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**Out-of-State Hunting Experience**

by Darrell Olson

About six years ago I wrote an article for the *Prairie Flower* regarding hunting in North Dakota. In that article I talked about the economic and non economic impact of hunting, and about nonresident hunting.

This time I decided to write about a few of my own personal out of state hunting experiences and their impact on me. For those of you non-hunters and PETA members, this will not be a gruesome or unpleasant story.

For many years I have gone to either Montana or Colorado to hunt elk and/or deer. While our hunting party members usually were the same people from year to year we occasionally had a newcomer or two.

One of my first years elk hunting in Montana there were only three of us at camp. We had one of those older pickup campers to sleep in and it gets darn cold in the mountains during the night. There was one of those creaky old style vents on the top of the camper that could be opened or closed to help with the temperature control.

I awoke in the middle of the night nearly frozen so I reached up and slowly turned the crank to close the vent. Now I need to give you a couple of descriptions before I continue. This was one of those pitch black nights—no moon—absolutely no light.

We also had a hunter along that was deathly afraid of grizzly bears and there were several warning signs in the area letting everyone know that bears were in the area. OK, I had barely began turning that crank and making a creaky, scratchy noise and this hunter sat straight up in bed saying “Darrell, there is a bear outside our camper!”

I immediately stopped turning that crank to listen but quickly realized that the noise

he heard was me. Although he was only a foot or two away from me, we could not see each other in the darkness.

So I began turning the crank again and I think he nearly had a heart attack until I started laughing and he figured out what was up.

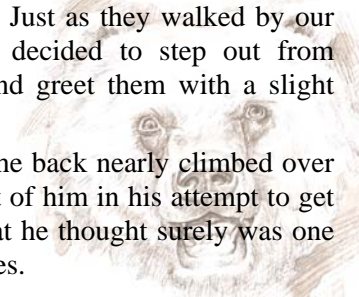
Another late fall hunting season in Montana there were several of us at camp enjoying an evening of socializing when two of our hunters walked over to visit with some other hunters who had set up tents about 100 yards away.

We had our horse trailer parked between the camps and I decided it would be interesting to meet them on the trail when they were returning from their visit. Again, it was one of those pitch black nights and they were walking down the trail using our campfire light as a guide to get back to us.

Remember that one of these guys was deathly afraid of bears, so he was following very close to the guy in front of him as they were returning. Just as they walked by our horse trailer I decided to step out from behind them and greet them with a slight growling noise.

The guy in the back nearly climbed over the one in front of him in his attempt to get away from what he thought surely was one of those grizzlies.

There have been countless good horse stories from our hunts. One of our horses, after being fully packed with elk quarters decided he was in a rodeo and didn't want to carry our prize down the mountain.



# Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

2/1/10

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 105

**ATTENDANCE:** 57.9%

**GUESTS:** Derek Vigilanti, guest of Mac Magaster

**GUEST on 1/25/2010:** Renae Byre, guest of Lisa Clute

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Landon Bahl, Ryan Brown, Evan Kramer, Eric Kramer, and Drew Saari, students at Bishop Ryan.

## We Missed You!

Dan Albertson	Terry Hoff	Jim Olson
Terri Aldrich	James Jensen	Doug Panchot
Kit Baker	Ken Kitzman	Louis Pinkerton
Don Bausman	Ann Krause	Chester Reiten
Rob Buchholz	Kim Krohn	Alison Repnow
Richard Campbell	Alan Kurth	Alan Reynolds
Bruce Christianson	Fred Lien Jr.	Milton Rolle
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Mike Gaddie	Cara Olson	Tom Will
Robin Gordon-Thompson	Darrell Olson	Terry Zeltinger
Daryl Hodnefield	David Olson	

## VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL!

Join us on Tuesday, February 16th  
6:00-9:00 p.m. at Off The Vine

\$50 per couple includes heavy appetizers and wine tasting.

Please RSVP to [margmebridal@srt.com](mailto:margmebridal@srt.com)

Please invite a new member or bring a prospective member.

This is a great time to get to know other members better!



## Birthdays

**February 14**  
Tom Hinzpeter



## Anniversaries

**February 13**  
Roger & Rita Winkle

Monday's coffee was  
**ND Trailblazer**

Courtesy of  
Jo Khalifa



## Fines

**\$2.00 each**

Those who did not contribute to Shelter Boxes Fundraising.

**\$1.00 each**

Those who play the lottery, who did not attend the Ag Expo, who did not have logowear, members whose brother did not make the headline news and Tom Rafferty's table.

**TOTAL FINES:**  
**\$179.00**

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**John Kenney** of Grangemouth Central, Scotland— President, Rotary Int'l  
**Ajoy Chatterjee** of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—Governor District 5580

The Rotary Club of Minot meets 12:00 to 1:10 p.m. every Monday at the Grand International of Minot.

**Board of Directors:** Reed Argent, President; Teal Myre, President-Elect; Ron Merritt, Vice-President; Om Madhok, Secretary; Dave Lehner, Treasurer; William McLees, Past President.

**Directors:** 2009-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman; 2010 -Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg, Ron Merritt and Tom Will

**Standing Members:** Peter Hankla, Exchange Students, Ken Kitzman, Scholarship Fund; John MacMartin, and Rotary Foundation.

## Out-of-State Hunting Experience *Cont'd from page 1*

We also had what we decided was a very nearsighted horse that gave us some fond memories. He went over the edge of very steep mountainsides more than once where the rider had to be very quick in his dismount or he would have had serious issues, but the horse always got his footing just in time to retrieve himself.

And the horse that recognized an inexperienced rider and decided to lay down in a creek while crossing it. But overall the horses were fantastic and added immensely to the enjoyment and ease of our mountain hunts. It would have been impossible for us to realize the hunts we did without them.

My most recent out-of-state hunt was a 2008 moose hunt in Alaska with my brother-in-law and my nephew. We flew from Anchorage to Bethel which lies on the banks of the Kuskokwim River near the western coast of Alaska.

From there we flew on a float plane another 75 miles to a place in the middle of nowhere near the Yukon River. The float plane landed on a small lake (large slough) and dropped us off for 12 days and 12 nights.

We found a reasonably level spot among the trees and brush and set up our tent. This was a totally unguided hunt so we had to bring everything that we needed ourselves.

There was a weight limit for these small float planes so we had very little room after the tent, sleeping bags, and guns were packed aboard. We took one small camp stove, a variety of mountain man dry packaged food, a few cooking utensils, and each of us had enough room for a small duffel bag for personal items.

We flew in on a Friday, set up camp, and got a good night's sleep.

Saturday morning we left camp in search of the gigantic moose that we were hoping for. We spotted two bulls and did get the larger of the two on our first morning of hunting.

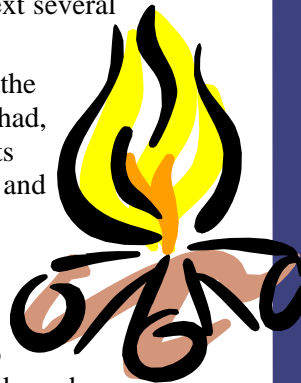
It took us literally all day to take care of the animal and pack him out. While this may sound like no great feat, it must be noted that this animal was probably twice as large as the normal elk, and several times larger than the typical deer.

We also had no horses, no quad (4-wheeler), and no guide to pack this out. And the ground in the wilds of Alaska is not like walking in the rolling hills of North Dakota.

While fairly dry ground, the vegetation was extremely thick and most was covered by waist high brush. Picture yourself walking on a waterbed or a very soft mattress covered with this kind of brush. It was the most difficult walking that I have ever had.

Now fill that backpack/pack frame with moose meat and walk back to camp—several times. But we had some of the best camp meat you could dream of for the next several days.

As I think about the many hunts I have had, most of the thoughts are of good friends and the time spent with them. We certainly did take our fair share of game, but that is secondary to the camaraderie and good times together.



## **Congratulations to Bruce Walker!**

**He is being considered for  
District 5580 Governor for 2012-13**

## **Program Chairmen**

### **FEBRUARY**

Kim Krohn

### **MARCH**

Alan Estvold

### **APRIL**

Gerald Lumley

### **MAY**

Buzz Syria

### **JUNE**

Bruce Walker

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**Rotary Districts  
5550 and 5580 will  
come together  
in Winnipeg for  
Rotary's  
Gateway to the World**

**May 13-16, 2010**  
for the first Joint District  
Conference.  
You will need a passport.  
If you are interested in  
attending, please email  
Dusty at  
dzimmerman@odney.com



**SUNRISE  
ROTARY  
THURSDAY  
7:00 AM**

**Grand International**



**PROPOSE A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**

**Attendance: October – November – December 2009**

- 100%** = R. Argent, S. Askvig, D. Feist, J. Guidinger, K. Holte, K. Kitzman, D. Lehner, J. MacMartin, O. Madhok, B. McLees, T. Myre, P. Smith, R. Winkle, T. Rafferty
- 92%** = M. Berg, B. Christianson, A. Cichon, W.Hankla, T. Hinzpeter, S. Johnson, D. Langemo, R. Streyle, B. Walker
- 83%** = T. Aldrich, J. Coughlin, P. Hankla, A. Krause, R. Merritt, R. Olson, S. Podrygula, M. Watne, D. White, D. Zimmerman
- 75%** = W. Berning, S. Burger, J. Khalifa, L. Langmaack, B. Mattson, Darrell Olson, T. Vallely
- 67%** = CJ Craven, B. DesLauriers, M. Effertz-Hanson, A. Estvold, K. Harmon, K. Hegle, B. Horne, C. Olson, D. Rubbelke, T. Zeltinger, T. Will
- 58%** = L. Clute, R. Dick, M. Keller, G. Lumley, D. Panchot, L. Schaffer, S. Tonneson, M. Gaddie
- 50%** = J. Balentine, M. Klier, A. Kurth, Jay Lundeen, D. Pfau, A. Reynolds, M. Rolle, B. Thomas, R. Wagoner
- Less than 50%** = 32 members or 30% of total members had less than 50% membership



**Guest Speaker s 1-25-2010**

Our guest speakers this week were Lindsay Stayton (*pictured on the left*) and Jeanne LeMay of the Northern Plains Children’s Advocacy Center in Minot.

Jeanne and Lindsay are specially-trained forensic interviewers who have a specific way of talking to children. They set in motion the services that will begin the healing process for children who have been sexually abused and their non-offending family members.

The process combines the information gathering into one interview, reducing the number of people the child has to tell their story. The child may receive a medical exam to ensure they are healthy by a specially-trained medical examiner.

A family advocate works with you and your child before, during and after the interview. They also assist in obtaining other services as well as provide support. All families who participate with NPCAC have the opportunity to receive therapy services.

**Money Raised for  
Haiti—\$1,050  
You can still donate!  
Money Raised  
during the Ag Expo  
\$1,000**



*Al Reynolds and Minot Sunrise Rotary member Jessica Marchant.*



*Kathy Holte become a Paul Harris Fellow on February 1st.*