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This marks the start of "monster buck week" on our "Brownwood Ranch." Bill Seidl made his second hunt with us in the same week. The previous weekend Bill went home empty handed after passing on several mature bucks on the Encino Ranch while waiting on an "oldie but goodie" that we had on game camera. The "old man" never showed for "the party" and it was now time for Bill to redeem himself. The first afternoon of Bill's second hunt was spent overlooking a 20 acre food plot. As the shadows began to extend their fingers across the green oat field Bill's guide, Brian, noticed movement in the back right corner of the field. Emerging



from the thick tangle of briar and mesquite stepped a true monster buck. Both Bill & Brian quietly slid the tower blind's windows open, the cool evening air quickly embraced the pair. Bill carefully slid the barrel of his trusty .30/06 out of the open window and took careful aim. When the big buck's path brought him within reasonable rifle range Bill fired, dropping the 170 inch, 230 lb buck in his tracks. The hunter and guide could hardly contain themselves as they gazed across the field at the fallen monarch's large antlers protruding skyward from the short stubble. The two remained in the blind long enough for a lone coyote to appear, staring intently at the "free supper" laying prostrate in the open field. A 249 yard shot from Bill's rifle anchored the hungry intruder, punching his "meal ticket" once and for all! In a phone conversation later that evening Bill described the monster buck's great antler mass by saying, "the horns are so massive and knurly they hurt my hands to hold them!" The next morning Brian and Bill headed out for yet another day of "fair chase" whitetail hunting. This time they chose to hunt the infamous "Dog House" blind in hopes of intercepting a buck traveling between a small food plot and a prime bedding

area. About 45 minutes into their hunt they spied a large set of antlers slipping through the fleeting shadows. A single shot anchored the big buck as he stepped between trees. An excited call from Brian's radio relayed the "great news" to Melony who waited in the ranch's lodge. Bill's second monster buck sported 13 solid points along with a nice drop tine! The tape would stretch 169 inches giving Bill a nice "brace of whitetails" for his rock fireplace. Congratulations Bill and you might consider heading out to Vegas for it's not always so easy in a fair chase environment. Thank you choosing to have a real hunt!





November 15, 2008

Congratulations go out to Dr. Gerald Dosza who successfully completed his "World Turkey Slam" today when he bagged a nice Rio Grande gobbler! According to Dosza, next spring should be a slam dunk for Magnum Hunters with all the gobblers he saw during his fall turkey hunt with us. Way to go Gerald!

November 13, 2008

When experienced hunter Chris Sonnamaker called to book his exotic safari he was indecisive on which specie of big game he wanted to pursue. Chris had already harvested many of the usual exotic species and wanted to hunt something different. After a brief discussion Chris decided to hunt Red Lechwe. The excitement began early in the safari when a fleeing herd of Red Deer ran smack dab through the middle of "the herd" of Lechwe that was believed to contain the largest bull on the 5,000 acre ranch. We pursued the escaping herd in a Jeep Rubicon stopping periodically to glass and see if the big bull had separated from the herd. After awhile the 350lb bull presented himself for a 200 yard broadside shot. Chris cut loose with his .338 Win Mag hitting the bull right behind the front shoulder. The large bull visibly absorbed the full impact from the heavy 225 grain slug and remained solidly on his feet. After both hunter and quarry recovered from the initial recoil on both ends of the playing field, the bull took off running at full speed with hunter and guide in high speed pursuit. A second round from Chris' large caliber rifle ended the game of life and death. The delicious meat more than filled Chris' 140 qt. ice chest and the tape measure said it was the largest bull harvested from the ranch. A final salute to a worthy adversary!



November 12, 2008

Ryan Blair of "Smith Bits," entertained his friend and customer Carl Edwards to an "exotic safari."

Carl observed literally hundreds of exotic plains game animals and sheep choosing to instead harvest a large brown fallow buck that we later named "The Brown Bomber." Photos cannot do justice to the quality of the buck nor the exuberance of the excited hunter. Ryan Blair is a U.S. Marine having served two tours in the "Middle East" and representative for Smith Bits International. Early in the safari Ryan took a 180 yard shot at a walking monster of an axis buck. Doubt built in everyone's minds but Ryan's when no blood was found. After an hour long search, veteran guide Dan Whitely located



the downed buck in a small brush pile. Ryan grabbed a large antler and helped drag the huge buck from the tangle of limbs and thorns to show all in attendance where he had aimed, right behind the shoulder as he had said. The "Fusion" bullet had struck the buck a bit high but right behind the shoulder, passing in front of the offside shoulder with little to no expansion. The strong buck had managed to cover 150 yards without leaving a single drop of blood. Measurements were taken leaving us little choice but to call it "The Beast!" Well done Ryan!



November 8, 2008



We had the pleasure of hosting two great groups of whitetail hunters this weekend. Doug Scherr's group had outstanding success with Mike Campbell harvesting an outstanding, huge 169 B&C buck. He then went on to harvest 2 cull bucks, 2 doe, Texas Dall Ram and a mature blackbuck antelope. Jeff Hendrix harvested a really nice main frame 8



point buck that had some extra "trash" around his bases. Bill Seidl's "wild bunch" had a fun weekend of hunting at the Jones Lodge. Robert West scored on a 7 ½ yr old antique 10 point that field dressed 150 lbs with guide J.P. McGuire. Mike Seidl also scored with a 5 ½ yr old 9 point that field dressed 130 lbs and scored 143. Mike and Robert expanded their harvest to include 5 doe deer for their freezers. Chris Kowal harvested



4 doe deer and 1 cull buck after passing on a large 9 pointer early in the hunt in hopes of finding a big 10! When "the" big 10 finally showed, Chris did his best to control "buck fever," but his bullet missed its mark. John Sullivan scored on a couple of doe deer and an 8 pointer. Matt Seidl helped our wildlife management program by harvesting several doe deer with the expert guidance of Travis Honeycutt. Late in the hunt, Matt scored on a nice 9 point while his dad Bill passed on two 5 ½ yr old bucks and one beautiful 140 class 6 ½ yr old buck. Bill was intently hunting a large mid 150 class "free range" buck that was on several of our trail cameras. The "big boy" never showed and Bill went home empty handed but happy, having played the game to the very end. Bill's patience and determination exemplify the true art of hunting big free range whitetails and earn this guide's respect!

November 7, 2008

The 2008 November issue of Texas Sportsman Magazine features an article written by Mary O. Parker. In her article she writes about fall turkey hunting and has several quotes from Jim Roche, turkey guide and owner of Magnum Guide Service. Also featured is expert advice from veteran turkey hunter and longtime Magnum client, Larry Proffit, a well respected name within the National Wild Turkey Federation.

