

## January 2020 Newsletter

### 2019: A YEAR OF "BESTS"

# J&D OUTFITTERS

QUALITY BIG GAME HUNTS



Look left! Look right! You See It! Two of our "BESTS" deer harvests in 22 years. We were fortunate to harvest a 212" KS whitetail and a

237" CO mule deer. We continue to build friendships and provide high success rate hunts with the help and support of our excellent staff and their families. 2019 proved to be another banner year for J&D Outfitters and Cross Mountain Outfitters as we harvested well over 200 animals including elk, deer, pronghorn, and turkey. We continue to expand our operations throughout Colorado and Kansas in order to offer "Quality Big Game Hunts" for our clients. We still have a limited amount of openings for 2020 at our four different operations in Colorado, and we are currently booking hunts through 2023.

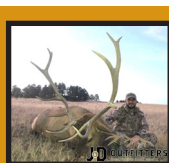
## KANSAS

**FUN FACT:** Turkeys have two stomachs: the glandular stomach that softens food and the gizzard that grinds food.



### 2020 SPRING TURKEY

In November 2019, the Kansas Wildlife Parks & Tourism Commission voted to change the harvest numbers for Spring Turkey; therefore, all of our clients will be limited to one bearded turkey this spring.



"Pickle Head," as he was known growing up, just needs to buy a lotto ticket! In a five-day period, he was able to harvest these three great trophies on the Eastern Plains of CO. His partner-in-crime, "Miss A Lot," was fortunate to harvest a great bull as well. We are always treated to laughs and great seafood when these two show up.



## COLORADO

### CPW FINALIZES NEW FIVE YEAR BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE

2020 will bring about some changes to our mountain operations. These changes will allow for a longer break in between each rifle season, and therefore, provide less hunting pressure on our wildlife. Below is a list of 2020 season dates for our mountain operations west of I-25.

Archery Elk: Sept 2 - 30  
1st Rifle Elk Only: Oct 10 - 14  
2nd Rifle Elk/Deer: Oct 24 - Nov 1  
3rd Rifle Elk/Deer: Nov 7 - 13  
4th Rifle Elk/Deer: Nov 18 - 22

Our Eastern Plains operation dates will remain pretty much the same for the next five years for all of our plains elk, muzzle-loader deer, rifle deer, and pronghorn hunts.

## Our Commitment To You

At J&D Outfitters and Guide Service, Inc., we require very high standards, loyalty, honesty, respect, and strong work ethics from our guides and staff. We are especially proud of the teamwork and support between our guides and staff for the past 22 years in providing quality hunting experiences for our clients.

Teamwork is the backbone of our operation as we continue to uphold our core values and strive to offer our customers the best service, quality and value they deserve.



### ULTIMATE PREDATOR

We are excited for our good friend and guide, Danny Farris, who recently acquired a hunting decoy company called Ultimate Predator. You might remember seeing Doyle hunt with Danny on past episodes of Bowhunter TV. Danny is a hunting industry veteran who has used countless hunting products throughout his career. We have since begun using his decoys on many of our hunts and understand his enthusiasm. Check out their decoys at [www.UltimatePredatorGear.com](http://www.UltimatePredatorGear.com) and join us in wishing Danny the best with his new endeavor!





## PRONGHORN FACT:

Though they are colloquially called "American Antelope," pronghorns are not related to antelope at all. As a member of the superfamily Giraffoidea, the pronghorn's closest living relatives are the giraffes and okapi.

## FEATURED RECIPE

### Johnny's Elk & Chorizo Meatloaf

#### Ingredients:

2 lbs Ground Elk	2 tbsp Black Pepper
1 lb Chorizo	1 tbsp Salt
1 cup Diced Bell Pepper	1 tbsp Garlic Salt
1 cup Diced Onion	2 Eggs
1 cup Bread Crumbs	2 - 15 oz cans Tomato Sauce

Preparation: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Lightly coat the bottom of a 9 X 13 in dish with tomato sauce.
2. In a large bowl blend together the ground elk, chorizo, bell peppers, onion, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, garlic salt, eggs and 7.5 oz of tomato sauce. Form ingredients into a large loaf.
3. Put remaining tomato sauce over meatloaf. Cover meatloaf with tin foil and start baking process.
4. Cook for 1 hr 30 mins. After 1 hr, check internal temp of meat loaf with thermometer. When temp reaches 150 to 160 degrees, meatloaf should be done. Cook for additional 30 mins, if needed.



## COLORADO DRAW APPLICATIONS

- Limited license big game applications for 2020 will **OPEN** the first week of March. We will get packets out to those of you who already have 2020 hunts on the books.
- The Limited license big game application **DEADLINE** is the first week of April. As long as we have all of your information, we will ensure your application is submitted on time.
- All resident and nonresident applications for all big game will only be accepted online; therefore, we will require a credit card authorization for each of you applying.
- Due to the transition to the new integrated Colorado Parks and Wildlife purchasing system, you are required to provide us with an accurate email address.



## THE TEXAS TRIO

These three gentlemen from Texas, also known as elite members of "Team Fireball," have hunted many years with us at our Eastern Plains location, and they continue to harvest great mature bucks year after year. They truly understand and support our strict management plan as we continue to grow some good ole mature bucks. To these outdoorsmen and hunters, it's not just about the harvest, but more importantly, the harvest of the right deer! We are fortunate to have these gentlemen, along with all of our other Eastern Plains deer hunters, who support the management plan and goals we have in place. Thank you again gentlemen for your continued support and friendship. We look forward to many more successful years together.

## JACOB'S DREAM



In April of 2018, Jacob "JD" Dentinger was diagnosed with an inoperable form of glioblastoma, a rare but aggressive form of brain cancer. JD's tumor is in the center of his brain where the thalamus gland is located. JD has conquered 3 brain surgeries, 40 radiation treatments, 92 doses of chemotherapy, and countless doctors visits. Cancer may have slowed his physical ability, but it has not affected his positive attitude, genuine graciousness and uplifting spirit. His love for the outdoors runs deep as he began hunting whitetail, grouse, and bear at the age of 12. In September 2019, JD was awarded a guided elk hunt by the Minnesota Outdoor Adventure Foundation. Partnered with J&D Outfitters and Cross Mountain Outfitters, we were able to provide this young man with the hunt of a lifetime. It has been 21 months since JD was first diagnosed, and he continues to conquer cancer.