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The Seventh Annual
Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot
will be held in 2016

Date TBD



All Roads Lead To The
Greater Hulett Community Center



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FINAL REPORT

6th Annual

Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot

May 7, 8 & 9, 2015

Hosted by:

Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation

...a component fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation

and

The Greater Hulett Community Center

The sixth annual Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot was held in Hulett, Wyoming, May 7, 8 & 9, 2015. 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, 2014 through April, 2015.

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.

2015 SPECIAL GUESTS

Governor Matt Mead
Former Governor Dave Freudenthal
Former Governor Mike Sullivan
Brian Scott, K2 Radio
Aaron Warbritton, Cabela's Spring Thunder
Scott Talbott, Director WG&F
Andy Griggs, Entertainer
Stephen Coonts, Author
Dr Richard McGinity, President UW
John McKinley, UW Trustee
Kade Hinkhouse, Wounded Warrior
Russell Dwyer, Wounded Warrior
Kevin Blake Weldon, Entertainer

YOUTH HUNTERS

Stephen Elliott
Wade Sanders
Kori Amos
Gage Porter
Savannah Merritt
Dakota Merritt
Cole Coder
Kaylee Nicole Sorter
Levi Krautschun
Brycen Cheney
Tanner Eller
Kate Cooley

2015 Sponsors

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Bear Hollow Game Calls
Arctic Glacier
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Summit National Bank
Wyoming Forever West
Crook County Promotion Board
Casey Dickinson
J Scull Construction
Black Hills Pure
Acker Electric
Dela's Pies
Cindy B's
Russell & Sheri Stinson
Red Rock Café
Hitchin' Post Café
Deb Bears
GHCC Volunteers
Hulett Senior Citizens
Medicap Pharmacy, Cheyenne

2015 Financial Report

Revenue

Sponsorships, Auction,
Calcutta, Raffles \$172,972.00
Total Revenue \$172,972.00

Expenses

Operating Expense \$ 43,025.09
Printing & Marketing \$ 6,340.98
Travel & Lodging \$ 11,768.65
Office Supplies/Postage \$ 611.80
Food/Catering \$ 9,630.37
License Fees \$ 5,284.82
Total Expenses \$ 76,661.71

Revenue over expenses \$ 96,310.29

Split of Net Profit:

**50% to Greater Hulett
Community Center \$ 48,155.15**
50% to WW-TF \$ 48,155.15

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

Eighty-six hunters (which included 15 youth hunters) were in the field on May 7th and 8th to harvest only sixteen turkeys. Weather was unusually uncooperative and impacted the hunt tremendously. Scoring was done through the use of the National Turkey Federation scoring formula.

First Place	Hunter	Shane Kelly
	Guide	Nick Kafcas
	Land	Ayer Ranch
Second Place	Hunter	Don Walters
	Guide	Todd Kittel
	Land	Rauth Ranches
Third Place	Hunter	Scott Eberhard
	Guide	Trampas Meidinger
	Land	Diamond 7 Bar Ranch

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



A survey was sent out to participants immediately following the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot. Forty-five responses were received. Twenty-nine responses were received from hunters, seven from landowners, eight from guides, two from special guests and four from sponsors.

Forty-four of those responding participated in the Thursday night social, forty-one participated in the Friday night dinner and auction, fourteen participated in the Saturday night banquet, twenty-nine participated in the hunt and 4 participated in the Annie Oakley.

Seventy-five percent of the respondents were very satisfied with the evening and down-time activities, 22.7% were somewhat satisfied, and 2.3% were somewhat dissatisfied.

Ninety-one point one percent of the respondents were very satisfied with the impact the Shoot has on the local community, 6.7% were somewhat satisfied, and 2.2% were somewhat dissatisfied.

Of the 32 respondents who actually participated in the Shoot, 26 were very satisfied with their guide, 25 were very satisfied with their hunting experience and 23 were very satisfied with the land on which they hunted. Sixteen were somewhat satisfied with their guide, hunting experience and land, 4 were somewhat dissatisfied with their hunting experience and the land on which they hunted.

One hundred percent of respondents indicated they were looking forward to coming back in 2016.

Eighty-one point eight percent were very satisfied with the quality of the meals, 15.9% were somewhat satisfied and 2.3% were somewhat dissatisfied.

Ninety point nine percent indicated they attended the auction. Fifty-four point eight percent said they bid on auction items.

COMMENTS

Tell us in your own words what you liked or disliked about the auction:

- It ran smoothly and had quality items but ran really late
- I love a live auction, but the one thing I disliked about it was the way some of the items were displayed. The reason I say this is that I donated a few items I expected to be promoted more. I understand that some of that is my fault. I look forward to donating again. I just want to be more clear on how things will be auctioned off next time
- It was awesome
- It was great

- Seems like very little worthwhile stuff to bid on, more like a trade fair, lots of 'trinkets and beads'. One person showcasing bid items, could hardly see what was being auctioned. Would like to see the nice local gals used more, after all it is a local event. Raffle items were lower end guns, auction and raffle guns of value. The Glock and Freedom Arms prove good command price
- The quality and variety of the firearms could have been better.
- Please ask them to turn down the volume of the PA next year. Consistently too loud
- Goes too late in the evening...too long
- Flowed smoothly and items were sold for reasonable bids
- Need to be more organized
- Seemed to be way fewer items this year
- Seemed to be fewer items this year
- Good quality items
- It was a bit long
- Great atmosphere
- None
- It was a typical fundraiser auction, quality items and about the right number of items
- Great assortment of items
- Overall it was fine. Dragged out a little too much, rather see more silent auction stuff and less live auction so the night moves along quicker

- The auction seemed to be well organized and it never got boring from being drug out too long
- Very minor issue but the volume was VERY high this year
- The items that were auctioned were cool
- Just didn't have items I was interested in
- Unfortunately the weather had me leave the event Friday evening so was unable to attend
- I enjoyed it. It went a bit long

Tell us in your own words the three aspects you liked MOST about attending this event:

- Good fundraiser, good for the community, professionally run
- Committee members are awesome and very hospitable, quality land and guides, and helping out two great organizations
- I really enjoy the atmosphere of being right in town of Hulett. I like that the Governors come and support the cause. I like what the money goes to
- The hunt, the camaraderie, the dinners
- Seems to be well organized, good MC and general fun social time
- Kansas guides who know how to hunt turkeys! Beautiful setting. Great people of Hulett
- Meeting old friends, and making new, the food

- The people you meet and the funding for the GHCC
- The hunting, the auction, the community of Hulett
- The benefit generated for the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation, the ability to contribute, the enthusiasm and support from the Hulett community
- Meeting old friends
- Benefit for the community, camaraderie
- Meeting new people, atmosphere, total experience. I need to add that the hotel managers and staff were awesome
- The people of Hulett, the country and staff
- Guide, hunting partner, being in the field
- Enjoy seeing everyone that comes each year. Hunting is always fun. Even if weather was bad
- I have attended and hosted numerous events and I will have to say that this one is top notch. Everything flowed well throughout the entire event
- The opportunity to socialize with folks with similar beliefs
- Great networking and lots of fun
- The money that was raised for the WW-TF and Hulett
- Meeting people
- The guides, the land, well structured
- Hunting, specifically guiding hunters that have never hunted turkey. The camaraderie of the people, the atmosphere of the week
- Down home setting!! Great people

- It was a once in a lifetime event for me and I was honored that I was sponsored to be there
- I like the fact it's for a good cause. Fund to see people I know. Beautiful country
- My guide. The beautiful scenery of the Hulett area and ranch I hunted, and winning a shotgun
- It is a very enjoyable time from my perspective
- I enjoyed the food, the Anne Oakley, and the hunt the most
- Being able to socialize with the people that I would not normally be around. I liked that it supported the Hulett Community Center, and how much the whole community was involved! The hunt was fun, even though weather made things difficult, it was a blast going out
- The people, the hunt
- The location was incredible and the people were incredible! The event seemed to run smoothly with organization and participation of locals being impressive
- It was a great experience and I got to meet very nice people. I'm not a very good hunter but the guide was patient and explained everything very well
- The professionalism of the event. The support of our vets. The support of the landowners and people of Hulett. I am a vet and this was the nicest hunt I have been on

Tell us in your own words the three aspects you liked LEAST about attending this event:

- Lack of communications
- Late auction, needs better quality guns, and some of the cashier/check-in people were VERY VERY unfriendly
- As a guide in the shoot I did not believe that everyone had the same opportunities. I do not like the fact that so many jakes are killed either. I know that is up to the shooter but they are killing the following years mature birds. I did not like the fact that I found out where I was guiding the night before the hunt
- The weather
- The hunt is not just about how much money we can get for the Foundation and Hulett but to encourage hunting in our country etc
- Ran out of diet Pepsi, long meal line, hard to get around in the tent (crowded)
- Local gals not showcasing auction items, very bad cocktailing. Not very many TV hunting show persons, seems the event really bombed this year compared to last year
- The recognition of the contribution made by the guides could be better. I don't think that the hunters fully appreciate the fact that the guides are volunteering their time and supporting the event at their expense

- Evenings are too long, same speeches every year, Thursday night confusion...guides are not there to meet hunters. Drawing takes too long
- The guide Savannah and Dakota had was great, however, Tim's guide was not as satisfying
- Four years and no turkey. Maybe next year
- People pay a lot to attend and for a great cause, but the raffle was way smaller for the money this year. Very few guns given away compared to the last few years
- None
- Weather
- None
- The amount of drunk people the morning of the hunt (guides and hunters)
- The weather
- Weather
- I don't have any complaints, all aspects of my hunt and events was excellent. Although the other person sponsored with his guide did not show first or second day of hunting
- No 2X sweatshirts. Why don't you ask shirt size on each entry form so you get a better count of sizes needed. This is two years in a row for me. Shorten up the night festivities so there is more time just to chat. Figure out how to hunt turkeys without getting up a 3:00 in the morning
- I didn't have any aspects that stood out

- It was my second year at the event, and it seemed like attendance was down from last year
- I have been to several now and the edge is now off
- The weather is the only part I can remotely think of that was not positive
- Weather
- Only the weather! I had no complaints
- Just one. In conversation with the landowner he said he hadn't seen a turkey on his place the last two years. Asked why he put in his property, his response, he just wanted to help. As this is a competition and a hunt would be best to pick ranches with birds and find a way for these others to help

Tell us in your own words what you would do to make this event better in the future:

- Send out ticket information in advance
- It is great all the way around
- I would have it so that the guides had a better understanding of the land that they will be on ahead of time. It may be hard, but stop killing jakes
- More big names needed
- Banquet awards need to be presented by someone from the Foundation rather than the Hulett Community Center Rep. Spread the funds to other aspects of the Community, as Landowners gain little or nothing from Hulett Community Center in reality

- Limit hunters to under 100 and raise the price
- Nothing, great job. If you could make it not rain the whole time that would be great, but unless you have an in with mother nature then we're probably screwed
- Use local gals, higher end bid and raffle items, auction a few hunts and upper end guns
- The format of the auction could be improved to get more interaction with the attendees. There were a lot of people that were not engaged. Also the banquet is extremely painful to sit through without alcohol. One last thing....give the guides a Cabela's gift card as a gratuity and a ticket(s) for a beer. They already have plenty of hats, leathermans
- Turn down the volume of the PA
- Change drawing of guides, hunters and landowners
- Maybe a ticket that would cover dinners and Annie Oakley. Not everyone wants to hunt, but these two things are really a lot of fun
- Somehow the number of successful hunters needs to increase
- I would try to challenge each county in Wyoming to participate. 23
- It's all about weather...and not a lot we can do about that...Ya'll did great
- Better weather
- More auction items
- Let the guides know their property at least 1 week in advance
- Make the youth hunters more acknowledged, maybe by seating them front and center on Thursday night, Move the Raffle Buckets to a different area. The stage had too many things going on making it difficult to access
- Better hunting about two weeks sooner, however getting access would be tougher
- I would think you could maybe offer some WY hunts or trips (fishing, hot springs) on the auction. Need to put on registration form what size shirt/jacket you need
- The guides not drinking to heavily before all the hunting is done. I was told that several guides did not show for the second day of hunting which left some people out of the opportunity to shoot a turkey
- I wish the bird population was higher but it is what it is. Weather was really tough the second day but again, what do you do
- I think everyone involved does a wonderful job and the people of Hulett seem to be very accommodating. I can't think of anything to make it better
- I really enjoyed the Nashville Country Music folks who have attended in the past
- More consistency to the quality of the guides and the land. I have a friend that has been to three hunts now and had a poor draw every year, both guide and land
- Move the date up a bit earlier
- Swap some of the poorer turkey properties for the others since we had extra properties. There were no turkeys on some lands

Participating Guides

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

Charlie Hook
Rick Leonard
Jimmy Roberts
Bill Howard
Jimmy Dirks
Garrett Osgood
Caleb Moeller
Bruce Weeg
Randy Hogue
Andrew Sankey
Brandon Wilmoth
Calvin Wolf
Casey Dickinson
Clint Goodman
Cory Crinklaw
DJ Randolph
Daniel Fowler
Daniel Nesvick
Dave Redding
Dennis Cease
Derek Benson
E O Sowerwine V
Eric Thomas
Flint Smith
Frank Amos
Fred Williams
Gary Jorgenson
Heath Walter
Jeff Sekich
Joe MacGuire
Joe Penning
Joel Pile
Ken Conley
John Pierce
John Schirra
John Williams
Keaton Stevens
Ken Conley
Lee Jay
Len Fortunato
Lloyd Jolley
Loren Brinkmeier
Mike Schmid
Murphy Love
Nick Boh
Nick Kafcas
Paul Pierson
Rick Foster
Robert Ellis
Samson Bears Sr.
Samson Bears II
Scott MacNaughton
Terry Everhard
Tim Farris
Todd Kittel
Trampas Meidinger
Tyler Abbott
Tyler Eddins
Wayne Jordan
Wes Bush
Wade Johnson
Kellen Wilson
Victor Sohn
Jon Beem
Paul Connelly
Brandon Doell
Don Morgan

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JR Butler, Deer Creek Taxidermy, Hulett, WY
Bobbi Butler, GHCC, Hulett, WY
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Tony Woodell, WW-TF, Executive Director
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**Past Shooter Club
Lifetime Members**

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Mike Sullivan
Don Walters
Glenn Williamson

**THE HULETT COMMUNITY
AND
THE GREATER HULETT COMMUNITY CENTER**

With a modest population and a history that dates back to 1881, Hulett has a strong tradition of welcoming newcomers with fabled Western hospitality. Built on the banks of the Belle Fourche River and surrounded by the beautiful red rim rocks of northeastern Wyoming's Bear Lodge Mountains, Hulett is a safe and peaceful western community. Named for Louis Hulett and his family, who settled here in 1881, the town was legally incorporated in 1951.

Hulett is ideally located for recreation nestled in a red canyon with the Belle Fourche River meandering slowly through the town. Devils Tower is probably the most famous landmark in the Bear Lodge Mountains. Devils Tower, a soaring volcanic uplift, so impressed Theodore Roosevelt that he designated it America's first National Monument in 1906.

Here, at this joining of the Black Hills and the Great Plains, deer, turkey, elk, bison, pronghorn antelope, pheasant, badgers, prairie dogs, trout, bass, hawks, eagles, meadowlarks and many other animals make their home in the tall grasses and forested hills of this region. Plants and animals common to all corners of the continent exist in the Hulett area, where the flat expanses of the east meet the rocky heights of the American West.

.The Greater Hulett Community Center (GHCC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation to reconstruct and re-purpose the former Hulett School into the Greater Hulett Community Center. The residents of the Community of Hulett will play a large part in the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot. Local groups will provide the support needed for guides, lodging, meals and transportation. Local Landowners will provide the opportunity for hunting on private land where only guided hunts are traditionally allowed. A portion of the profits from the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot will be allocated to the GHCC.

WYOMING WILDLIFE – THE FOUNDATION

a component fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation

Wyoming is home to over 600 different species of wildlife, 230,000 acres of standing water and over 20,000 miles of streams and rivers. The state represents a truly one of a kind resource that is shared and admired by everyone who crosses our borders. Wyoming's natural beauty and a seemingly endless bounty wild game, provides the recreationalist and outdoorsman with countless opportunities to enjoy this precious and fragile resource. Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation measures its success not by the dollars raised, but by the "On the Ground" projects we fund and prides itself on funding worthy wildlife and habitat improvement projects that produce an immediate impact but preserve and perpetuate the resource for the enjoyment of future generations. Since 2001 Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation has generated nearly \$3,000,000 for the benefit of wildlife and habitat projects in Wyoming. The accomplishments of The Foundation to date have been significant, but our goal is to work even harder to develop the resources needed to assure that the future of Wyoming's great outdoors will be just as bright as our past. A detailed list of our completed projects can be seen on our website at <http://www.wyomingwildlifefoundation.org> .

Our Priorities:

Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation, a component fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation, raises funds to support projects that are critical to sustaining and improving natural resources only in Wyoming. The Foundation has

four primary areas of focus: Species Conservation, Habitat and Aquatic Improvement, Conservation Education and Access.

Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation funds projects that benefit threatened game and non-game species in decline by funding research, education and/or restorative projects that improve habitat and water quality, by enhancing the land and water to sustain and manage wildlife. The Foundation also funds conservation and education projects intended to promote, inspire and encourage youth to consider careers in the great outdoors. After all, the ability to conserve and protect the resource depends on our ability to attract our future scientist, conservationist and outdoor law enforcement officers. Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation also seeks funding to provide access to the land for hunters and non-hunters alike and supports the Wyoming Game and Fish Departments Access program and conservation easements that provide private land access for hunters and recreationalists.

The work of The Foundation depends on tax-deductible contributions from private individuals, public foundations, and other willing funders like you to support our projects. Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation is not a membership organization. Unlike other conservation and wildlife organizations, we do not solicit annual memberships to support our conservation efforts. We don't offer incentives or trinkets to entice you to support wildlife; your gifts go directly to supporting "on the ground" projects that benefit wildlife. A portion of the profits from the Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot will go to Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation.