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*On the Front: 2022 buck, Mike McKnight*

*On the Back: Sunset, Rick Hanson*



## Editor's Note

*Mike McKnight*

I wrote last newsletter about how grateful I am for the hunting partners I have hunted with over the years. As 2022 comes to a close, let me reflect on a few other things I am grateful for this year.

First, and foremost, I am grateful that my wife Nancy continues to be willing to put up with me and my sometimes crazy ideas and adventures. We were married on Valentine's Day in 1981 and the past forty two years have been quite a ride. And, without her willingness to handle the technical part of this newsletter we would not have a newsletter from me anyway. Many thanks to the love of my life!

Second, this has been an amazing year for me in the outdoors. My fishing this year was very good and I managed to draw and kill a nice paddlefish. I have shot and missed more than my share of pheasants. My November bowhunt this year resulted in my biggest buck to date. Some may say it was just luck, but I put in seven years of effort trying to get to a point where this happened.

Third, I want to thank Dana and all the Board for everything they do to keep SDBI active. A few years back I thought this organization was going to shrivel up and die but now I feel as though we may have turned the corner. I can see success and growth in the future. Thanks to all that serve on the Board and have served in the past. We could not do it without your efforts – keep up the good work!

Finally, I want to thank each and every member for being a member. Your dollars and membership are important to bowhunting in SD. Each of you in your own way contribute to the strength of SDBI. Go out in 2023 and sign up one new member. Imagine the strength we would have with two or three times as many members.

Play hard and have fun!



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## President's Point

*Justin Broughton*

I hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! SDBI remains dedicated to preserving our sport, our hunting heritage, our outdoor experience, and our opportunities to pursue game animals in South Dakota with archery equipment for many years to come. We have had some tremendous success towards those goals over the past few months and want to share some of those details with you in my column.

Before I dig into the details, I would like to recognize our secretary and lobbyist Dana Rogers for his tireless efforts on behalf of South Dakota's bowhunters and big game hunting community. Dana has been instrumental in helping SDBI remain at the forefront of the discussions we have held with Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and the GF&P commission over the past 6 years. Dana has represented us effectively, professionally, and most importantly, successfully. Please give Dana a big thank you when you see him at our annual convention in February.

Most of you will know by now that the GF&P has proposed to limit non-resident archery hunters on public lands for the 2023 season. This proposal is still just that, a proposal. We will need everyone to comment in favor of capping non-resident licenses and lobby for adding additional restrictions I will outline below. The current proposal is a great start, and we got here through the hard work of SDBI's lobbyist, board, and membership pulling together. Our work isn't done yet, however.

Capping non-resident deer tags at 2,200 would reduce public land pressure by 25% according to the department's proposal. I would argue that it does not do enough. There is currently a framework in place for firearms license to cap non-resident licenses at 8% of available resident licenses. I would like to see the department do something similar for archery. This would place the cap in about the 2,000-license range. That additional 10% drop would be a significant win for public land hunters.

The proposed cap for non-resident antelope hunters is especially short sighted in my opinion. 450 licenses is far too many tags for non-resident antelope. The rifle tag allocation for non-resident antelope is based on a sliding scale determined by herd health. In the best years that number might be as high as 4% of overall tags. The number was 3% a season ago. A similar number for archery would equal about 60 tags, not 450. The current uncapped number from last year was nearly 50%! I did ask the commission in my testimony to reduce the non-resident antelope tag cap to 200 tags. In further thinking I should have asked for 100. The 450 number is far, far too high and we should all lobby to amend that number much lower. The final item we need to address relative to the proposal is the unlimited private land tags available to non-residents. We are in a critical shortage of conservation officers across the state right now and the last thing we want them to have to do is chase down hunters with private land tags hunting public lands. This can be very simply addressed by using the existing





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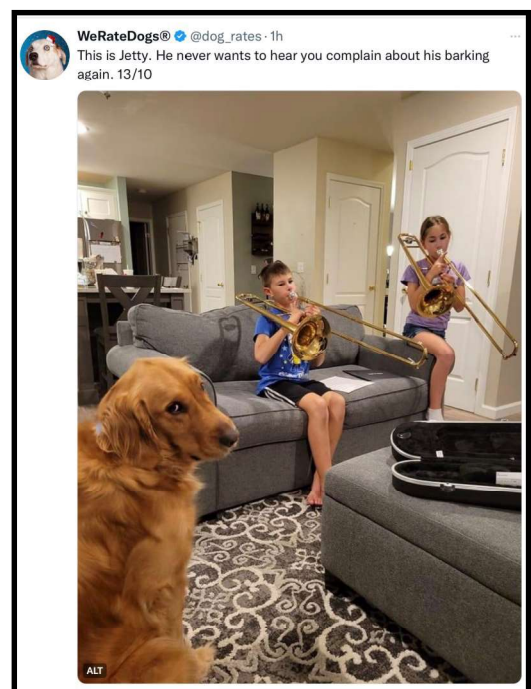
*Justin Broughton*

Special Buck licensing framework and applying it to the private land no draw tags. Requiring the applicant to list the landowner with whom they have permission is a simple, yet effective, way to ensure that non-resident hunters are not showing up in South Dakota with nowhere to hunt. Increasing the tag price from \$286 to \$500 would also help to offset much of the revenue loss we will see from cutting back on total tag numbers as well.

Please consider these talking points and thoughts as you think about sending in your public comments to the commission in the coming weeks before the proposal is finalized. We really need all of our membership to push this topic with the department, provide their feedback, and to ensure our voices are heard. These proposals will help outline the future of bowhunting in South Dakota, with all of our help that future can be very bright.

Lastly, I want to insure everyone is prepared for and looking forward to our annual convention as much as I am. The convention will be held in Yankton, South Dakota at the NFAA archery complex. The complex is a world class venue dedicated to the sport of archery and will be an outstanding host for us. The dates are February 10-11, 2023, with our social hour and potluck on Friday night and our full slate of events for Saturday including our keynote speaker Randy Walk, longtime President of Hoyt Archery. We will also have some great shooting games, 3D shoot, and some great seminars throughout the day on Saturday culminating with our bowhunters banquet Saturday evening. I look forward to seeing you all there!

I am proud to serve this organization as President as we move into 2023 and our board continues to do an outstanding job fighting for our rights as bowhunters. We can't continue to see success without the help of the membership, and I'd like to personally reach out to each of you and ask you to help the board make this organization the premier state bowhunting org in the country. If you have skills that you think could benefit SDBI, please reach out to myself or Dana Rogers and we will find a way to make the best use of those talents. Send in your feedback and testimony to the GF&P commission and continue to push membership in SDBI for everyone that bowhunts in this state. Thank you for taking the time to read my column this quarter, and I look forward to seeing you all in Yankton in February!





## Vice President's Voice

*Ronn McDaniel, O.D.*

Greetings to all Members!

This year we will be having the Annual SDBI Banquet at the NFAA Easton Archery Headquarters in Yankton, SD. Bruce Cull, long time Life Member of SDBI has graciously accepted the request and I thought I would share a few things. As I'm typing now, the NFAA Center is hosting the Rushmore Rumble, a two day 20 yd tournament with a mix of a 5 and 3 spot targets for each day. Archers from across the country will be at this new event. (I think the second time).

I have known Bruce since the summer of '98 and through the years am more amazed at the accomplishments he has made. His knowledge of archery history, the vast number of people he knows in the industry is unbelievable. He is a man that doesn't just have too much on one plate, the table is full of plates. He thinks from a different realm, he's a dreamer of how to improve an archery game or tournament, he had a dream of how to move the NFAA Archery Headquarters from California to Yankton, SD. He built a building, an Olympic Training Center long enough to shoot over 70 yards, then he built another right next to it. He was able to wrangle the SD National Guard to practice using their heavy equipment and develop an outdoor shooting course complete with elevated platforms and targets ranging from 5 yds to 80yds. Next to that, behind the Headquarters, there are also two Olympic sized fields. These outdoor ranges put Yankton and South Dakota on the map and they have been used for State, National and World Archery Tournaments. There is a Museum inside with some great archery history. Please bring your longbows, recurves and compounds for some shooting fun inside the facility, we may even get the equipment out for some Archery Tag (archery form of Dodgeball).

You will be able to talk to Bruce about his recent African hunts with African Barefoot Safari's which will be present at the Banquet as well.



# Vice President's Voice (continued)

*Ronn McDaniel, O.D.*



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# Vice President's Voice (continued)

*Ronn McDaniel, O.D.*







## Secretary/Lobbyist Report

*Dana Rogers*

After six long years of effort, it finally appears as if we are on the cusp of finally getting a cap and draw for non-residents for archery deer and antelope permits. It's NOT a total cap and draw unfortunately. We have a very powerful outfitters lobby here in South Dakota and they have convinced the department and commissioners to allow their paying clients the unlimited private land permits to remain. At least we can protect the public land parcels from unlimited NR pressure starting in 2023.

When I took over from Bob Barden in 2017 the membership made the non-resident pressure and disproportionate harvest of mule deer and antelope one of their top priorities for lobbying for change. I'm very proud that we achieved a true limited entry system in the Custer National Forest that should make that a great opportunity in future years. The Commissioners set those parameters at 500 resident limited entry permits and 125 non-resident limited entry permits. We believe those numbers need to be addressed again. In 2021 the 500 residents killed 26 Mule Deer bucks in 35L and the 125 NRs killed 36 Mule Deer bucks. yet another example of the disproportionate harvest we often see.

The Commissioners are NOT likely to just sit pat the with department's current archery proposal. During closing discussions with the vote, the mule deer harvest concerns were brought up again as well as questions over a resident cap and one commissioner's preference to create quadrants or zones where archery hunters could be distributed evenly vs. the current statewide or ER/WR permit structure. We have to remain aware, informed and vigilant.

In the past few months, I've reached out for new volunteers to serve on our SDBI board of directors going forward. As of this writing, it appears that VP Ronn McDaniel, Wyatt Skelton and John Meyen will step down in February. We thank them for their past service! Thankfully we currently have three members willing to step up and serve going forward. So far, I have Ron Kolbeck of Salem, Rob Mahaffey of Rapid City and Phil Lentz of Sioux Falls will be attending in Yankton and seeking a position. We can certainly accommodate more people that would like to run for the position. The more options the membership has the better.

For my part as your volunteer Secretary/Lobbyist, I've asked the board to work to distribute duties to all 9 board members equally over the past year. I've really burned the candle at both ends for SDBI the past 6 years and I'm quite frankly pretty burned out. I'm proud of the lobbying accomplishments thus far and I think we've made a difference. That being said, the office holders will be discussing a few options among themselves and with the general membership at the convention. What you all decide will help me decide what I'll be doing going forward.

Thanks!



## Secretary/Lobbyist UPDATE

*Dana Rogers*

The GF&P Commissioners voted to accept the GFP Staff's proposal last Thursday on NR archery deer and antelope permits. SDBI's Jason Stone was there to assist me in testifying in person and President Justin Broughton and board member Trevor Davis also testified via zoom. Member Joel Murano also zoomed in to express his opinions. The current proposal limits NR Public Land archery deer permits to 2,200 any deer permits and 450 Public land pronghorn permits. The proposal STILL ALLOWS FOR UNLIMITED PRIVATE LAND ARCHERY PERMITS. The Landowner and Outfitter Alliance had a 2nd lawyer on retainer that testified on their behalf and another outfitter also testified.

SDBI's testimony centered on further reducing the deer permits from 2,200 to 2,000 and the pronghorn from 450 to 200, which is far closer to the 8% defacto standard. We would prefer not to have an Unlimited Private Land NR permit available, but if the outfitters require permits for any movement to pass, we would like to see the Special Buck permit structure used. Those are currently \$500 each and should help to reduce the NR pressure to a more reasonable level. We also requested that any NR permits come with the requirement of a LO name/signature of permission.

The public will now have 60 days of public comment opportunity before the Commissioners reconvene on this subject and perhaps makes adjustments prior to voting. If you have strong opinions on this subject, please reach out to the Commissioners and let them know how you feel.

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The Raffle tickets and Banquet tickets are available on the website now. [www.sdbi.net/shop](http://www.sdbi.net/shop) anyone purchasing a banquet ticket prior to Jan 31 will be entered into the early bird drawing for a pair of 10X42 Vortex binoculars. The price is reduced early and helps us to manage our meal purchases prior to the banquet. Ronn McDaniel and Ron Pesek are putting together a great event down in Yankton. Randy Walk of Hoyt Archery will be our keynote speaker. Finn Sacrison will be providing a coyote trapping seminar in addition to the GFP seminar/QA and a taxidermist seminar. Ronn wants to remind everyone to bring your bows as there will be an indoor 3D and fun shoot targets available. SDBI Convention, Yankton SD at the Easton center on Feb 10-11.



# Randy Walk

## Keynote Speaker

Randy J. Walk  
Former President Hoyt Archery  
Member of the National Bowhunter Hall of Fame

Randy is an avid archer who loves the outdoors and the adventure of bowhunting. He has hunted all over the world and enjoys his time afield with family, co-workers, and good friends. Core to his annual hunting regiment include mule deer, whitetail deer, and rocky mountain elk, however, Randy also enjoys stacking in as many truly adventurous hunts as he can. From Alligators to Zebras, Randy has taken over 75 unique species of big game with bow and arrow.

Walk holds a BS degree in Engineering from the University of Utah where he graduated in 1987 while working part-time at Hoyt Archery. After graduating, Hoyt offered Walk a position in the company to help move the manufacturing operations of Hoyt from St Louis, Missouri to Salt Lake City, Utah and then to work directly with Earl Hoyt to design, develop, and build a new modern engineering program for the company.

Walk was named President of Hoyt in 1995 and served in that role until his retirement in July of 2021. Under Randy's leadership the company grew significantly and became known as one of the top leading archery brands in the industry, focused on Innovation, performance, quality, and ultimate durability.

Randy has 10 archery related patents, most notably is the patent for split limb technology used on the majority of all high-end archery bows and crossbows throughout the world.

Randy served on the Archery Trade Associations Board of Directors for 4 each 4-year terms. He also served as a member of the ATA Technical committee from 1987 through 2021 and chaired the committee several times during that time.

Other:

15 Utah State Archery Championships

Set an NAA Archery Broadhead Flight World Record in 1991

Inducted into the National Archery Hall of Fame in 2003

Named by Outdoor Life as one of the most influential people in hunting in 2010

Inducted into the Utah Archery Hall of Fame in 2019

Lifetime member of:

Utah Archery Association

National Rifle Association

Mule deer Foundation

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife





# Randy Walk (continued)







## Randy Walk (continued)





# Surveys?

*Robert Mahaffey*

As the 2022 hunting season has come to an end we find our email inboxes filling up with survey emails from SD GF&P. So here's the million dollar question...do you fill them out?? If not, why not? Statistically the state shows that residents have a very low survey return each year. To be honest that seems very disappointing because we as hunters don't get many opportunities to actually be heard. The actual survey itself takes 2-3 minutes to fill out even if you're only using your thumbs. However usually I spend 10-15 minutes filling out the comments section. Now we can all disagree if we want on whether the surveys matter. Well recently the commission read through all the comments submitted by the surveys they received from residents as well as NR's in regards to the Archery Deer and Archery Pronghorn Tag allocations. Sadly the surveys returned for that issue by residents was weak if not devastatingly poor. Even more disappointing was the 50% return from a recent SDBI survey. Surveys serve more purpose than possibly sitting around at the local coffee shop complaining about needed changes that affect our hunting future. Let me be clear though, surveys are a great tool to let GF&P know what they're getting right too. My wife always reminds me that if someone has a complaint about something they should have a solution to back it up, otherwise it's just bitching. Surveys are worth their weight in gold. What you do with them determines their end value. Feel free to disembowel me by email: [robertdmahaffey@icloud.com](mailto:robertdmahaffey@icloud.com)







# Rhino 180 Blind Review

*Scott Loecker*

For those of you considering purchasing a new blind I'd like to give you my review of the Rhino 180 that I recently bought.

My primary hunting spot for East River whitetails is along a river that has flooded a few times in previous years. I have a pinch point that is a great ambush spot and over time the trees have died or fallen over making it difficult to use a tree stand. I decided on trying a ground blind. In the past I haven't been a huge fan of ground blinds as I feel it limits my ability to see deer coming from any direction.

The Rhino 180 blind is named for the fabric that is used on two sides to allow you to "see through" the fabric making it easier to spot game. The camo pattern on this one is Realtree Edge. After purchasing the blind I immediately took it home and tried setting it up in the yard to let it air out and try to remove some of the smell. This blind was not that easy to set up the first time. I struggled and I'm sure the neighbors laughed if they were watching. I have a Double Bull blind that I use turkey hunting and that thing is very easy to setup. I finally got the blind setup and taken back down with some effort.



The Rhino website lists the blind weighing 16 pounds. I can say it felt very light carrying it in a half mile to the location I wanted to set it up at. The carrying bag had shoulder straps that seemed to be a little better than some others I've used but that could be from the blind being light. I struggled again getting the blind up where I wanted to hunt out of it. I finally got it popped up and staked out. I used 16 inch stakes for the four hubs and 12 inch stakes for the inside corners. Anybody that has ever purchased a ground blind knows the stakes that come with the blind are mostly useless. I did use the cord that came with the blind to tie out the hubs.



# Rhino 180 Review

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*Scott Loecker*

I let the blind sit a few days before actually trying to hunt out of it. Of course during those few days, we had some high winds. I think gusts hit 30 MPH. The spot I setup the blind was not well protected from the wind. Honestly, I wondered if the blind was still there. When I got to the blind on the first day, I hunted from it there was one side that had collapsed in. I don't think it had anything to do with the actual blind but maybe my lack of tying the hub out properly. I think the cord stretched just enough that it came lose from the stake. I was kind of impressed with the condition of the blind after those two windy days.

The first day I hunted from the blind was also windy (South Dakota right?). The "see through" material was quiet in the wind but the windows on the other sides were noisy from the covers flapping in the wind. I don't know if that spooked the deer that were coming at last light or if the little buck was harassing the does enough that made them turn a different direction. I think maybe better and more connecting points with the window flaps would have helped. The door to the blind is zipper less which many hunters prefer. The door closes using one snap latch and 4 clips that connect to the carbon poles. The door is noisy also in the wind as the closures don't keep the fabric tight in all spots.

The "see through" material used on the two sides has its pros and cons. Yes you can see out through both panels but I find that my eyes get irritated trying to focus through it. The material also lets more light in making it easier to see what you're doing inside the blind when its after sunset. It also takes some confidence that game can't see you through the material even though you can see out.

My final judgement on this blind is still pending. I'm sure had I spent more money on a different blind many of the things I don't like about this one maybe wouldn't exist. The size of the blind is adequate for an adult hunter bringing a youngster along but two large adult hunters may feel squeezed in. If you were going to buy this hoping to setup and tear down frequently, I think there are better choices. We'll wait and see how it handles a South Dakota snowstorm.





# It Happens!

*Ronn McDaniel, O.D.*

As most hunting is winding down I hope you all had a great fall breathing some fresh SD air and enjoyed the time out in the field. I'm going to take you back a few years here in the beginning here and talk about "It Happens", and sometimes you get lucky for a second chance. If you haven't had "It" happen yet, that's great but most of my thinking is that you just haven't bow hunted long enough.

The rut was just beginning and I was in my tree well before first light. It wasn't long after sunrise when a nice 6x5 came in quietly from behind me and walked off to the side of my tree at 25 yds. I lifted my bow up and placed the pin behind his shoulder and let the arrow fly. The hit was a little lower than I prefer but the deer trotted only about 30 yards and bedded down. An hour later his head was still up, two hours later his head was up and I couldn't believe he was still alive. I slowly and quietly crawled out of the tree and headed up the hill behind me to let him expire. He remained bedded as I looked at him from the top of the hill at 150 yds away. Late in the afternoon I came back, glassed the bedding spot and the deer was gone. I then went over to the bed he had and there was very little blood and nothing to trail. It got dark on me so I came back the next morning and did some slow stalking through the trees. I got to a deep draw and could see two deer moving ahead of me, obviously there was a buck because the doe was jumping ahead of a deer pushing her for a sniff, then I saw the rack glistening in the morning light and couldn't believe that it was the same buck I had hit the morning before. So I got out of there and since it was a Sunday I planned to get back in there at the end of the week. I took off Friday afternoon from work, it was too warm for November at 70 degrees and I was already sweating by the time I crawled up in my tree at 3:30. About 4:00 I let out 3 short grunts and within seconds here comes the 6x5 stomping in headed straight down the trail towards me. I drew right away and followed the buck until he stopped below my tree and shot him at 3 yards straight down between the shoulder blades. This time he didn't get away. Upon evaluating the exit hole, there was another exit hole an inch away, the arrow the previous week had entered the chest cavity low, yet missed the heart and lungs.

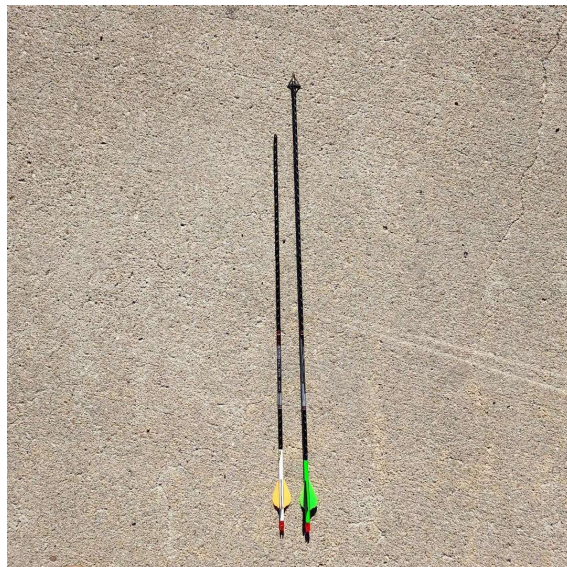
Now back to this fall season. The rut was kicking in hard, I took my rattling antlers, call and decoy out to some heavy cattail marsh country and ground blinded for some rut action. The weather was a cold, wet mist all day and had my first buck come in to the decoy within 30 minutes. A nice 4x4 2 1/2 yr old, I passed the shot but sure did like watching him trying to figure out the doe that didn't move. Had a 1 1/2 yr old come in downwind and then a nice 5x5 came from 500 yds on a fast trot, when he got about 80 yds away his nose hit the ground and he turned and headed in to the cattails only to disappear. I moved to another spot and in a few minutes had an absolute 170" 5x5 beast strut in, ears back, hair bristled and walk to 30



## It Happens! (continued)

*Ronn McDaniel, O.D.*

yds. behind some willow brush. He got a whiff of me and was gone. It got dark and I was wet from the knees down in the 30 degree temps and headed back home with the plan to be back in the morning. Ice hit overnight which made walking difficult and noisy which spooked a nice 5x5 right where I had planned to set up. Put the decoy out and rattled in a 4x4 to 30 yards. About an hour later I called in a big 4x4, estimating him at about 145" I decided this one I'm not passing up if I get a chance at a good shot. The deer came down the same trail as the previous buck with his head low and caught a wiff of me right about the same time as I was drawing the bow, but he stopped, quartering away and I'm thinking perfect, take the time and let that shot go off smooth. The arrow hit him hard behind the shoulder blade, the buck dropped and hobbled slowly out about 80 yards and stood there hunched up, then he went off to the side and layed down. I waited to almost dark about 30 minutes, knowing I didn't want to bump him with my walking in the ice. Gathered my gear and went over to where I had hit him and there it was, my broken off arrow. Not good was my first thought, trying to keep the four letter words down as I followed a path of broken ice and spots of blood to where he had stood for a few minutes. I went over to the bed only to see a few spots of blood and tried to follow the broken ice path into the cattails with no blood left behind. Reality hit and I knew this guy was not going to be dead for awhile and I was never going to find him in the vastness of the cattails. He was gone. It was a long heavy walk to the truck and a longer drive home. It's been many years since I've lost an animal, all the thoughts came rushing in my mind of what could I have done better or differently? I hit that deer right where I aimed (maybe I should have had it back farther with hindsight), that arrow just couldn't beat the speed of his reaction to the dampened sound of my bow and his shoulder blade broke the arrow the instant it was penetrating. It happens, tag filled without retrieval.





# What A Year!

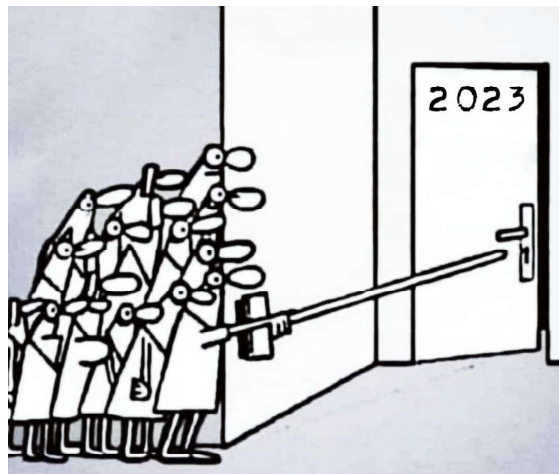
*John Meyen*

How did 2022 turn out for you? Mine didn't turn out exactly as planned, but I had a pretty good year. I bought an archery turkey tag, but never made it out hunting once. I had planned my first spring bear hunt in Saskatchewan with a friend, but just a few days before we had planned to leave, he severely injured his right hand and trigger finger and couldn't go. I made the trip alone and got a nice bear. My friend's hand and trigger finger have healed. We are planning another trip to Saskatchewan for a spring bear up in 2023. I told him that he needs to stay away from sharp objects and no heavy lifting for three months before our trip! I went antelope hunting during the rut with a friend. We were excited and hoped that the antelope would respond to the decoy like they did last year. Last year I went out with two friends, and we got a nice buck on our first day, but the trip was cut short after one of my friends had a family emergency back home. This year it was my turn to have something go wrong. I started having trouble with one of my eyes on the way out there. We hunted for a couple of days and stalked up on several bucks with a herd of does and fawns. As soon as the bucks saw our decoys, they rounded up their herds and walked or trotted away. I did shoot a rattle snake on day while stalking up on some antelope. Since the antelope weren't cooperating and I had made an appointment back home to have my eye checked out, we cut our hunt short and headed home. East River deer season was slow for me. I was seeing deer, but nothing I wanted to shoot until the rut. I got a decent buck a few days before the rifle season started. I also had a West River tag, but I never made it out West to hunt. There are still a few days left in 2022, but I don't see making a trip our West River. I'm hoping Covid stays away from me in 2023! Besides the spring bear hunt and deer (of course), I'm still trying to decide what else I'm hunting in 2023. Best of luck to you in 2023!

## **My Bowhunters Wish For You**

**May you always have game to pursue and backstraps in your freezer!**

**May you always have arrows for your quiver and may your aim be true!**







# What A Year!

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*John Meyen*







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## Pictures from the Hunt 2022



Mark Viehweg, November 2 buck

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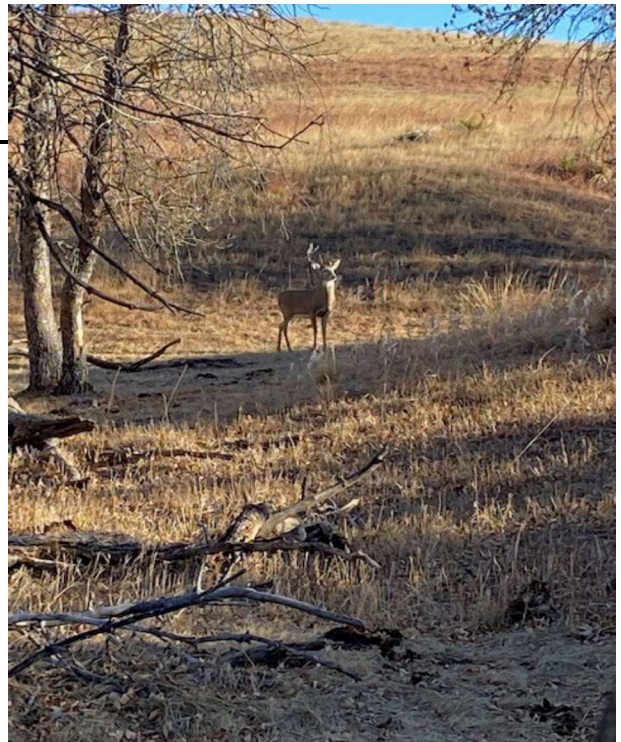


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Mike McKnight, 2022 buck

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Mike McKnight

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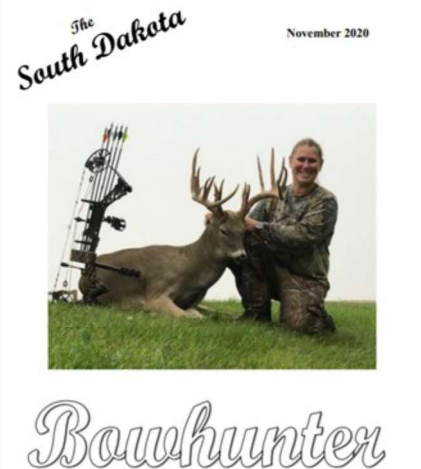
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