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## FINAL REPORT

5th Annual

Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot

May 8, 9 & 10, 2014

Hosted by:

Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation

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and

The Greater Hulett Community Center



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The Fifth Annual Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot was held in Hulett, Wyoming, May 8, 9 & 10, 2014. 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, 2013 through April, 2014.

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.

## Planning Committee

Randy Bratton, T Cross T Ranch, Casper, WY  
JR Butler, Deer Creek Taxidermy, Hulett, WY  
Bobbi Butler, GHCC, Hulett, WY  
Casey Dickinson, Riverton, WY  
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Wyoming Community Foundation, Laramie, WY  
Barbi Sowerwine, Golf Club at Devils Tower,  
Hulett, WY  
E.O. Sowerwine, V, Hulett, WY  
Mike Sullivan, Former Governor of WY, Casper, WY  
Shane & Erin Unwin, Alva, WY  
Bobby Yach, Gillette, WY

## 2014 SPECIAL GUESTS

Governor Matt Mead  
Former Governor Dave Freudenthal  
Former Governor Michael Sullivan  
Brian Scott, K2 Radio  
Mitch Unrein, Denver Broncos  
Austin Wahlert, Entertainer  
Corey Cogdell, Olympic Trap Shooter  
Aaron Warbritton, Cabela's Spring Thunder  
Scott Talbott, Director, WGFD  
Andy Griggs, Entertainer  
Todd Helton, Colorado Rockies, Retired  
Nick Bebout, Former NFL Player  
Lt Gen John Sattler, Retired  
Chad Belding, Banded Productions  
David Shashy, Tecomate Pro Staff

## YOUTH HUNTERS

Pete Mead  
Dalton Butler  
Natalie Johnson  
Grace Anderson  
Garrett White  
Joshua Boschart  
Brian Milstein  
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## Participating Guides

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

Frank Amos

Calvin Wolf

Mike Schmid

Danny Fowler

Josh Gullett

Jimmy Dirks

Derek Benson

Paul Pierson

Len Fortunato

John Berndt

Tyler Abbott

Casey Dickinson

Heath Walter

Dave Redding

Lee Jay

Robert Ellis

Charlie Hook

Tim Farris

Rick Leonard

Rick Foster

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Fred Williams

Dennis Cease

Keaton Stevens

Samson Bears II

Terry Everard

Joe Penning

Merle Clark

Ken Conley

Dan Redding

Lloyd Jolley

Mike Johnson

Dave Redding

Trampas Meidinger

Jimmy Roberts

Wes Bush

John Schirra

Sam Bears

Eric Thomas

Troy Svoboda

John Williams

Kellen Wilson

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Gary Jorgensen

Garrett Osgood

**Participating Landowners/Lessees, continued**

N/J Ranch, Ted & Betty Wilson  
Wilson Ranch, Wayne Wilson  
Wolf Ranch, Tom & Donna Wolf  
Deer Creek Ranch, Terri Johnson  
Neiman Ranch-Monte, Jim S & Sally Ann Neiman  
JH Ranch, Chip & Joni Neiman  
Stinson/Nicholson Ranch, Russell & Sherry Stinson  
Diamond Bar D Ranch, Bowie Dirks  
Hook Ranch, Lenord & Carolyn Hook  
HT Ranch, Dan & Deb Odegard  
U/7 Ranch, Walter Gordon  
Redding Ranch, David Redding  
Grubb Ranch, Matilda Grubb  
Sunny Divide Ranch, James S & Sally Ann Neiman  
Bacon Rind Ranch, Bruce & Peggy McAmis  
Hideout Ranch, Terry Everard  
Clark Ranch, Merle & Susan Clark  
Hauber Ranch, Lee Hauber  
25 Ranch, Ken Hutton  
Ackerman Ranch, Brandon Ackerman  
Diamond 7 Bar Ranch, Pat Reilly  
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Farm Bureau Insurance, Suzette Livingston  
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### **Friend of the Shoot continued**

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Jan Pruet  
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Emma Van Vlack  
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Mitch Unrein  
Giant Snacks, Inc.

### **Participating Landowners/Lesseees**

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

Solitude Ranch & Outfitters, Mike & Pam Schmid  
T Cross T Ranch, LLC, Shane Unwin  
Bear Lodge Cattle Co., Ogden & Zannie Driskill  
Snook Ranch, Clint & Shanda Snook  
Wood Ranch, Jackie Griffith  
Ista Ranch, Alan & Hannah Ista  
Jay Ranch, Leon Jay  
Sourdough Ranch, Inc, Casey & Linda Hunter  
Tom Moore Ranch, Tom Moore  
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Neiman 77 Ranch, James S & Sally Ann Neiman  
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Nielson Ranch, Marvin Nielson  
Nuckolls Ranch, Jw Nuckolls  
Buckhorn Ridge Ranch, Lloyd & Jan Pruet  
Sourdough Ranch III, Kenny & Dana Ingalls  
Ellefson Ranch, Al & Linda Ellefson  
Roberts Ranch, Don & Betty Roberts  
Rauth Ranch, Inc, Dick Rauth  
Thomas Ranch Outfitters, Eric Thomas  
IPY Ranch, George & Vickie White  
Ayer Ranch, David Ayer

## 2014 Financial Report

- The people of Hulett are fantastic!
- Starting the Saturday night banquet earlier might be better for those people who want to attend, but also have to travel afterwards
- Can't...Everything was done right. Things could be done different, but not better
- 1) Possibly hold the event earlier in the season. But you really just never know if that would make a difference. Some of the hunters who were experienced in hunting that area voiced the opinion that we were hunting a bit late in the season. I am not sure if these opinions were correct but you may think about it, I certainly don't know when the best time is and I think you did a terrific job. Thank you for inviting me. I enjoyed the whole weekend!
- It seemed like there was a large disparity in the amount of birds per hunt location—not sure how to fix that though—its hunting
- Have you thought about offering a 1 day hunt (for the team action) or a 2 day hunt. I'd have preferred to hunt hard one day. Then you could whoop it up Friday night, most hunters want to stand around and talk, not be entertained by singers. I felt bad for the one celebrity singer as you could hardly hear him singing with all the talking going on
- Have it a little bit earlier in the year
- I think the landowner that can't participate in the nightly events or choses not to should receive something (a gift)

### Revenue

Sponsorships, Auction, Calcutta	
Raffles	\$231,191.48
Anticipated Income	5,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$236,191.48</u></b>

### Expenses

Operating Expense	\$59,372.18
Printing & Marketing	\$ 4,465.78
Travel & Lodging	\$ 6,635.33
Office supplies/postage	\$ 4,465.78
Food/Catering	\$12,392.59
License Fees	\$ 5,607.00

**Total Expenses** **\$ 92,776.87**

**Revenue over expenses** **\$143,414.61**

### Split of Net Profit:

<b>50% to Greater Hulett</b>	
<b>Community Center</b>	<b>\$ 71,707.30</b>
<b>50% to WW-TF</b>	<b>\$ 71,707.31</b>

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

Ninety-two hunters (which included 12 youth hunters) were in the field on May 8 and 9 to harvest twenty-seven turkeys. Scoring was done through the use of the National Wild Turkey Federation scoring formula.

First Place	Hunter	Aaron Warbritton
	Guide	Garrett Osgood
	Land	T Cross T
Second Place	Hunter	Kevin Hampleman
	Guide	Tim Farris
	Land	Grubb Ranch
Third Place	Hunter	Kevin Burkett
	Guide	Calvin Wolf
	Land	Wolf Ranch

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



- Feel you are making good improvements each year. Keep up the good work
- Not for sure
- Overall really good, a few suggestions are in comments above. It was a great event!! My son and I both got turkeys and had a memorable weekend
- Keep up the great work that is currently being done by everyone. The special guests were good also. No snow!!
- Get the community members to participate in all activities
- Nothing
- Possibly some more downtime activity options
- DON'T HOLD IT ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
- Cap the number of hunters lower
- Not sure. Has the makings of a successful traditional hunt. Will get better as time goes on
- I wouldn't change a thing
- More for the youths out of the field and not just the ones hunting, all kids
- It is PERFECT
- The tent is becoming crowded. Would be nice to have more room between tables to allow people to get out. Move action items into another tent
- More chairs, better sound system, guides that care less about getting drunk and more about the quality of the hunt
- Keep recruiting high profile celebrities. It definitely is interesting to see these folks away from their traditional jobs
- More Turkeys
- Fewer live auction items. No musical entertainment



- Honestly, there was nothing about the event that I did not enjoy thoroughly
- The music was nice but made things drag on too long. It should have been set up in the bar area
- There are not 3 things I liked least but here are a few comments: 1) The actual hunting was slow at the ranch that me and my partner were assigned to, but that is no ones fault, and there is nothing that can be done when wildlife does not cooperate. Its just the way it is 2) Maybe once some hunters get done on the better ranches, other hunters could move into those ranches provided the landowner were willing, in order to have a better chance at success. Just a suggestion. Not sure how you would implement this but may be worth considering 3) Also it may be possible to sell preference points to hunters in the drawing before the hunt to raise additional funds for the event before the drawing for ranches and guides
- One and only—the high price of lodging
- It only lasts three days
- My guide tied one on the first night which led to a late start the first day and a interesting day of hunting. (Not hunting)
- Getting up two mornings at 2:40AM, almost to busy to take advantage of everything offered. Bar should be expanded for quicker access
- Don't have anything bad to say

**Tell us what you would do to make this event better in the future:**

- Let us guide all day first day
- It was a great event—maybe have a handful of shirts that will fit the youth hunters

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

Over fifty responses were received. Not everyone answered every question. Comments received on the Survey are as follows:

**As someone who attended the evening and down-time activities hosted by the WW-TF and the GHCC, describe your opinion of these activities**

- Very Satisfied 39
- Somewhat Satisfied 7
- Somewhat Dissatisfied 1

**When I consider the impact that the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot has on the Hulett Community, I am:**

- Very Satisfied 45
- Somewhat Satisfied 1

**If you participated in the hunt as a shooter or special guest, please select the statement which best describes the following:**

**Quality of Guide**

- Very Satisfied 28
- Somewhat Satisfied 6
- Somewhat Dissatisfied 3

### Quality of my hunting experience:

- Very Satisfied 27
- Somewhat Satisfied 9
- Somewhat Dissatisfied 1

### Quality of the land that I hunted on:

- Very Satisfied 32
- Somewhat Satisfied 4
- Somewhat Dissatisfied 2

### I am looking forward to being invited back again next year:

- Yes 45
- No 0

### Quality of Meals

- Very Satisfied 43
- Somewhat Satisfied 4

### Did you attend the Friday night Auction?

- Yes 46
- No 0

- I really don't have anything that I didn't like about the event
- Lack of community members helping out
- I only wish the Rapid City airport was closer to Hulett
- The availability of better quality places to stay. My guide was not that familiar with the area we hunted
- I WOULD HAVE LIKED A SHOT, BUT I CAME FOR THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE AND I GOT IT IN SPADES
- Weather but then that creates a challenge
- Variation among guides, lack of knowledge of land being hunted
- Rain on Saturday morning (WY weather), birds were scattered
- That I live so far away
- We all talk about how important the youth is in the hunting arena, but all kids had to do is watch everyone get drunk when not in the field
- I don't have anything bad to say about it
- Guides are not as good as they should be
- The guide had a hangover both mornings and slept in past the appointed meeting time so the second morning hunt (my hunt) was ruined. Too crowded under the tent. Not enough chairs and ran out of food at the second lunch
- Our guide was not very energetic putting the effort to get a bird. Seemed like we were dragging him around to go hunt
- None
- No XXL shirts. Singer was a waste as people immediately started talking
- I've been to this deal twice and haven't fired a shot either year. I would have liked to at least take a shot. Having said that I would still come back

- Hunting areas, quality of food, silent and live actions
- Friendly people, great town atmosphere, good food
- Seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Actual proceeds go for a great cause, not overhead. All the various activities you may choose to do with your time. Not limited to just turkey hunting. The food was tremendous!
- Product, atmosphere, socializing
- Hunt, guide, fellowship
- The entire weekend is just a ton of fun and it supports a great cause
- I felt that everything about the event was very well organized, I really enjoyed the Annie Oakley shoot and my guide did an amazing job for my partner and I (we both got our birds early)
- It was all good fun and I enjoyed the youth participation and gun awards
- Great evening meals and hospitality. The governors were a riot. Great show they put on
- Getting to meet all of the various people
- Meeting new folks and seeing people that you might only visit with once a year
- Food was good; hunting was fun—but no birds; time of the year was good—not too cold
- The experience
- Hung out with good people, the events overall were good, hunting was fun
- Quality of people!
- Meeting old friends and meeting new people

**Tell us what three aspects you liked LEAST about attending this event:**

- Didn't really understand the Calcutta and it wasn't explained in detail what it was all about. Not sure why it ended at 4PM when you can hunt until at least 6
- Grab and Go breakfast
- Needed to have a little more room in the tent while sitting at the tables. A couple more restrooms would have helped

**Did you bid on any of the items?**

- Yes 32
- No 15

**Tell us what you liked or disliked about the auction:**

- Did Good
- Definitely like the auction—well presented, not overwhelming
- A lot of great stuff
- Fun and had a good variety of items
- It lasted a little long, especially after a 3:30 AM start to the day. Should try to get going as early as possible
- Enjoyed it very much! Maybe auction a few more guns
- It went pretty late for getting up at 4 AM. Maybe could split it up
- It was an awesome experience even though my original guide did not show up Saturday or Sunday. I had good guides that filled in. I had a good time at all the social events and the food was very good
- The auctioneer was very good
- The auction was fine the way it was. Good Auctioneer
- GREAT TIME, VERY GOOD ITEMS...FUN EVENT
- I thought it went really well this year, maybe start a little earlier
- It seemed a bit too big compared to last year
- Sometimes it was hard to hear—due to too much background noise—people having fun. But that's part of what makes it fun
- I chose to buy some of the high end tickets to win multiple prizes rather than bid on auction items

- Great time, good stuff, too loud
- It was another well organized event
- We love it. There were A LOT of cool prizes
- Well run but it was too loud and no place to sit for many folks
- The general raffle was very congested to view if your number was selected at the very end. Pre-selecting items is fine, but announce number and go retrieve
- Started a little late for hunters that had to get up early
- Didn't move as fast as it could have. Should milk the crown on bigger ticket items and get through the rest in a hurry
- I liked the diversity of the goods that were auctioned.
- It went on a long time
- All good. Some great art in the auction. Would have bought some but I have run out of wall space. Everything was wonderful at your event! Turkeys did not cooperate with me but that's turkey hunting
- Very well organized and run
- It is just a fun way to raise fund for two good causes
- Great event
- It was OK
- I think the auction was fine—I am just completely saturated with items around guns and hunting
- It was fun
- All good

**Tell us the three aspects you liked MOST about attending this event:**

- Money raised, socializing, new people to make new friends, atmosphere
- First and foremost the home town welcome and community support for the shoot—Second would be the support for gun rights and hunting—third is social and professional contacts—Dueling Governors was fantastic
- Hunting was fun, met lots of new people
- Meeting new people, a chance to hunt on beautiful ranches, great food ... especially at the banquet

- The people at the function were great, those assisting and those attending. Overall the function was well run and organized very well. Great atmosphere
- The opportunity participate in the hunt, the whole group of people that were there, the landowners offering their land for us to hunt on
- Good food, good social, good for the community
- The beautiful country, the friendliness of everyone in the Hulett community and the quality of the guides
- The PEOPLE
- It was my first turkey hunt and I enjoyed being out on the land that was made available to hunt on. The food that was provided was excellent. The availability of breakfast items on the second hunt day was slim
- The people of Hulett, the beautiful countryside, and the social gatherings
- THE PEOPLE, THE ATMOSPHERE, THE HUNTING (NOT KILLING) EXPERIENCE
- Being outdoors, meeting old and new friends, meeting interesting people
- Other hunters, hosts, food
- Friendly attitude of people at the hunt. Different activities happening, and closeness of a great golf course
- The well organized events and the people!!
- Good people, great time, lot of fun
- The people that volunteer, the hunting, and the action evening
- The Hulett Community rocks and it is the coolest place to hunt Black hills are awesome and spending time chasing turkeys with great people is hard to beat