimrock River Ranch, Douglas & Molly Hoff
Snook Ranch, Clint Snook
Solitude Ranch, Mike & Pam Schmid
Sourdough Ranch Inc., Art & Marjorie Linklater
Stinson/Nicholson/Hedges Ranch, Russell & Sherry Stinson
Sunny Divide Ranch, James S. Neiman
T Cross T Ranch, Neil A. McMurry
Tim Moore Ranch, Tim Moore
Tom Moore Ranch, Tom Moore
U/7 Ranch, Walter Gordon
Wagner Ranch, David Wagner
Whalen Ranch, Bill Whalen
Wilson Ranch, Wayne & Susan Wilson
Wood Ranch, Jackie S. Griffith

Seventy-four hunters participated in the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot and 33 turkeys were harvested. Turkeys were scored using the official scoring method of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Awards were given for the three largest turkeys harvested, as well as the Guide and Landowner where the turkey was taken.

1st Place Hunter	Shawn Packham
1st Place Guide	Lee Jay
1st Place Landowner	Leon Jay
2nd Place Hunter	Dave Freudenthal
2nd Place Guide	Will & Missy McAmis
2nd Place Landowner	Chas. McAmis
3rd Place Hunter	Shawn Alexander
3rd Place Guide	E.O. Sowerwine V
3rd Place Landowner	Ted Wilson

- I really enjoyed my guide and how personable he was. I also enjoyed the social. The Annie Oakley was a blast as well.
- The participation of the local ranchers and landowners to allow hunters access to their property. The abundance of Turkey in this area in order to conduct an event such as this. The attendance of people from all over Wyoming and surrounding areas not just the immediate area. Particularly the Governor and ex-governors together was fun to see.
- The excitement. The opportunity to win. Knowing that the funds raised helped the cause.
- The people!
- Strong military/wounded warrior presence helped keep the event "hometown" and kept it from becoming a publicity event. I was glad to see more youth hunters involved in the event.
- The event was very well organized, great food, great facilities, and a great hunt.
- Meeting people of the local community. Visiting with old friends. Well organized event.
- The people. The experience. The hunt .
- The quality volunteers and wonderful people in the town of Hulett.
- People were great, hunting was fun, events were interesting.
- Helping my youth hunter tag her first wildlife kill. Meeting new people. Talking to birds.
- People, Food, Drinks.
- The main street set-up. The energy that surrounds. The food.
- I love to see the youth, excited and anxious about firearms and hunting. Camaraderie of new fresh hunters, old hunters new at turkey hunting, recognizing old faces and revisiting. The venue for the camaraderie down town was great cause you can have a beer or two with a renewed friend. I love the competition of friends.

SURVEY continued

- None
- Being able to help a Wounded Warrior take his first turkey. Being asked to deliver a patriotic message. Being part of an event that brings community and state together through celebrating our hunting heritage. IT WAS A THRILL AND AN HONOR.
- Very fun event, excellent land and guides, feels very exclusive (yet) not pretentious. I wouldn't change very much.
- Community patriotism and acceptance. The area is simply beautiful and that matters. The commitment of the volunteers to make the event successful.
- Being given the opportunity and challenge to try to hunt turkeys in such a new, but very beautiful part of the country. The acceptance and kindness from not only the people in the hunt, but from the locals as well. Watching Joe receive that puppy Saturday night was one of the most touching and humbling experiences I have every had.
- Seeing friends that were made the year before. The upbeat attitudes the people had. A lot of smiles, the hand shakes, and back slapping. Just a total great time.
- The nice people. Great Guides. Good Food.
- The caliber of people, the atmosphere surrounding the event, and the participation.
- Seeing old friends. Meeting new people. I get to be Turkey Hunting.
- Being able to meet and be around folks from other parts of the country. And getting to hunt of course.
- Everything was just great couldn't have asked for a better first turkey hunt. Hospitality.
- The hunt. The bar.
- Getting to hunt and see another's ranch.
- Meeting all the people who attended, hunting with a first time kid who got to see a Turkey called in from quite a distance, the youth hunts.

Shawn Packham
(not shown)
Lee Jay
Leon Jay

1st Place



Dave Freudenthal
(not shown)
Will McAmis
Charles McAmis

2nd Place



Shawn Alexander
E.O.Sowerwine V
Ted Wilson

3rd Place



Planning Committee

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Bobby Yach, Bass Pro, Independence, MO

- Helping raise money for two great causes, the fellowship of all the guys, seeing friends that were made at the first turkey shoot that you only see once a year.
- Turkey hunting for the first time. Fun friendly people and very friendly community. Very cool that the youth received guns.
- The weather, the hunt, and the social time spent with many friends!
- The veterans, Russell Stinson's cooking, and the youth hunters.
- Meeting celebrities. Friendly atmosphere. Quality of food. Presentation of the puppy to the wounded soldier that lost his dog in the accident. Made tears come to my eyes. A very fitting event.
- The people. The hunting experience. The red carpet treatment prior, during and post event.
- The best part was that we were sponsored by the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. They are an amazing organization and it made me feel very good to be recognized for my military service. I enjoyed meeting new people, the fun atmosphere, the competitive aspect and the home town fun.
- Meeting some wonderful people and have the hunt of a life time.
- Well run, good mix of people, very good food.
- Community involvement.
- The prime rib on Saturday night, meeting new people the way the youth hunters are supported.
- The friendliness of locals to their visitors was felt by this correspondent. Volunteerism abounded, maybe more recognition on the program for 10 pies, children bussing dishes etc .
- I like the interaction with all who were there.
- Support of the veterans. Attitude of everyone involved. I felt like I belonged there. Lee as a guide is the best. The processing of my bird was great. It was wonderful on the grill.
- The people, the auction was the best I've been to as far as raising funds, and the hospitality.

SURVEY continued

- I appreciate unique and nice items. I do not need another Duck's Unlimited print to hang in my barn.
- The auction was fine, had no problems.
- I liked the opportunity to bid on items that were realistically within my price range.
- The auction was very professionally run. Great items & opportunities available.
- Mark McNamee did an outstanding job auctioneering the auction. It is important to keep the crowd awake and involved, and that didn't happen last year. Mark knows what items should bring, and he will work till he gets there. A definite asset to the night.
- I felt that the auction was hurt by the interruption of a speaker. I think that they should have had the introduction of the veterans and special presentation prior to the auction or immediately after.
- Great auction.
- All good.
- Great items!
- Good auction material but too loud and too long.
- I liked silent auction, it allows time to mingle. Again the auction was too loud. The raffle had so many tickets it didn't appear they got mixed up very well in the two small tumblers.
- I was very happy with the auction and feel that it was conducted very well and very fairly for all. I'm only sorry that my pockets were too empty at the time to make any purchases.
- The silent auction item winners were never revealed. I think it should have been.
- The auction was a very beneficial part of the event and most everything sold at the same or more of the real price. Overall I liked the auction a lot.

Please tell us in your own words the three things that you MOST liked about attending this event.

48 Responses

SURVEY

A Survey was sent to Landowners, Guides and Hunters immediately following the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot.

Sixty-four responses were received. Not everyone answered every question. Comments received on the Survey follow:

As someone who attended the evening and down-time activities hosted by WW-TF and the GHCC, which statement best describes your opinion of these activities.

18 Responses

- I think it's one of the best things that has happened to the town of Hulett! As one landowner put it "It's something the whole family can enjoy, unlike the biker event that is meant for adults".
- We are pleased that it helps maintain the GHCC, and that it involves the whole community.
- Outstanding community feel and is tremendous in bringing people from all walks of life together for a common good.
- Great event for the community and will get better in time. I didn't participate in any down time activities because we were hunting non-stop.
- The BEST event Hulett supports by far!
- A great thing that is just going to get bigger.
- Very pleased.
- I did not get a chance to see the Annie Oakley, but would have liked to based upon the comments I heard from it.

SURVEY continued

- As a non resident participant I am not sure how much the impact has on the Hulett community. I can only hope that any negative impacts are minimal and the positive impacts would be related to improving schools, local charities, community improvement projects, etc. without losing the small town charm and warmth that I experienced.
- I enjoyed the entire event. The nightly dinners & functions were top notch.
- Knowing that these events as well as the Turkey Shoot itself contributes to the WW-TF and the Community Center financially is a very worthwhile effort.
- As always, this is a very safe, family friendly, family oriented event. I would not have been afraid to have my children at or around the event. This image will keep the event a success with this community.
- First time at the event and looking forward to seeing how I can come next year. Great Event! Great people!
- Impressed.
- Buying raffle tickets before all the activities started was nice. Hanging around late in the night for the prizes was a little rough, but I have seen the same tactic at other banquets.
- There is a lot of hard work that goes into an event like this. As a person that donates money and not time, I am extremely appreciative of the good folks that work so very hard to make it the event that it is.
- This is my second year to attend the Old West Turkey Shoot and my first year as a guide. I feel that this years meals and raffles were conducted much better than 2011. Every meal was very tasty. I feel that a single tumbler, that was much larger, for the main raffle needs to be made that would allow for a more groupings of numbers to be drawn. Even stirring of the tickets and should be stirred or turned between every draw. The drawings would have seemed more

- I thought it was exciting.
- Went smoother and quicker this year!
- No complaints.
- Great items, superb auctioneer, great cause. Do not see how you could improve on it.
- I enjoyed the whole experience it was a great.
- Well run.
- A constant reminder for a fund raiser is timing. Brevity in commentary needs some work. Not picking on someone specifically.
- I think the quality of the items at the auction was the best that we have had.
- I didn't go.
- We were glad to donate our very first knife roll that we have made. I would be interested in being able to mail information to the hunt and auction participants about our products.
- Spent \$300 on raffle tickets, cards and games of chance.
- Nice auction with a great auctioneer and MC to read the items description.
- Excellent event. I would incorporate more time for networking that is not "rushed".
- Auctioneer was terrific. Items were good for the size of the event. PA system was good or things would be tough in the tent environment.
- From my standpoint, it seemed like the action went very well! You guys had very good items on the auction and I think you did a great job selling all of them! I was very impressed with overall turnout!
- I thought it was run fine.
- All auctions and raffles were great!
- I thought it went well.
- The auction was good. It was hard to hear most of the time due to the amount of people in the tent.
- Needed a better sound system to cover the room.

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- All of the food was good the only thing that I would change was that they were a little bit short on pork for the Friday night auction and dinner. The food was very good, don't get me wrong but there wasn't enough.

Are you looking forward to being invited back again next year?

12 Responses

- Did not attend.
- I was unable to attend this years hunt. Look forward to seeing everyone next year!
- I'll do it as long as I am capable.
- I hope I have the funds to participate.
- None
- Only if I'm worthy of the invite.
- Not only would I love to be invited again next year, I can commit myself to help bring in some new sponsors for the event. As a national TV host, I have a number of sponsors who could have an interest in participating.
- I would absolutely love to have the opportunity to come back to Hulett!
- Would be offended if I were not!
- Yes
- I answer this yes with hesitations.
- I am somewhat but with mounting reservations.

Please tell us in your own words what you liked or disliked about the auction.

37 Responses

- A lot of great auction items.
- Great auctioneer and some really good auction items.

fair and less chance that the groupings of numbers weren't drawn.

- It is a very beneficial event to the community and it is fun too. Most if not all of the businesses in the town benefit in some way from the event. Overall I was very satisfied with the event and hope that it is even better next year.

If you participated in the hunt as a shooter, please select the statement which best describes your opinion on the following:

17 Responses

- Guide slept in the first morning. Land we hunted had already been pounded with hunters.
- Awesome and friendly guide. Great time hunting.
- I had a lifetime experience that could have only been increased had I called the Tom in!!! But since I have no idea as to how to call one in...that experience will have to wait.
- My hunting guide was only 20 years old and as this was my first time hunting a turkey and had only hunted antelope a couple times prior, I do not feel he had the knowledge and experience to handle this situation. He seemed very unsure of what he was supposed to be doing and often changed his tactics wildly especially when turkeys were close. He was nice and courteous. I enjoyed my experience but had to go out with another guide just to see a turkey. This was my first turkey. To shoot the biggest bird says it all. Lee is awesome.
- None
- The best...couldn't have been any better.
- My guide had good knowledge of the land and where turkeys might be. He was courteous and most helpful in every way. He wasn't really a turkey hunter, which might have been a bit of a problem if neither of his team members hunted turkeys.

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- The hunting at my ranch was pretty good. Didn't hear or see many birds, but we did manage to kill one for my partner. His inexperience as a turkey hunter made getting him a bird a bit tougher.
- I was a guide and love doing it.
- Didn't hunt the way I like too, but was successful. IPY was great.
- Had Turkeys at sun-up on the first morning for my hunter, another guide actually asked to come along and do the calling for my young hunter. He did a fine job and actually had access to better land than we were assigned originally. Perfect case of individuals stepping up and making it work.
- My guide was excellent.
- My hunting experience was excellent. The land we hunted on was beautiful and the owner was fantastic but the turkeys decided to visit the neighbors for the two days we hunted, such is hunting.
- My experience hunting this year (even though I didn't harvest a Turkey) was very enjoyable. The land we hunted on was great. Saw plenty of birds. My guide was one of the best Turkey callers I've heard.
- Awesome!
- It was terrific.
- I was participating as a guide. I think my hunters enjoyed their hunting experience and both took nice sized bearded Toms that did score quite well. Our land is somewhat rough and was happy that my hunters were both able to walk long distances.

How would you rate the quality of the meals at the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot?

18 Responses

- Food was delicious!

- The meals were incredible. I especially enjoyed the breakfast burritos and the prime rib at the banquet. That is the best prime rib I have ever had. I enjoyed the other meals as well and it was fun to try things I had never had before.
- The quality of the food was much better this year.
- None
- I'm allergic to beef and pork and there was not a alternative offered on Friday or Saturday night .
- 5 Star...very impressive and tasty.
- Extremely impressed by the food at the event, especially the meals served in the tent.
- The food tasted great! The only complaint that I have is on Friday night a lot of the food ran out before I got through the line.
- Much better than some in the past.
- Food was decent.
- Meals did vary greatly from one to the next.
- Food was great.
- The Saturday night prime rib was some of the best I've ever had. Please invite Russell Stinson back to cook next year!
- I LOVED Thursday's meal!
- Came in late on Friday, My fault. Food was gone.
- Food and variety was very good. Lots of food and very, very polite servers at tent. Soft drinks were very flat, watered. Layout of serving vs. seating. For easier serving would plan for circulation arranged seating. And plan for dual serving. Allowing more time for auctions, activities and shorter evenings for hunters.
- Banquet was very tasty as well, servers did well, however maybe pitchers of beverage could be on tables. They did not get around frequent enough, too few doing beverage.
- It was very good this year.