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FINAL REPORT

4th Annual

Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot

May 9, 10 & 11, 2013

Hosted by:

Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation

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and

The Greater Hulett Community Center



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Planning Committee

The Fourth Annual Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot was held in Hulett, Wyoming, May 9, 10 & 11, 2013. The Planning Committee included individuals from Hulett and other Wyoming communities who shared an interest in hosting this event. Planning meetings were held once a month, July, 2012 through April, 2013.

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 this 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.

Dick Bratton, T Cross T Ranch, Casper, WY
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Kathi Driskill, Hulett, WY
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Wyoming Community Foundation, Laramie, WY
Barbi Sowerwine, Golf Club at Devils Tower, Hulett, WY
Mike Sullivan, Former Governor of WY, Casper, WY
Hugh Vogel, NWTF, WY Chapter, Casper, WY
Bobby Yach, Mule Deer Foundation, Gillette, WY

Participating Guides

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following Guides for volunteering their services

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| Mike Johnson | Eric Thomas |
| Nick Kafcas | E.O. Sowerwine V |
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| Jared Gose | Bill Howard |
| Dan Nesvick | Tim Farris |
| Jimmy Dirks | Monte Neiman |
| John Williams | Robert Ellis |
| Casey Dickenson | Len Fortunato |
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| Lee Jay | Jeremy Westover |
| Charlie Hook | Clint Goodman |
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| Rick Leonard | Lloyd Jolley |
| Victor Sohn | Tyler Abbott |
| Joel Pile | Murphy Love |
| Dennis Cease | |
| Samson Bears II | |
| Joe Penning | |
| Paul Wendal | |
| Dave Redding | |
| Dan Redding | |
| Danny Fowler | |
| Loran Brinkmeier | |
| Heath Walter | |

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Sean Zimmerman

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Austin Butler
Zoe Penning
Brandy Goodman
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Austin Hartley
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Participating Landowners/Lesseees

Without the participation of the following local land-owners/lessees we would not be able to hold this event. Our sincere appreciation is extended to each and every one.

Ackerman Ranch, Vicki Ackerman
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Hauber Ranch, Wes and Bonnie Bush
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- Better guide arrangements and earlier notification of random property assignments to allow all to pre-scout, not just local residents. Only one youth hunter per guide if a parent goes along, and prior arrangement with the landowner if parent expects to hunt the same property once the youth tags out
- I really don't know of anything
- Do the raffle the last day
- 1) Hold guides accountable to perform professionally and be accountable as an event representative (2) If all celebrities were required to be in town prior to 4pm on Thursday in order to participate and be recognized at that night's event
- I feel that there needs to be more long time residents of the Hulett area put onto the planning and event committees to help keep this event from making mistakes such as giving a gun to a person who isn't a landowner. Or better research into the people who are presented with these prizes
- Maybe a little earlier in the season
- Need more room for the auction
- Not sure how to make it better as there is always hic-ups in an event of this size. All in all I think it went rather well
- Involve more local community individuals

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- My grandson shot the heaviest turkey in the youth division. He prepared a thank you speech for all involved that he wanted to share Saturday evening. The youth winner was not recognized and he was disappointed he could not honor his guide, landowner sponsor, and the event. He certainly appreciated all done for him, just wanted to say thanks to all.
- No changes necessary
- You do a great job for the location. No doubt about it. It was great fun
- I was a first time turkey hunter so a better guide would have helped. Also being more organized when putting hunting teams together
- I would limit the number of hunters to maybe 70 including kids
- I would hope that limiting the number of hunters would reduce the number of guides needed and that they could all be familiar where they are hunting
- Tighten up the agendas a little and keep everything with fun at the center of the objectives
- Allow some time to golf the Devil Tower course
- Not sure, like enjoyed the whole format
- More turkeys would always be nice
- Down size to a number of hunters that the town and land can accommodate. This years event was about to exceed the limit
- I would like to see it move to the next weekend

Revenue

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| Sponsorships, Auction, Calcutta Raffles | \$198,425.13 |
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Total Revenue \$198,425.13

Expenses

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| Operating Expense | \$78,325.95 |
| Printing | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Marketing | \$ 4,339.83 |
| Travel & Lodging | \$ 5,846.16 |
| Food/Catering | \$ 9,576.84 |
| License Fees | \$ 5,146.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 3,711.56 |

Total Expenses \$108,746.34

Revenue over expenses \$ 89,585.79

Split of Net Profit:

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| 50% to Greater Hulett Community Center | \$ 44,792.90 |
| 50% to WW-TF | \$ 44,792.89 |

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

Eighty-nine hunters (which included 14 youth hunters) were in the field on May 9 and 10 to harvest thirty turkeys. Scoring was done through the use of the National Turkey Federation scoring formula.

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| First Place | Hunter | Rich Ackerman |
| | Guide | Joel Pile |
| | Land | Morken Ranch |
| Second Place | Hunter | Barry Arnett |
| | Guide | Danny Fowler |
| | Land | Roberts Ranch |
| Third Place | Hunter | Laird Klipstein |
| | Guide | Tim Farris |
| | Land | Grubb Ranch |

Each hunter received a gun, the guide and landowner received Montana belt buckles



- Only allow people in the past shooters club and new hunters to participate
- Make the birds cooperate, (we need more suicidal turkeys)
- Keep up the good work
- The Calcutta should be a TWO day event. Not one day. I bought our team thinking it was for two days. The hunting event is two days, not one. Somebody said it was that some people were there for one day or left early.....too bad. Two day Calcutta
- Nothing
- 1. Have more information about properties
- 2. Post Calcutta results Friday night
- 3. Eliminate Saturday night banquet and announce awards at taxidermy shop at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and then have social hour in tent to wrap up event
- I had a great guide but he had never met or been on the land. The landowner needs to meet guides with ranch maps and pointers. All in all I had a wonderful time
- I thought the entire event was run great
- Nothing you all do a wonderful job
- More Anne Oakley activities
- Two buffets for shorter lines

- Qualify your guides better. Keep things on time and more food lines
- Have it earlier in the turkey hunting season
- I enjoyed the entire event. I just wish I had been able to attend the entire event, I was not able to due to my personal schedule
- Nothing
- No suggestions
- Fix what I addressed in 10 above
- The auction was a little long after a long hunt. However, we realize this is the money maker for the event
- Only saw one Tom/not a lot of opportunities
- Not sure as there seemed to be a little lack of organization. You have to be a part of the group to know what was missing in this. It is a large undertaking for a small community. But it is appreciated
- I think it would be fun for the hunters/guides to receive something for placing in the tournament. Cheap trophy or medal or something fun in the spirit of competition
- Hard to improve on something this good
- Mother nature and more turkeys and successful hunters
- Got nothing

A Survey was sent to landowners, guides and hunters immediately following the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot.

Over sixty 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 the WW-TF and the GHCC, describe your opinion of these activities

- I thought that everything was well structured and well planned. I enjoyed all aspects of the event and don't have any negative feedback
- Not being a resident of Hulett, I cannot say how the locals feel about the event. From my perspective, it has to be a benefit to the local economy
- Shoot worked out great for Hulett. Sure seemed like everyone had a smile on their face the whole time!
- Serving the food faster with more lines available would be nice, especially the last night
- The Hulett residents, guides and coordinators were absolutely outstanding. I was happy to spend my money and help the community
- Volunteers seem to be a little slack in their responsibilities for the amount the shoot benefits the area
- I think it is a great event for the Hulett Community!
- Very well run event, would like to see more hunts auctioned on Friday night
- It seemed attendance was light at the Saturday night banquet...many had gone home

- My grandson (also shooter) and I did not participate in the Annie Oakley and consider that a large mistake. We did stop by and later visited with those who handled that event and really wish we had participated. I was not sure what it was or exactly where and made the decision to go elsewhere. My mistake. We went to Devils Tower and hiked a trail or two which was close and fun. We also toured some of the beautiful area
- Auction and meal on Friday night was great time. I know it takes a lot of work and the friendly atmosphere of small town America was super
- It felt like there was less community participation, requiring more non-residents. Youth Core served more meals and the quality suffered
- Friday evening was too long
- I really enjoy most of what happens at this event and love the support that it is giving to our community and our community center
- It is also great to see the support that comes from all around the state and our surrounding states and businesses
- It would be nice to have more local volunteers, not just the businesses and landowners helping

If you participated in the hunt as a shooter, please comment on the quality of your guide, hunting experience and land you hunted on

- I had a fantastic guide that knew a great deal about turkey hunting and the land that we were hunting on. The ranch that I was able to hunt on was of great quality and beauty. I was able to get a good size bird and had a great hunting experience

- Don't schedule on Mother's Day weekend. As an out-of-towner I had to leave early Saturday to be with my family
- Although it might be difficult, try to find guides that know the ranch they are hunting. My guide did his best but he never set foot on our ranch
- Let them hunt the evening hunt. Other than that it's well organized and a good time
- Run the Calcutta both days
- No suggestions
- Survey hunter success, not just birds harvested but the opportunity to see birds and eliminate land that does not hold birds and obtain land that perhaps has not been hunted in the past
- Extend hours of hunt into the evening
- Provide property for the shooters and guides that actually have turkeys
- You guys are on top of it pretty well I'd say. Thank-you to all involved
- Having the Calcutta include both days would be nice
- It is awfully hard to beat! Things got crowded in the tent but I suppose that is a good thing

- Guides not able to scout their land until Thursday
- Lack of non-committee local community members involved
- That you don't let the hunters hunt after 4:30pm

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

- Create a fact sheet for celebrity shooters that explains the rules, the procedures, accommodations, etc.
- It would be really helpful if the guides got a day or two notice on which ranch they were hunting so we could get familiar with it before we take hunters out
- I would advise awarding the Calcutta on Friday night, since it only consisted of hunting that took place that day. I believe awarding it on Sat. added to the confusion
- Move the event up a week or two, other than that I had a great time and would love to come back
- Would place a maximum on the number of hunters to make the event less crowded. 70-80 would seem ideal, nearly 100 felt like too many
- Have more land options, some hunters put on land with no birds and had little to no chance of seeing or shooting bird

- Although we did not harvest a bird, the experience was awesome. The only somewhat disappointing aspect was that the landowner had other hunters on the property at the same time
- I very much enjoyed the hunting experience and had confidence in our guide. There were just not enough birds in the right places for us to have a chance to bag one
- Len Fortunato was our guide and he did a wonderful job. It was a pleasure hunting with him. Ogden Driskill allowed us to hunt the Campstool Ranch around Devil's Tower and it was one of the coolest places I've ever set foot on. Ogden was always available to help or answer questions whenever needed. He is a great guy
- Guide cost the other hunter a bird by being in front of shooter, OK as a caller but nothing above average
- The guide was a great guy who worked hard to find birds. Unfortunately he had never been on the ranch before and therefore wasn't familiar with the habitat or terrain
- Birds were hunted hard...would run away from a hen call...only chance was being under them in the dark prior to flying down...guide said ranch had 12 hunters on it prior, two groups of 6 and they killed 11 out of 12
- The guides were exceptional. The hunting was exceptional, although I did not bag anything. The land was exceptional. My daughter was speechless that she actually received all the nice goodies and her own shot gun! Thank you so much

- Landowner not a shooter
- Awesome all away around
- I had a great time! My guide didn't pick me up on Saturday morning but I did get my 1st turkey. My guide and I got along really well and the hunting came second to story telling
- I was a guide
- Perfect - Perfect - Perfect
- My grandson and I developed a relationship with the guide and he has offered to take my grandson on an elk hunt on horseback pack trip in western Wyo. A great person and I am sure he will remain in contact with us in the future. Beautiful ranch - a chance of a lifetime
- I was going to assist my husband, who was a youth guide, but couldn't. At the last minute, he was assigned a second youth with two accompanying parents, one of which was told they could hunt the same property once the kids tagged out. Landowner initially agreed to one youth, adding possibly 2 additional birds from his property made it uncomfortable when my husband had to be the one to ask for this change. Hard to move quietly with 3 people, much less 5 or 6 when two are kids
- Guide was very nice, but unfamiliar with the area. We were not sure of the boundaries
- 1. Lack of information about properties, 2. Post Calcutta results Friday night, 3. Eliminate Saturday night banquet and announce awards at taxidermy shop at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and then have social hour in tent to wrap up event
- The breakfast was not the food that would give guide or hunter the calories needed for hunting
- There could have been more coffee available breakfast and dinner. Maybe breakfast burritos that guides and hunters could take to the field with them.
- More downtime activities
- Long lines for food
- Not that I could do better but since you ask - The lady that served as the Sat. evening MC I felt was not prepared for the award presentations and spent quite a bit of time on Hulett issues which I am sure are important to her but not so much to those attending. It seemed she came into the middle of an event without the needed knowledge. Sorry
- I think this event is wonderful with everything it has to offer
- Saturday Night Food
- Not being there
- Lack of local participation, they are the ones benefiting

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

- Although I didn't hunt I believe the hunting was tougher than usual and some guides got drunk and were not available and others were unfamiliar with the land they were hunting
- Advanced guide assignments, accommodation arrangements, and notifications. My husband supplied all the youth calls, but wasn't able to present them to the kids because he was asked to show a first time, out of town guide, a property. Unfortunately, he was away when the items were presented. He put a lot of care and "Pride" into making these.
- A few guides were late meeting up with their hunters at the morning breakfasts causing a little anxiety. They should be required to show more professionalism & accountability if they want to guide hunters.
- Calcutta was for Friday hunting only
- Would of liked if they had spun the raffle tickets basket more while choosing raffle tickets
- The only issue that I have that I didn't like was the presentation of a gun to a landowner who isn't a landowner, but is actually just a Forman on a large ranch. There was a lot of grumbling among the resident people that live in the area that knew that he wasn't a landowner
- Friday lunch was terrible (cold dry hamburgers and cold brats)
- Finding out that the owner of Fathers in the Field, Scott, shot a bird on Thursday that a youth hunter could have tried for in the event

- I enjoyed the meals on Thursday and Friday night. Friday night's meal was especially good. I did not care much for Saturday's meal
- Not a fan of the Cornish game hen and a salad with little to no dressing
- The food worked for me. The home-made desserts Friday night were a super bonus
- Too long to get food Friday and Saturday
- Cornish hen in cattle ranch country?...only way to eat it was with your hands...NOT a good choice..... dessert was awesome
- The food was exceptional. Very, very satisfied
- Poor selection of meat for volume needed and put extra load on servers
- The food was excellent
- I'm a red meat person as well as most others but was good
- The Cornish game hens was a great idea
- Great food all weekend
- Very, very impressed with the food and how it was presented and served. Wow

- Saturday eve --- Great effort by those doing the work including the FFA and the folks doing the cooking. I think it was not the best choice for the group and did not work well - I am not complaining - felt bad for those who worked so hard to provide something great and I do not think it went like they wanted
- The Cornish hen may have been cooked but it look like it was still raw and uncooked. This is beef country why not have a steak or prime rib like last year
- I would even think a meal like we had on Friday evening would be just fine. Lots of good food and plenty of it
- Seemed to be an excessive amount of open tables which translate into lost revenue. We need to manage the food and the numbers better
- Friday lunch over grilled, Saturday night undercooked (joints didn't dis-articulate, and pink to red). Meals didn't adequately consider diabetics, especially breakfasts
- Friday lunch was not great
- I was looking forward to having prime rib, but instead I had to eat a fowl chicken
- The Cornish game hen (I think that's what it was) was great

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

- Absolutely

- Disorganization/quality of guide/hunt relative to the cost
- Nothing really. We thoroughly enjoyed everything! It was hard going back to work
- Have enjoyed past governors speeches in the past, we missed them this year
- Landowners didn't seem to attend as well on Thursday night as before
- A little mix up seems to have happened in scoring
- From a guide's standpoint I feel like their may be a lack of quality hunting properties, and or guides. With as many birds as their are in the area no hunter should go without at least an opportunity. I feel like their should be a good number of back up properties in the case that no birds are found on the ranch designated to the guide/hunters
- The end of the festivities on the three nights
- Didn't see anything
- Not being in the woods more because of having to attend evening events, (I know, its about fundraising)
- Crowded tent for social functions—tight seating, auction items—bids were too high, not enough guns, I hated to leave early

- The people in general. Very good folks. The auction. Great money maker for the cause. Just getting to meet and hunt with new people

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

- Communication prior to the hunt was very poor. My friend -- who facilitated the invite in the first place -- was forgotten until the last minute and didn't feel welcome, so he didn't attend. I didn't know if I had accommodations, if they were paid for, and where they were until I arrived
- 1. Tough turkey season (not anyone's fault) 2. My ranch had other hunters on it that were not involved in the shoot, and they screwed us up multiple times 3. Hamburgers for lunch on Friday were hard as a rock
- I believe that the confusion that took place during the awards on Saturday night was the only thing I disliked
- Timing. The event was at the tail end of the turkey mating which made it difficult for us to call in any turkeys. Many people left early due to Mother's Day being that Sunday
- The combination of bidding and drawing was a little long
- The tent is too small for that large of attendance...no room for silent auctions bids and the chairs at tables too close...just too small
- The hunting was poor, my guests had no chance at a shot

- Yes I had a great time with great people for a great cause. Hope I can come back next year
- I am a veteran and my daughter was a youth hunter. I would be VERY GREATFUL to be invited back again. I would be very willing to provide a donation to get invited back. My daughter had such a great time she is begging me to go back but I told her it is not up to me
- Something I look forward to every year now
- I would love to be involved again next year. I wasn't sure what to expect for my first hunting trip, and it was a blast
- Our sponsor RDO Equipment was so gracious in inviting me and also allowing me to share the event with my grandson. It is a memory we will both have with us forever. If there is an opportunity to attend again we would be very interested. We would not want to keep someone else from the experience but would very much like to attend again
- Hoping and Praying to be back
- Although we've assisted since the first year, we aren't sure we'll return next year. The organization suffered this year. Scrambling for guides at the last minute, guides required to arrange housing, some eventually brought fifth wheels at their own expense. Lack of random guide to property assignment increased unfairness to out of town guides assigned at the last minute. Pre-scouting and patterning essential to Calcutta impartiality

- I will return annually provided I can afford it
- Fathers in the Field is a life member and I look forward to coming back every year

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

- I appreciated the invitation -- it was an honor
- What I liked most was the Hulett area, the friendliness of the locals, and the ability to connect with many old friends
- 1. The networking with all the different people there, 2. The ranch I guided on was a beautiful piece of property, 3. The quality items for raffle
- I enjoyed the great people that I met. This is followed by the Annie Oakley competitions and the hunting itself
- The hospitality of the folks from Hulett was great! Beautiful hunting area! I felt welcome at all events
- The food, hunting, meeting people
- The people involved were very nice and well organized. Great Event! The location was perfect for a getaway hunting trip, the accommodations from hotel, meals, to land and workers were all top notch
- People, the cause and the quarry
- Spending time in a beautiful place with friendly people

- Interaction with incoming participants and guides
- Live auction
- It is a great time to see and meet folks that you don't normally get to
- Free stuff to commemorate the event
- My wife, son and I felt very welcome
- High class/dollar items for raffle and auction
- (1) Overall atmosphere & organization by staff/volunteers, (2) Food, (3) Auction
- 1. Meeting the various people and celebrities attending and/or participating in the event, 2. The support that it gives to our community, 3. The opportunity to guide and hunt with the individuals that I guided. Although Governor Mike Sullivan was unable to participate in the hunt, because of problems in getting his license, he still went out
- 1: Bringing together a community, 2. Conservation, 3: Having a fun time together with new friends
- Meeting new people
- Seeing old friends
- Having lots of fun
- Fellowship, meals, community benefits

- The treatment of the youth hunters and the fact that nearly everyone spoke to my grandson and inquired how things were going and listened to him as he shared his experiences
- The event was well organized and it had to take extraordinary effort on the people involved. There was a nice flow from start to finish
- Family oriented and fun
- Small town atmosphere, friendly people, great hosting by staff and Jim Neiman
- The Community spirit and hard working volunteers that showed up to help
- Good food (except Sat.), great fellowship, great raffle and auction
- Weather was great
- Hire the same weather man as we had this year
- Spending time in the area. Great people who attended the event. Great guide
- Seeing a community come together and work on a project of this size
- How nice everyone that was involved, really just a great event and a wonderful hunt
- Friendliness, all the support from the community and the sponsors
- Community friendliness and culture

- Hunting turkeys while raising funds for a good cause
- Getting to catch-up with friends
- Social events, Annie Oakley, and hunting
- It was 2 full days of active hunting, not the number of birds I would have liked to have seen but that is why they call it hunting
- 1) Hunting with guide and other hunter 2) Community of Hulett-location 3) Evening socials
- Friday night banquet was very fun. The hunting experience including guide was great. Good group of people
- The hunting was great, The Annie Oakley was really fun!! All the volunteers very friendly and accommodating
- Helping the two organizations, seeing the youth participate, being around other hunters
- Nothing I didn't like, I enjoyed the whole thing
- I just loved the whole experience, this was the first time I attended and was completely impressed
- Meeting new people, seeing some old friends
- Good Folks

- Good people...Good cause for the community
- Grass roots community participation
- Beautiful area of state and time of year
- Networking / social interaction / meeting new people
- 1. The entire event was extremely well organized—no hiccups at all. Very professional. 2. The guides—Charles Hook and Tyler Abott were very knowledgeable, friendly, and willing to go the extra mile. 3. The event staff were outstanding.
- Please invite us back
- Meeting people from other parts of the U.S.
- Seeing a community come together and work on a project of this size
- Gifts to landowners of course
- Meeting the Hulett Community and hunting on the Johnson Ranch with Bill Howard as my guide
- 1. The atmosphere of the whole event is exciting. Great time of year, beautiful setting/s 2. The people and the social atmosphere has always been great. Its fun to get to know all of the different people the event brings together. 3. The excitement of some good, fun competition is always refreshing
- Friends, food, and my date

- Being in Hulett
- Obtaining a position in another states shoot
- Meeting new people/hunting with the kids
- 1. The people, 2. For a great cause, 3. The hunting experience
- 1. Getting to spend time outdoors with great people, 2. Having the Thursday night and Friday night events end before 9 p.m., 3. Having the event well organized
- 1) Friendliness of everyone involved. I was not a seasoned hunter and everyone made me feel welcome 2. Organization. Everything seemed to run smoothly and that was attributed to all the hard work by the people who put the event together, 3. Beauty of the land. I really enjoyed the ranch that I hunted on
- The fellowship
- It was not as late night as the years past, I got a little more sleep before guiding
- Meeting new and great people
- My guide and the hunt. E.O. Sowerwine V
- The overall experience was great