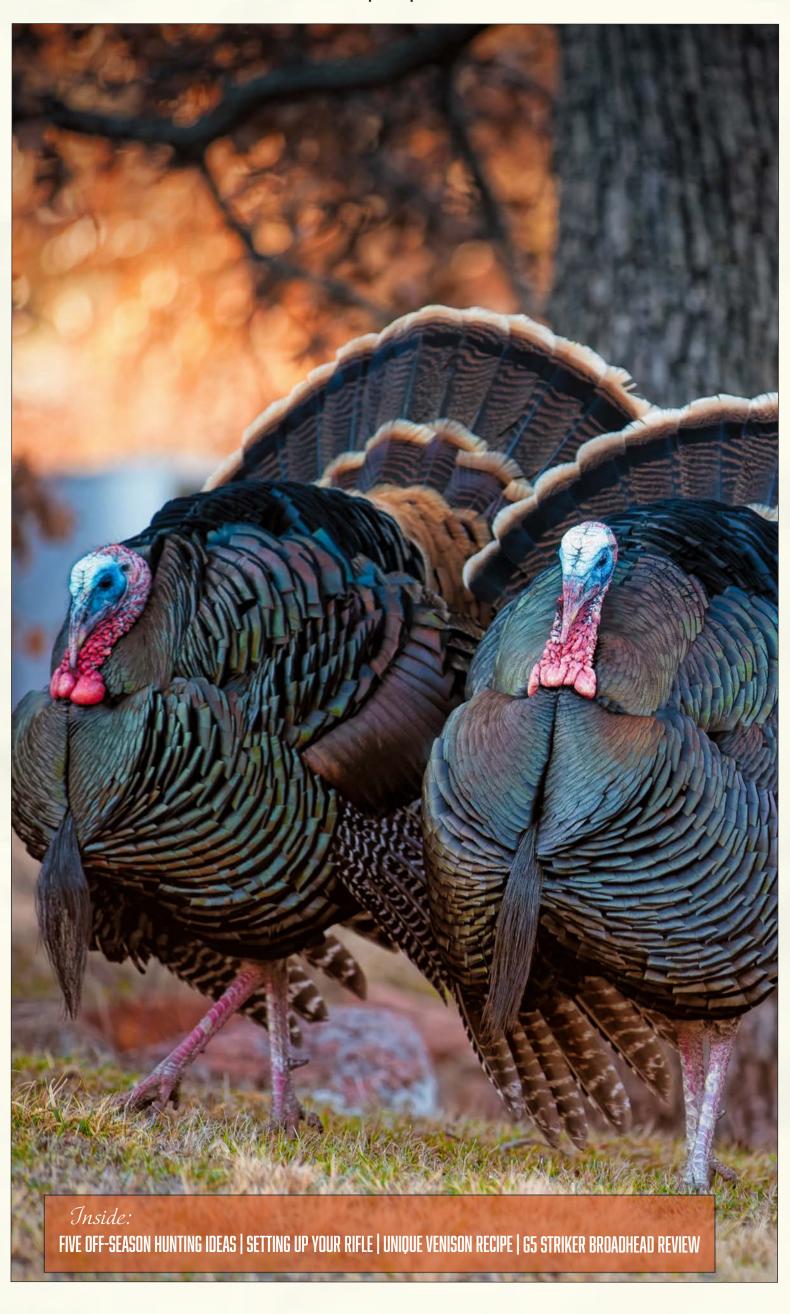


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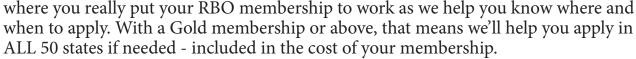




## Applications, Applications!

That seems to be the theme here this year. We are seeing a huge uptick in applications and dashboard builds which makes us super happy.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky was famous for saying "you miss 100% of the shots you don't take." In the same way, when it comes to applications, we have a saying, "you can't draw if you don't apply." And it seems to be more true with each application season as state-by-state regulations change, modify and even become more complex. This is



As an adventure seeker you pretty much have no choice but to apply in more and more locations if you want to seek opportunities outside your own state.

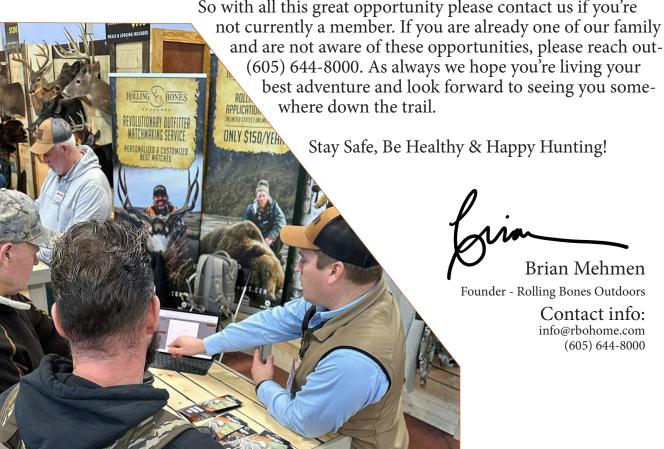
That's why we are here. We make it simple. We offer you the most transparent application process in the industry with your own user-friendly dashboard that provides you a heatmap that allows you to track each state's specific application all the way through the process. We want to involve you and build a strategy for you to help you spend less and apply

Now, let's talk frankly about opportunity.

We are seeing a softening in hunting bookings. Even though our membership numbers are up, our number of adventures booked and the number of adventures per member is a little soft. The reasons vary but certainly the economy and the uncertainty of the future with the election coming up are factors. But with that we see opportunities for exceptional deals this coming summer. I would stay plugged into your member's dashboard and or stay in touch with your internal concierge support member. This could be the year where you score the deal that allows you to plan that incredible adventure you thought still far

Also remember our RBO shooting academies are one of the best values in the adventure space. We still have some openings in June and would love to see you at one. You will love it, even if you have been to one, building layers of knowledge always helps.

We are also excited to announce our partnership with Zero Outfitter Fees (ZOF). Dan & Terry have revolutionized this space and with their five-state zero guide fees membership. Combined with our 50-state unlimited species memberships, no one is making it easier to spend less and hunt more! Now, you the adventure seeker, has available to you the greatest, most affordable membership in the industry. This partnership truly puts you in the driver's seat. We believe these two industry leaders have come together with a revolutionary product that is changing the way you will look at applying and the way you approach planning your future adventures without breaking the bank. Your RBO Advisor can supply you with all the details.





## **HARD AT WORK**



Applications in Full Swing

At headquarters in Spearfish we've been burning the Bone Cave's supply of midnight oil lately. The RBO crew took a break to refuel during the height of application season as the gang has been running non-stop since January to make sure our advisors are supported and our members aren't left behind when it comes to planning their upcoming adventures. In 2024 we will have doubled the number of applications processed over last year.

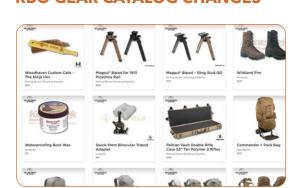
## **50-STATE APPLICATION GUIDE**



### **New Application Resource**

With so many states, so many species, dates and units and different regulations for each, you would need a PhD to keep track of it all. That's where we can help. Big time! Our application services department has complied a detailed stateby-state hunting guide with dates, deadlines, points structure, fees and applications and more for each state. It's available to your RBO advisor now and look for more info soon!

## **RBO GEAR CATALOG CHANGES**



### Making Room for Exclusive Deals

There's a major change to our RBO Online Gear Catalog. It is now open to members only. If you are a member all you need to do is login as you normally would and you have access to all of our gear. We look for vendors that offer the greatest quality for the value. Out of respect for our strong relationships with our suppliers we are now able to offer exclusive deals but agree to market them to our members only. We hope you become a member today!

# DID YOU KNOW?

When does a doe weigh the most? Right a about 4 years. Does actually decline slightly in weight after their third or fourth year, but they remain healthy.

The oldest bucks make the earliest rubs.

What state has the highest percentage of deer infected with chronic wasting disease (CWD)? Answer: Colorado, which is also the state where the disease was first discovered.

At what age can a doe become pregnant? Answer: 6 Months

Which state has the largest deer population? Answer: Texas

What is the biggest animal that can be legally hunted in North America? Answer: Moose.

> How long does the average whitetail buck live in a hunted population? Answer: 18-30 months. In a hunted population, one and a half to two and a half years is the average lifespan; in an unhunted herd, four to six years.

How fast can a deer run? Wildlife studies have confirmed that a young buck can reach speeds of 40 mph.



How far away can a wolf smell its prey? Almost two miles.

What animal has stripes on its skin as well as its fur? Answer: Tiger

Which animal has the strongest sense of smell? Answer: African elephant

> Wolves were considered a type of vermin in early Europe. People were allowed to kill as many wolves as they could, whenever they could.

> > American hunters track and kill most of their trophy animals in Canada.

> > > Only five percent of Americans participated in hunting during the past five years, meaning the sport is on the decline.

The use of hunting dogs can be traced back to ancient Egypt, where greyhounds were used to track gazelles.

What mammal has the most powerful bite? Answer: Hippopotamus

What is a female fox called? Answer: Vixen

How many teeth can a crocodile have over its lifetime? Answer: Up to 4,000

What is a polar bear's skin color? Answer: Black

What animals have teeth that never stop growing? Answer: Rabbits, squirrels.

Which animal is known to plant thousands of trees across the world? Answer: Squirrel

What color is a polar bear's hair? Answer: Clear, though it appears white because it's hollow and reflects light.

What is the most popular game bird in North America - Turkey, Grouse, Pheasant or Duck? Answer: Pheasant.

Which state has the highest percentage of hunting license holders - South Dakota, Texas, Vermont or Louisiana? Answer: South Dakota



### Venison Birria

Birria is Spanish for "worthless" but we think you'll find this recipe anything but! In 1519, Hernán Cortés and the Conquistadors first landed in Mexico, [5] bringing various oldworld domestic animals, including goats. While goat meat was looked down upon by the Conquistadors, as it was tough and had a strong smell, the natives accepted the animals, as marinating the meat in indigenous styles made it palatable and appetizing. The dishes they produced were called "birria", a derogatory term meaning "worthless", by the Spanish, in reference to their having given the natives meat with apparently noxious characteristics.

### Ingredients

- 4 lbs venison roast
- 1 ea pineapple chunked
- 4 ea guajillo chilies 4 ea ancho chilies
- 2 ea chile de arbol
- 1 ea white onion
- 4 cloves garlic
- 16 oz tomato
  - 1 bay leaf

  - 1 tsp black peppercorns

1 cinnamon stick

- 2 tbsp Mexican oregano
- 32 oz beef stock

### **Preparation Instructions**

Season roasts on all sides with salt and pepper. Then set a Dutch oven or pot over medium-high heat with olive oil.

Add the meat and sear on all sides until browned. Work in batches depending on how big your pot and roasts are.

Once all meat is seared, set aside.

Add all of the dried chiles, tomato, pineapple, onion, cinnamon stick, bay leaves, and peppercorns, covering everything completely with water. Bring it to a boil, then lower the heat, cover, and cook for 10 minutes.

Once the chiles are softened, transfer everything to a blender and blend until smooth. Strain sauce and add back to the Dutch oven. Add the rest of spices.

Add venison to the sauce while gently stirring and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook for 3-3 ½ hours, until meat is fall-apart tender. Serve as a stew or with corn tortillas cheese and diced white onion

### A collection of tasty outdoor recipes from the Black Hills Butcher Block, RBO's culinary partner.

By now, some of you no doubt have plenty of venison on hand in the freezer. If you're like a lot of us, you probably still have some leftover from last year and the year before... etc. Here's a suggestion to help put a little dent into your supply.

### Venison Birria



Birria is a type of flavorful meat stew from Mexico, traditionally made with goat but can also made with beef, lamb, mutton, or chicken. This is our Rolling Bone's take on it using venison.

The consomé, the chile pepper broth that the meet is braised and stewed in, is the central component of this dish. Birria would not be birria without it. It is typically either served with the broth it is braised in, stew-style, or with the broth served as a consommé on the side. In order to be considered birria, it needs to be cooked for a long time in a broth that contains chilis and many other aromatic ingredients. The exact mix of chilis, herbs, and spices is not set in stone, nor is there one specific ingredient that makes a braised meat stew a birria. Several types of chiles are also used, but generally speaking, dried red chiles are a must.

Birria is moderately spicy and complex. Since our recipie is made from venison, the meat can be a little more gamey than beef or lamb, but because it is stewed, it will also be super tender.



# Five Off-Season Hunts to Consider This Year

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by KYLE S. LIPKE | RBO Contributor / Member

Though the tales of hunting season remain freshly ingrained in our memory, the seasons of chasing bugling bulls or rutting bucks are still a few months away. Big game season comes in due time each year. At this point though, only the process of application season keeps the embers of our adventurous souls alive with anticipation for the hunting opportunities we may be blessed with later in the year. However, this doesn't have to be the case. Numerous 'off-season' hunts can be booked and experienced during the spring and summer. If you don't want to wait until September or October to get your hunting season underway, consider booking one of the following off-season hunting opportunities.

### L Africa

Africa has long been known as a hunter's paradise. One with dozens of game species and hunting opportunities that are essentially only limited by the size of your pocket-book. However, many are surprised that hunting the Dark Continent can be quite affordable, as many safaris can be booked for less than the cost of most western elk and deer hunts with the chance to harvest multiple big game species. Hunts can be booked in Africa throughout the year, particularly in the summer, which is winter for those countries in the southern hemisphere. These hunting trips are not only highly customizable as far as hunting days and species pursued but they can also be great trips to bring family along to relax at the amazing lodges.

### 2. Feral Pigs or Javelina

Whether hunting spot and stalk or over feeders, both javelina and feral hogs are a blast to hunt. Hunts are rela-

tively cheap and there are plenty of hunting options. New Mexico and Arizona have high draw odds for javelina with some over-the-counter tags whereas most hunts in Texas and Mexico occur on private ranches. Feral pigs can be hunted in many different states but the most popular is Texas, where there are millions of pigs wreaking havoc

on farms and fields. High shot percentages and surprisingly good meat make this a hunt that should be on your list.

### 3. Aoudad

If you have always wanted to experience the challenges of a sheep hunt but thought you could never do so because of such low draw odds and high dollar price tags, think again. The aoudad, also known as barbary sheep, is the poor man's sheep hunt and they thrive plentifully in free-range areas of West Texas and Southern New Mexico. They provide the thrill and experience of sheep hunting for a mere fraction of the cost of the native North American sheep species. You don't have to wait for a magical day when a lottery tag shows up in your mailbox either. Seriously, you can hunt Aoudad this year.



### 4. Turkey

Turkeys can be hunted in every state except for Alaska. While this means there is a plethora of turkey hunting options available, this may be the spring to mix things up and try something new. Such as traveling to a neighboring state to hunt longbeards, attempting to kill a different species of turkey, or perhaps even trying to complete the turkey grand slam (Merriam, Rio Grande, Eastern, and Osceola) all in one season. Most states offer over-the-counter tags with the ability to harvest multiple birds. Besides, there is not much else to hunt in April so you may as well plan on hunting strutting toms.

### 5. Hawafi

If you don't want to wait until

September or October to get your

hunting season underway, consider

booking one of the following off-

season hunting opportunities.

There are a host of exotic species that were transplanted to the tropical islands of Hawaii by the Polynesians in the 1800s. With spectacular scenic views and large volumes of game, the hunting is incredible. The different species that

can be hunted on each island range from feral hogs and goats to axis deer and mouflon sheep. Hunts can be conducted DIY or guided with various options depending on the island you are hunting and the species you are after. Numerous hunting seasons are open in the spring and summer and most licenses/permits can be purchased online.

If waiting until fall returns to go big game hunting again seems like too long of a wait, consider the list of 'off-season' hunts previously reviewed. Any of these adventures can provide you with additional hunts that will make fall not seem so far away while also helping you stay prepared for hunts later in the year. Plus, you will experience time outdoors that will be remembered forever. Variations of each of these adventures are offered through Rolling Bones Outdoors. If any of these 'off-season' hunts strike your interest, contact your RBO adventure advisor to start the process of booking your hunt today.





# Setting Up Your Rifle for Optimal Performance

by JEFF SIPE CEO Badlands Rifle Co.

continuous improvement.

Achieving precision in rifle shooting is a pursuit that demands attention to detail, meticulous planning, and a thorough understanding of the factors that influence accuracy. Among BADLANDS RIFLE COMPANY these factors, two crucial elements have come to the forefront of discussions recently: median radius and shot sample size. In this short overview, we delve into the significance of these components and outline a step-by-step approach to setting up a precision rifle for maximum effectiveness.

Median radius, referred to simply as "accuracy," is a fundamental metric that quantifies the consistency of a rifle's performance. It represents the average distance from the center of a group of shots to the point of aim, providing a measure of the rifle's inherent precision. Achieving a low median radius is paramount for consistent accuracy, as it minimizes the dispersion of shots around the intended target.

Several factors influence the median radius of a rifle,

including barrel quality, ammunition selection, rifle action, bedding, and trigger characteristics. Each of these components plays a crucial role in determining the rifle's accuracy potential. Investing in a high-quality barrel with precise rifling and consistent bore dimensions is essential for minimizing bullet dispersion. Similarly, selecting or loading ammunition that exhibits minimal velocity variations is crucial

for achieving optimal performance. Additionally, ensuring a solid rifle action, proper bedding, and a crisp trigger pull all contribute to reducing the rifle's median radius.

In precision shooting, the sample size of shots fired during testing is a critical consideration. While it may be tempting to base assessments on a small number of shots, doing so can lead to unreliable conclusions due to statistical variability. To obtain accurate and meaningful data, it is recommended to conduct testing with a shot sample size of 30 to 50 rounds per configuration. This sample size allows for a more robust analysis of the rifle's performance, capturing both the central tendency and the dispersion of shots effectively.

Begin by evaluating the rifle's current setup, including barrel condition, action bedding, and trigger performance. Identify any areas for improvement or potential sources of inconsistency. Configure the rifle with optimal components, including a precision barrel, solid rifle action, and properly bedded stock. Verify that all components are securely fastened and free from any play or movement. Inspect the rifle barrel for signs of wear, erosion, or fouling. Clean the barrel thoroughly to remove any fouling residues that may affect accuracy.

Choose a high-quality ammunition load that is well-suited to the rifle's chamber specifications. Ensure consistency in bullet weight, shape, and ballistic performance to minimize shot-to-shot variations. If you are loading your own two main factors are critical for valuation, the bullet type and powder. For years people have played with case trim size,

primer depth and a variation of other attributes, but none are more important than the bullet and powder.

Align the rifle's optics with precision, ensuring that the reticle is centered and perpendicular to the bore axis. Use levels before installing rings to ensure the bases are level and that the Scope turret is perfectly level to the receiver. Confirm that the scope mounts are securely attached and torqued to the manufacturer's specifications.

Conduct range testing using Setting up a precision rifle for the selected ammunition load optimal performance requires a of 30 to 50 shots, recording systematic approach, attention each shot's precise point of to detail, and a commitment to culate the median radius and assess the rifle's accuracy peror patterns in shot placement

> and identify areas for further refinement. Based on the data analysis, make any necessary adjustments to optimize the rifle's performance. This may include fine-tuning the scope's zero, adjusting the trigger pull weight, or experimenting with different ammunition loads. Once this is complete, slip the turrets adjust to zero and lock the turrets back down. Validate the rifle's performance through additional testing to confirm the effectiveness of any adjustments made. Repeat the testing process with the revised configuration to ensure consistency and reliability.

Keep detailed records of the rifle's setup, testing results, and any adjustments made throughout the process. Regularly maintain the rifle's components to preserve optimal performance and accuracy over time. Keeping the action clean and free of debris is critical to the rifles performance. However, cleaning your bore after every shoot is for another time, typically, I like to leave my bore dirty until I am ready to put it away for a selected length of time.

Setting up a precision rifle for optimal performance requires a systematic approach, attention to detail, and a commitment to continuous improvement. By understanding the significance of median radius and shot sample size, shooters can effectively evaluate and refine their rifles to achieve exceptional accuracy and consistency on the range and in the field. Through careful setup, rigorous testing, and ongoing maintenance, mastering precision shooting becomes an attainable goal for dedicated marksmen seeking to push the limits of their capabilities.

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# Let us help you plan your slam!







# Application Deadline Reminders 2024

Save for your reference PLEASE NOTE: Dates are subject to change and we'll update in subsequent editions of No Boundaries and our bi-weekly RBO e-news.

#### 2024 Application Deadlines

April 15 South Dakota Special Buck Deer

Special Antelope Deadline at 8am CDT Preference point system Draw Results: Early May

April 18 **South Dakota** 

Archery Statewide Deer Draw Valid on Public & Private Lands

Quota of 2,200 tags Deadline at 8am CDT Draw Results: Late April

Limited Access Archery Permits Deadline:

July 1

Private Land only tags are unlimited

April 23 **South Dakota** 

Archery Statewide Antelope Draw Valid on Public & Private Lands Quota of 450 tags

Deadline at 8am CDT Draw Results: Early May

Private Land only tags are unlimited

April 25 Utah

Bucks, Bulls, Once-in-a-Lifetimes Bonus points for all limited-entry, preference

points for general deer Draw Results: May 16

April 26 Kansas

Whitetail/Mule Deer Preference point system Draw Results: Late May

April 30 Idaho

Bighorn Sheep, Moose, & Goat

No point system Draw Results: Mid May

April 30 Kentucky

Rocky Mountain Elk No point system Draw Results: Mid May

April 30 **Wyoming** 

Sheep, Moose, Mtn Goat, Bison Preference points for Sheep and Moose

Draw Results: By May 9

May 1 Montana

Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Goat, & Bison

Bonus point system Draw Results: Mid May

May 8 Nevada

All Species Bonus point system Draw Results: May 17



May 15 Maine

Canadian Moose Bonus point system

Draw Results: June 15

May 15 Oregon

All Species

Preference points for Elk, Deer, & Antelope

Draw Results: By June 12

May 15

Washington

All Species Special Permits Bonus point system Draw Results: Mid June

May 20

**South Dakota** 

Residents Only: Rocky Mtn Sheep, Elk

Deadline at 8am CDT Draw Results: Late May

May 31

**New Hampshire** 

Canadian Moose Bonus point system Draw Results: June 21

May 31 **Wyoming** 

Deer, Antelope, Resident Elk Preference points for non-residents only

Draw Results: By June 18

### **Product Review**

# **G5 STRIKER BROADHEAD REVIEW**

by Kyle Lipke Rolling Bones Advisor

At 54 yards, my Easton arrow topped with a three-blade G5 Striker blew through the mule deer doe. Moments later, I watched as she walked through a small clear cut with a blood spot just a few inches behind the shoulder. She had no idea that the arrow had hit her. Upon later assessment, I found my arrow sunk into the moss-covered ground more than 10 yards from where the doe was standing on impact. My arrow was covered end to end in blood, and the Striker blades were still intact and

That mule deer was one of serval game animals to fall quickly to one of my arrows with a G5 Striker head. My wife likewise had very similar results this past January when she also used a Striker to take her first rutworn buck from 31 yards. I have seen this broadhead many times prove itself to be both accurate and dependable.

The Striker comes in a 3-blade option, the V2, or a 4-blade option, the Striker X. My preference has been the tree blade choice. Crafted from 100% steel, both options provide a 1.25-inch cutting diameter. 100 and 125-grain options are available. The blades in this head are simple and easy to change out which allows you to have wicked sharp broadheads in just a few minutes. Simply remove the head washer, slide out the old blades, and slide the new blades into each slot, locking them back into place with the Anix blade locking system. Just be extremely careful not to cut yourself while doing so. Wear gloves, use a broadhead wrench, and have a first aid kit on hand just in case.

These broadheads are quite accurate. Despite what may be said about fixed bade heads, if your bow is properly tuned, these heads fly like darts. I've had to make very minimal tuning adjustments when sighting in these broadheads. The G5 Striker can be a very deadly addition to your bowhunting setup. I don't believe you can go wrong with these broadheads for just about any big game animal. A three-pack of G5 Striker V2 or X heads can be purchased by RBO members for \$42.26.







# 2024 SHEEP SHOW REFLECTIONS

by SHAY McGOWAN RBO Advisor

This past January, as I walked into the exhibit hall at The Sheep Show, my heart started beating fast and my mouth became dry. The mountain of animals that graced the entrance were made up of all The North American sheep, elk, deer, bears and a few international animals. My mind was instantly swept away to a distant mountain on one of my own previous mountain hunts that I was blessed to have experienced. This spectacular show, and arguably one of the greatest sporting events under one roof, causes you to dream big and brings out the adventure in all of us hunters that we so preciously seek on these mountain and back country hunts.

I hadn't been to the sheep show in about 5 years, but I sure missed the heck out of it. The first time I ever experienced the show was about 15 years ago as a fledgling, green horned hunter whose mind was blown as I entered the exhibit hall. The words that come to mind is that the entire 4 day show is a beautiful expression of conservation. I use that word because the greatest conservationists on earth is hunters themselves. That leads to the vast and overwhelming amount of exhibitors that includes a lot of the best outfitters, hunters, gun companies, gear companies and all things that make our entire hunting industry so incredibly special. Theres a very important common theme here, in order for hunters to be successful on a mountain adventure hunt, we are surrounded probably by an outfitter, for sure the best gear made, a gun to be able to make the shot of a lifetime, tireless guides, bush planes, taxidermist and a whole lot of advanced planning.

Gear junkies, that's what most mountain hunters are and I'm definitely included in that fun group. At the show you can find all the major gear companies from clothing, boots, backpacks, tents and anything else you could possibly imagine. I spent the better part of 2 hours trying on different packs, clothing and boots. Each company has everything they make at the show so you can only imagine how us gear junkies feel. Those 2 hours were a lot of fun and I ended up buying some gear that I'm super excited about!

I first realized how important a well equipped and knowledgeable outfitter was as I watched the bush plane take off after having landed in the Brooks Range of Alaska on my first backpack Dall sheep hunt. I watched the plane go out of sight through the stunning white capped mountains, it was at this very moment, and we have all experienced this, that I realized it's my guide, me, the gear and food we brought, the sheep that we were hunting, the beautiful but daunting mountains that we had to hunt and our Creator above. That's it. Nothing else, no distractions, no cell phones, nothing. The nervous pit in your stomach grows a little bit bigger. Like I mentioned earlier, tons of previous decisions brought me to this point. The outfitter, the guide, the gear, me.....did I choose well? Did I have what it took to stay on the mountain for an entire sheep hunt, that means physically but more important mentally. Alaska threw every kind of weather system at us that it's famous for, we put on 82 miles, I lost 15 pounds and I shot a last day ram at noon. I didn't do it, WE did it, and through the journey of everyone that helped me, I was now a sheep hunter.

The brotherhood of the fraternity of the hunting industry is simply like no other. The bond can't be broken, we are dreamers and would rather stand on an isolated mountain top putting a stalk on a bedded ram, deer, marco polo or whatever we are pursuing than be laying on a beach drinking a margarita. No, I haven't digressed, The Sheep Show! By going to this event, at your disposal is everything you need to go on a successful hunt as a TEAM!

I say team because if you don't have a great team on a mountain hunt you will fail miserably. I know first hand, I've been there and done that a few times. It's frustrating and can be very costly. As you walk down the exhibit aisles at the show, there are hundreds of outfitters who all have the "best" hunt and biggest animals. Their glossy brochures with all the animals their hunters have killed even prove it. I got a little cocky after my Dall sheep hunt and booked a grizzly hunt at my next sheep show and it was a terrible experience. The outfitter had poor gear, the guides were not motivated, and the bears were scarce. I learned a very valuable lesson on that hunt and it was all at my own expense, in fact, I would even go so far to say that I deserved it. I wasn't diligent in seeking out more information on the hunt. I also received some poor guidance from people who were looking out more for their own pocketbooks than providing a quality hunt. It stung, and I grew from it. There are a lot of great outfitters but there are also some that don't do business like they should. I will leave it at that.

I recovered and my dreams were bigger than ever as I made it a personal journey to go after The North American 29. Now that I set this goal, I lacked intentional direction. In other words, I was plain lost in what step to take next and how to book with a reputable outfitter that is a complete team. I had tasted sweet success and had also tasted bitter failure. I didn't want to fail again so I started searching for direction, for a guide, someone to help navigate the complexity of setting up the right hunt at the right time. I found them. RBO. Rolling Bones Outdoors, my savior, my friends, my bothers and now my family. Trust me, I don't say





those words lightly. Almost everyone reading this is either a member of RBO or is entertaining the thought of becoming one.

This article is about informing you of my experience of the sheep show so I'm sharing my own personal story of boots on the ground. Brad Dana and Brian Mehmen, along with their entire team are second to none. At the Sheep show, and at all the other hunting shows, expos, set up personal meetings between you, the outfitter and them. So now you don't have to sift through 30 hunts and try and pick the right one. It's a brilliant concept that works out incredibly well. I know, I've booked several hunts with them and they have all been world class. This is vetting at it's finest! Please don't think you have to go to The Sheep show and have a personal meeting to go on the hunt of a lifetime with RBO. ALL of their hunts are vetted. But please know, they provide this cutting edge service in person at the shows.

There is no better feeling at the show than to walk up to The RBO booth and see so many friends and family. That's what RBO is at the shows, at Spearfish, SD, or wherever they are at. We are all brothers and sisters just celebrating the incredible privilege of chasing wild animals in the most beautiful places all across the world! It's truly a party, alcohol may or may not have been consumed at the booth. Lynley just made sure we didn't have too much!!

I also mentioned all the best gun makers are there as well. Buying a gun these days can be extremely overwhelming because everyone makes "the best mountain gun". At RBO's booth there's usually a lot of people, lots of laughter, story telling and a ton of intentional planning that when your boots hit the ground on some faraway mountain chasing the animal of your dreams, you are now confident that you will have a successful hunt.

Then at the booth, you see these beautiful Badlands Rifles built by one of the best gunmakers alive, Jeff Sipe. I love Jeff. He's humble, genuine and knows what the heck he's doing. Trust me, when you have made that final stalk with every ounce of physical and mental toughness you have, and more, have spent the money to go on a dream mountain adventure hunt and the animal you are after is standing 510 yards away, do you have the right gun and confidence to make that shot? If you don't, call Badlands Rifle and talk to Jeff, he not only builds you the gun but he also gets you out to teach you how to shoot it at his university!

I will close with what the sheep show means to me. The exhibit hall at the convention center is mind blowing, but the nightly banquets and auctions are also a huge highlight for me. There is a theme each night and on the Conservation night, I was able to sit at a table with wildlife biologists from Arizona. This isn't just a banquet, it's a banquet with 2000 people all passionate about our great sport of hunting. The live auction items make you drool, it's the best permits available offered by State Game and Fish agencies, Tribal nations, Conservation groups and everything else in between. I talked to the biologists about how they transport sheep, collect data and monitor all big game in Arizona. Their passion was contagious as some of them were in pictures on the grand stage's slide shows. They were proud and I thanked each one of them for what they do to put and keep sheep on the mountain.

The Grand Finale night is always Saturday night and it's as actioned packed as it gets. On this night they give out several awards including The North American Guide of The Year and The Outfitter of The Year. This night has always been special to me because one of my great friends and Alaskan guide whom I have hunted with several times was selected as Guide of The Year in 2016. Tragedy struck this past June in the same area that my buddy guided me to a grizzly bear of a lifetime. The hunting industry was shocked as guide Shane Reynolds and pilot Jim Tweeto died in a bush plane crash in NW Alaska. I knew Shane and also Jim, in fact I flew with Jim in the very same plane that crashed on my NW Alaska grizzly hunt in 2014. The Sheep Show is extraordinarily special because of the passion of the people that make up The Wild Sheep Foundation and the hunting industry working as one. As I mentioned previously in this article, the hunting industry has a bond like no other. On this special, Grand Finale night, that bond of love shined greatly as Shane Reynolds was named The 2024 North American Guide of The Year. As his wife and children accepted the award I doubt there was a dry eye in the entire place. The Sheep show then presented a beautiful tribute of Shane and Jim Tweeto on all the big screens.

As adventure mountain hunters, we are a different breed. We push ourselves to do uncommon things in search of the wild animals that live in the most beautiful and rugged places on earth. Yes, there are risks, sometimes even life and death as in the case of Shane and Jim. We all know this and that's what makes these hunts even more special. As a group, we all push on and dream of boots on the ground in these majestic places. To my hunting brothers and sisters reading this, please remember that if your dreams don't scare the heck out of you, you aren't dreaming big enough!!

So here's to seeing you at The 2025 Sheep Show or in the great outdoors sharing a remote, mountain hunting camp with you eating sheep backstraps over an open fire while having a celebratory drink!



From the Wild



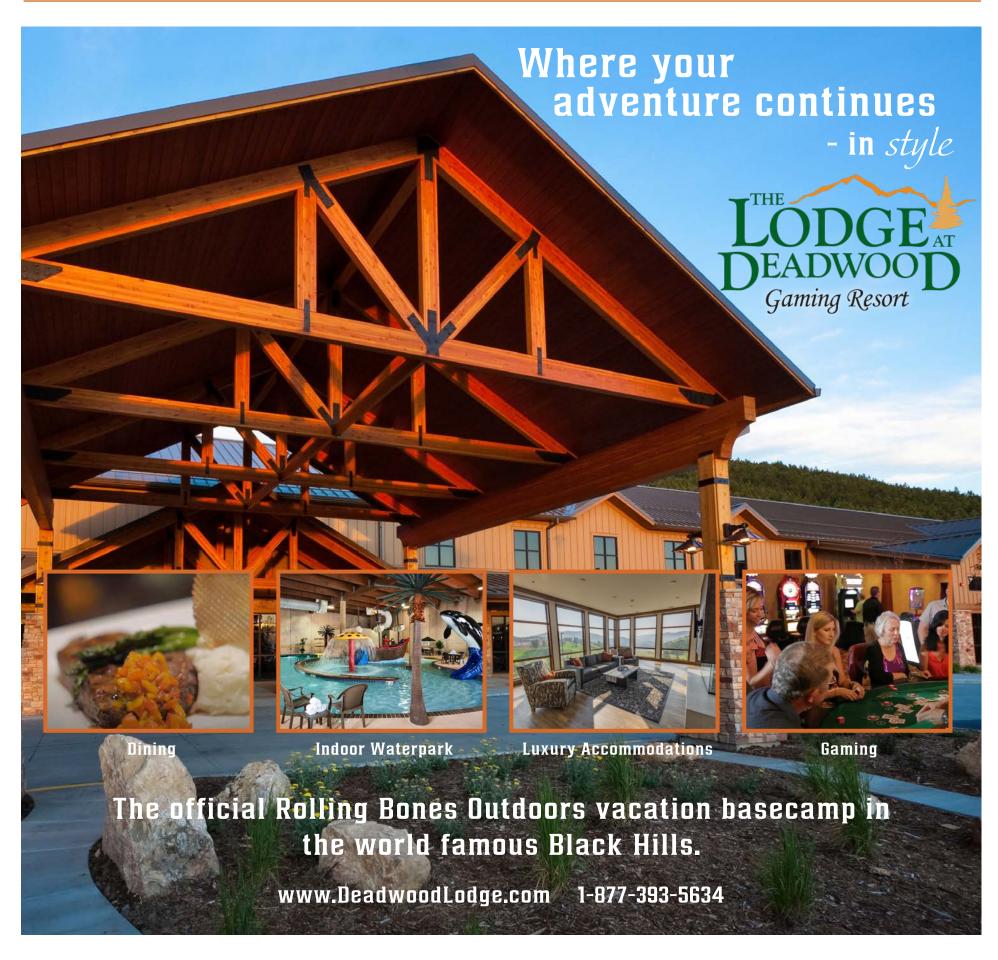
By **Brad Dana** Rolling Bones Partner / Sr. Advisor

A truly rare and unique species Fannin Sheep can be found in areas of the central Yukon, particularly around Faro and Ross River, down to Teslin, and in the Ogilvie Mountains of northern Yukon Territory. Count yourself fortunate if you've had the opportunity to harvest this majestic mountain mammal.

Fannin sheep are a unique sheep species believed to be a cross between Dall sheep and Stone sheep. The population of Dall sheep is thought to be approximately 100,000 while the population of Stone sheep is estimated at approximately 18,000. The reclusive and rare Fannin sheep is predominately found in the Ogilvie Mountains of the northern Yukon Territory. Stone sheep have a distinctive slate gray color while the Dall sheep is an amazing pure white sheep. Fannin sheep, are predominately white with grey, silver and black highlights. All three are unique subspecies of thinhorn mountain sheep of North America.

Fannin sheep play an important role in the role in the Grand Slam of North American Sheep. The Grand Slam of North American Sheep is one of the most challenging hunting acheivements for North American hunters. The Grand Slam involves harvesting on of each species of the North American sheep: Rocky Mountain Bighorn, Desert Bighorn, Dall and Stone sheep. The Fannin can be substituted for the Stone sheep.







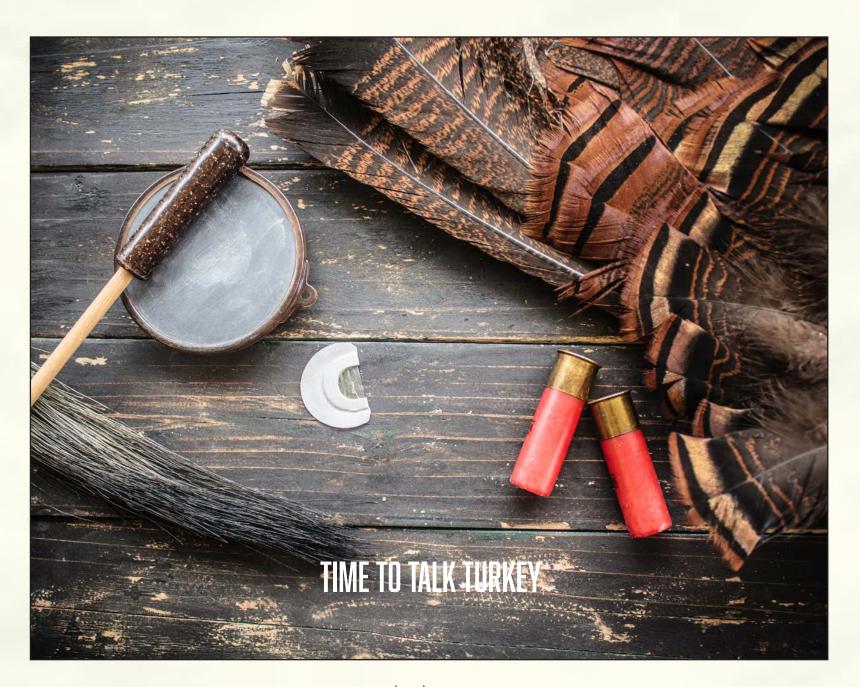
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# RBO ADVENTURES





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Each day your Moose hunt begins after a 6 am hot breakfast. From camp you make your way to a high point to call and glass. Bulls are vocal and respond well during this rut hunt and can travel long distances chasing cows, so patience is key for success while hunting big bulls. Daylight last till 9 pm and you'll end your day with a warm cooked meal back in camp.

Transportation and access to this camp is with a large off road vehicle or ATV. Your hunt includes guide and packer, accommodations, meals and transportation during the hunt. The season is only 20 days long and only 4 hunters are taken each season. This in turn makes for a high success rate on a trophy bull. Hunter may also harvest wolves, wolverines with the purchase of a license and no trophy fee. Additional species available on trophy fee, paid upon successful harvest before camp departure.

Outfitter suggests .30 caliber or bigger for rifle with 40 rounds of ammunition. Bow (minimum draw weight is 50 pounds peak draw weight). Arrows (at least one doz.) at least 20 inches in overall length. Broadheads - at least 300 grains including arrow.

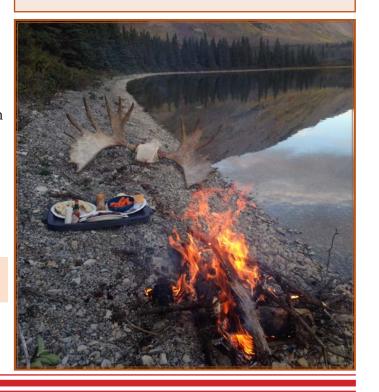
Two spots available in 2025

Member Price \$31,500

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Hunt Catalog #: RB6851-05 Average Classification: 55 - 65 **Shot Opportunity: 80%** Weapon: Rifle, Archery, X-Bow, Muzzleloader Tag Availability: Over the Counter

This is a trophy bull moose area. In this particular area a bull must be at least 50" wide to be legal. Our 5 year average is 61" with a success rate of 80%.



# **EXCLUSIVE TROPHY TEXAS WHITETAIL COMBO HUNT**

**Spots Available for 2025** 

**Species: Whitetail Deer** Hunt Catalog: RB16122-01 Average Classification: 130 - 150

**Shot Opportunity: 80%** 

Weapon: Rifle, Archery, X-Box, Muzzleloader

Tag Availability: Over the Counter **RBO Special Member Price: \$6,000** 

A great opportunity to hunt trophy whitetail bucks in the rolling hills of Texas. This outfitter has more than 85,000 acres of prime low-fence deer habitat consisting of deep rugged canyons, draws, winter wheat fields, dense mesquite thickets, creek bottoms, crop fields, food plots and open flats with mesquite and brush. The rut normally runs from mid-November through mid-December. Hunter will be able to hunt low fence whitetail from the first of November through end of January. This is a 3-day hunt. Hunt includes

one trophy buck, 1 doe, and 1 hog. Options for a management buck, extra hunting days, and non-hunter. Free range whitetail deer trophy expectations average 130"-150" B&C.



Virtually all harvested bucks will have 8 points or better with spreads typically ranging 15"-20". Clean and comfortable lodge for the three-day hunt on the ranch.









**L** his is a horseback wilderness adventure of a lifetime. Here is your opportunity to harvest a trophy Canadian moose, the goal is to shoot 50+" moose. The elk is a 6 point minimum in this area and the bulls typically are 300" and can go up to 350 " bulls. Be in great shape to get to the next ridge for a 50"+ trophy goat opportunity. Take black bear or add to your combo with 6-7.5 ft bears. This is a fully guided 10 day hunt with 1:1 guiding on horseback. Hunter will stay in outpost cabins and use wall tents if necessary during the hunt. Options to add many species for a trophy fee if not selected in the 2 species combo.

Cabins are the main accommodation but from time to time wall tents may be used depending on where game is located and if spike camps will be utilized. Spike camp will be provided with a wall tent type set up. All wall tents will be equipped with a stove.

Meals prepared in camp. Fresh foods will be served, expect homestyle cooking-meat and potatoes type fare. If you spike out after a spotted animal you an expect to use backpack ame-

nities. This is a physically demanding hunt! Outfitter utilizes horses and it is best to take time to ride some horses before coming on this hunt. Hunter should be prepared for up to 8 hours a day on horseback and heavy hiking during the stalk. The more prepared you are physically and mentally, the more enjoyable your experience will be and the better odds you will have. Don't be afraid to contact the outfitter to discuss what you can expect.

Book your flight to Fort Saint John, in Alberta. From here transportation is provided to and from our hunting camps in British Columbia. Please arrive before noon the day before the hunt start date.

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# WYOMING ANTELOPE HUNT





Hunt Catalog: RB20135-01 Average Classification: 70 - 80 **Shot Opportunity: 90%** Weapon: Rifle, Archery Tag Availability: Draw

Available Dates: 10 Spots open for 2024 **RBO Member Price: \$3,800 (Save \$600)** 

**A** top-notch opportunity to hunt one of Wyoming's iconic animals. This is a 3-day rifle hunt or 4-day archery hunt on private land. All meals and lodging will be provided. Hunting is spot and stalk style, hunter will cover a lot of country and spend a lot of time behind optics. Good optics are recommended. Hunter will

cover a lot of country and look over

a lot of bucks. Archery hunts are 4 day hunts. Most of the hunt is from ground blinds on water sources. This is a 1:1 fully guided hunt. Option for a non-hunter for an additional charge. This license will take 0-1 point



in the special draw. Hunter will stay in a nice and clean comfortable cabin for this hunt. Outfitter will provide home-style cooking-meat and potatoes and supply all field transportation. Light hiking will be needed when a target buck is spotted and a stalk in planned.





# ALASKAN SPRING OR FALL BROWN BEAR





Hunt Catalog: RB14717-03 Average Classification: 8 - 9 ft **Shot Opportunity: 90%** Weapon: Rifle, Archery

Tag Availability: Over the Counter

Available Dates: Two spots open Fall of 2024 RBO Special Member Price for Fall '24: \$28.500

 $oldsymbol{H}$  ere's your chance to hunt big brown bears in the spring or fall in Alaska. This is a 1:1 fully guided 10-day hunt. Hunter can choose to hunt in either spring or the fall and add additional iconic Alaskan species to their hunt with a trophy fee. Species available to add will depend on time of year hunting. This is a spot and stalk hunt and demands light hiking. The days will consist of hiking to go vantage points and glassing in meadows and river bottoms for big boars to come out in the open.

Hunter will stay in a large tent with cots and a buddy heater to stay warm. Spring Dates are April 10-June 10. Fall dates are

October 1-25.

Rifle hunters will shoot 80 yards on average. Archery hunters will shoot 12-15 yards on average. Shot opportunity for archery will be around 70%.



# **SOUTH AFRICA STARTER PACKAGE - PLAINS GAME**

Species: Impala and others Hunt Catalog: RB19098-01 **Average Classification: 20 - 26 Shot Opportunity: 95%** 

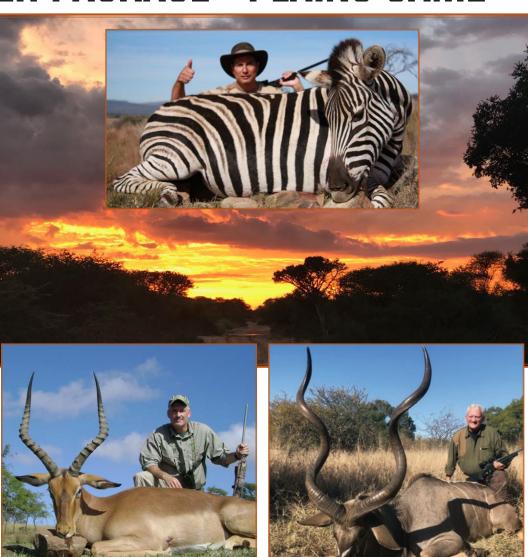
Weapons: Rifle, Archery Tag Availability: Landowner Voucher

Available Dates: March - Early October 2024 **RBO Member Price: \$5,900** 

**A**n amazing opportunity for a 7-day hunt in the Eastern Cape of South Africa for 6 iconic African plains species. This package includes a KUDU OR GEMSBUCK, WILDEBEEST (BLACK OR BLUE), IMPALA, WARTHOG, BLESBUCK AND SPRINGBUCK. This complete package includes all daily rates, food, lodging and 6 trophies. Additional hunt days and species can be added. This hunt can be arranged for either a rifle, archery, or handgun hunt. Rifle hunting is conducted throughout South Africa and all hunt-able species are available. Certain specialized game species require longer hunts and these are tailor made to your specifications. These professional PH's have been guiding novice and seasoned hunters for many years and we will ensure that you will be ready for the hunt whether it is your first hunt or your son or grandson's first hunt. There is a bench rest and shooting range available and all training can be arranged for the new hunter. All hunts are conducted by the spot and stalk method and are strictly "fair chase". All hunting will be adapted



to the ability of the hunter to ensure that you have the greatest possible hunting experience and will return again and again. This outfit has specialist archery guides and they will put you onto the trophy of a lifetime.



# EASTERN MONTANA ARCHERY ELK HUNT



Hunt Catalog: RB6687-04 Species: Rocky Mountain Elk Average Classification: 330 - 350 **Shot Opportunity: 90%** Weapon: Archery

Tag Availability: Draw

Available Dates: Sept 07 - Oct 10, 2024

**RBO Special Price: \$9,400** 

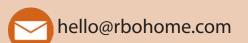
Classification details: 330" bulls are targeted each year. There has been several larger bulls seen on the place.

 $oldsymbol{E}$ astern Montana's Bull Mountains are renowned as home to one of the highest populations of trophy quality elk. These well-managed ranches produce a high success rate for elk harvesting. You will hunt on moderate terrain, which makes for easy accessibility. This will provide a challenging and rewarding experience for archery hunts. You will employ blind/stand hunting methods and hunt over water holes, and the guide will also spot/ stalk with call methods to make the archery hunting as successful as possible. Elk archery season opens the first weekend in September. This hunt will be a 6 day 1:1 guided Elk hunt, on multiple different private acreages. This is a permit hunt, but the permit usually takes 0 points to draw for the archery tag. Will need to have a big combo license.

Archery hunters should be proficient out to 60 yards. You will be staying in a fully equipped Lodge, with your own bedroom. All meals will be provided by full-time cook. Home cooked meals. Most of the area is easy terrain, and you will be employing blind/stand hunting methods. Outfitter can accommodate.

Pricing Includes Meals, Lodging, Private acreage, game and care transportation, 1:1 Guiding. Pricing does not include License costs.





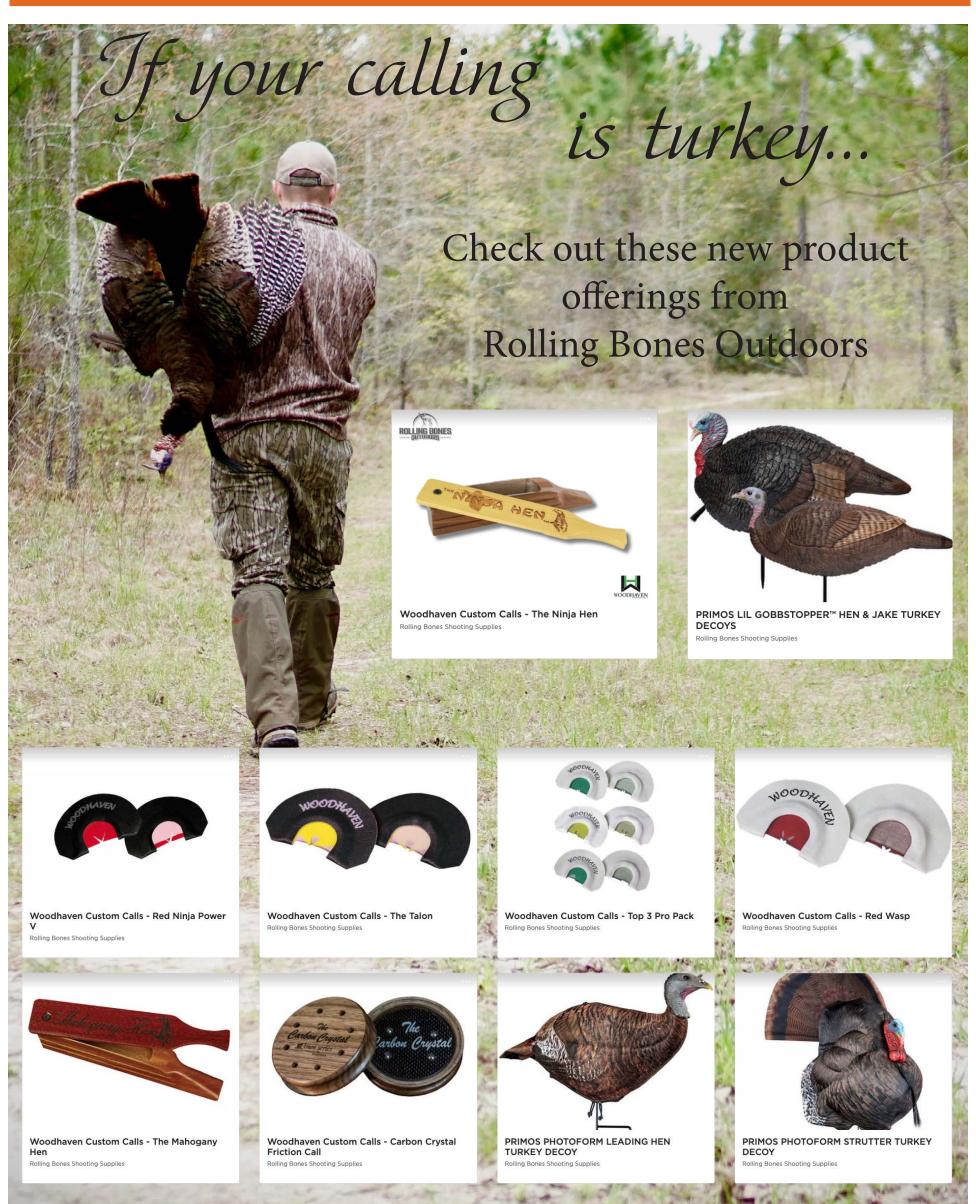






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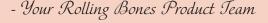
At Rolling Bones we make decisions based on our four promise pillars: We promise to deliver you **Service**, **Access**, **Value** and **Education**.

When it comes to delivering Value to you, as an RBO member, we are constantly looking for the lowest prices and most exclusive deals on quality and field-tested gear. In order to deliver the lowest prices on the Internet, we had to change how we present the catalog to the public. Out of respect to our vendors we will not advertise to the general public the deeply discounted pricing we place on many of our products. Thus, we made the decision to make it a members-only catalog.

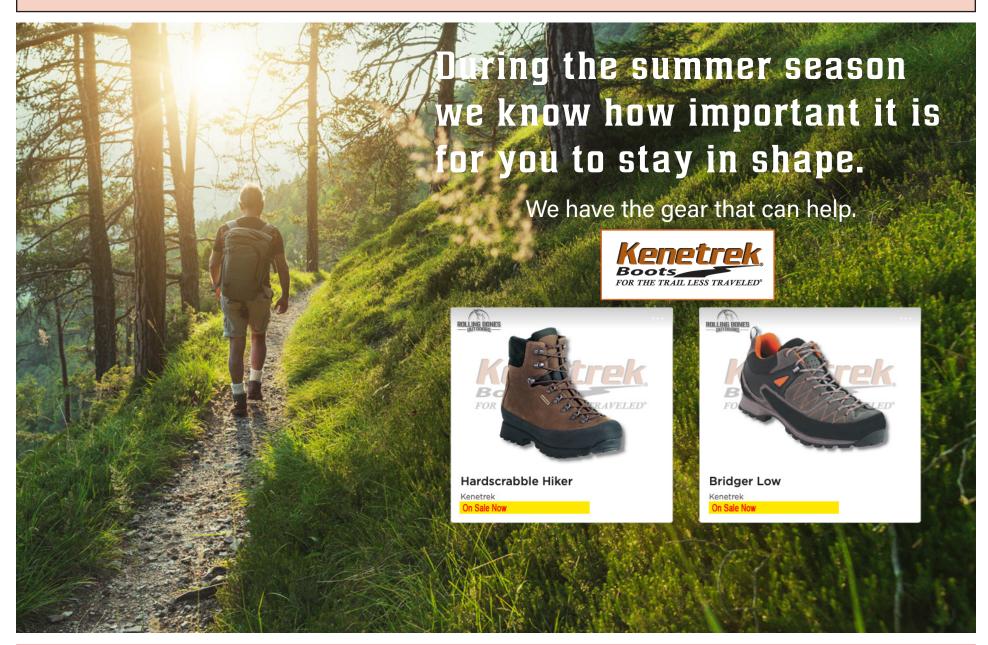
While that seems to go against our promise of **Access**, we believe that serving our membership is a priority. And since you, as a member, already have the credentials to access the catalog, we are not limiting access.

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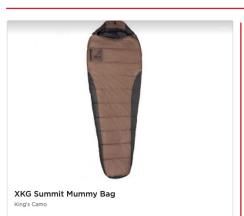
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