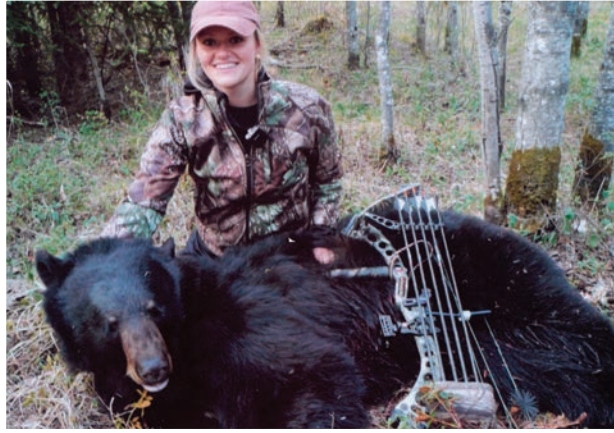


## Bailey Simpson

Saying my sister and I grew up in an outfitting family is an understatement. My grandfather, Dave Simpson, bought his first area from Andy Russell in the 50's and was president of the Alberta Professional Outfitters Association (APOS) for several years. My Uncle Frank owns Simpson Stone Sheep in British Columbia and my uncle Flint, Outfits for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep in Canmore, Alberta. My father, Stan Simpson, owns Ram Head Outfitters in the Northwest Territories where my sister and I have practically grown up, spending my first summer there when I was 6 months old.



I have had wonderful opportunities to hunt in Mexico for Coues deer, the United States for Mule deer and Canada for Dall sheep, Bighorn sheep, Mountain caribou, Black bear, Whitetail and Mule deer.

I took my first animal, a Dall sheep, with my Dad in his area in the Northwest Territories at the age of 17. My sheep was the first hunt and animal I ever harvested and probably still one of the most physically challenging hunts I have been on! This began my love of hunting and what most people call "sheep fever." I received the Youth Award of Excellence at the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) convention for that Dall.

I started bow hunting while attending college and living with Randy and Bonnie Liljenquist in Glendale, Arizona. Their son, Matthew Liljenquist, got me my first PSE bow and taught me almost everything I know about bow hunting. I have not been able to put down my bow since!

I had another chance at a Dall sheep in 2007 but this time I would do it with my bow. I completed my dream of taking a Dall sheep with my bow that summer of 2007 and became the first and youngest woman to take an archery Dall sheep.

At the 2007 WILD SHEEP convention I took the Bronze Award for my archery Dall sheep. My Dall will be in the new addition of the Pope and Young Book of Records. I also have an article coming out in Bowhunter magazine about the sheep hunt. I was fortunate that my sister Meghan, could be my guide.

In my 2008 season with Ram Head Outfitters, I got a tag to hunt caribou. My sister, Meghan, was my guide again and I took a beautiful Mountain caribou with my bow.

I have enjoyed hunting and the opportunities it has brought me. I hope to have continued success with hunting!



## Meghan Simpson

Growing up with a family of hunting fools, and by hunting fools I really mean hunting addicts, isn't all that bad of a situation. From the time that I was just 9 years old I was skinning Dall sheep and begging to take out a hunter of my own. My dad, Stan Simpson along with my mom, Debra are the owner's of "ram Head



Outfitters" so I've had many opportunities in my life that most young people wouldn't even dream of. I shot my first ram when I was 16 years old, and ever since then even thinking about stalking an animal gives me butterflies. My grandfather, David, dad, Stan, and uncles, Flint and Frank have made an enormous impact on my life with hunting. Hunting is shared not only by my sister Bailey and me, but by our cousins as well. It usually makes for great dinner conversation about who had the most exciting hunt, and that can go be anything from mountain lions to rattlesnakes!

After my first hunt in the Northwest Territories, I couldn't get enough! Since that first hunt with my dad I have harvested many more animals. In one year I was fortunate enough to take an Alaskan-Yukon Moose, Alberta Whitetail, Alberta Cougar, and a Mexico Cues Deer. The only animal that I didn't get that year that I wanted above all was a Big Horn Ram. I have gone three years and that is definately one of the most physically challenging hunts to do. With weather dropping in the -40 range it makes it hard for not only your body but your mind.

I have also in the past couple years killed a Saskatchewan Black Bear, and a Mountain Caribou. A lot of these hunts I've been lucky to have my dad as my guide, for example my cougar hunt. Hunting a mountain lion was something very new and exciting to me. With the hounds baying and your adrenaline rushing it's hard not to get excited! My cougar ended up weighting 200 lbs. and measuring 8'2" long! Another exciting hunt I can remember is my whitetail, which I took down all by myself. Sitting in a tree stand day after day is not on the top of my list of fun things to do, but it definitely paid off. Each one of my hunts has been very rewarding. I might not always end up with the biggest animal, but each animal is mine and I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to hunt it. It should not always be about the size, but the uniqueness and what drew you to the animal. I am very lucky to have such great support from my family and friends. I would not be able to do what I do without them.





## Kelsy Claypool

My name is Kelsy Claypool, I am 24 years old and live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. My family has owned and operated Claypool's Boot and Jean, a western store in Saskatoon for over 50 years. Growing up within the western lifestyle and both parents with a past in rodeo, I was drawn into barrel racing and horses. My



dad has worked as a guide for Jim Shockey for years and has always loved to hunt. I have been involved in the hunting community with my father since I was young. After the first time out in the field with my dad I was hooked. It wasn't until last fall that I had the opportunity to be drawn for mule deer and to go on my very own hunt. My very first deer turned out to be a Gross Boon and Crocket deer. I had

officially been bit by the hunting bug. Hunting has taken a new priority level in my life, one that I would never have imagined. Technically, I have been spoiled more than most with my first big game animal, so have set the bar quite high in the trophy department, but thankfully this is not the only aspect that drives my passion for hunting. I also get a natural high from just being outdoors experiencing the simplicity of nature. This is a sport and hobby that I am so excited about and look forward to all my hunting experiences to come and sharing my passion for the outdoors with others who enjoy it as much as I do.



## Nikki Ballard

I grew up just outside of Saskatoon, in Pike Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. I have two older brothers and a twin sister. I am 18 years old and I live on a cattle/grain farm. I just finished my first year of college at

Lakeland College in Vermillion, Alberta taking Animal Science Technology. My whole childhood it was me and my sister that barrel raced and my brothers and my dad did all the hunting. Even before I could walk I was riding horses and have been since then. In my barrel racing career I have accomplished many things, such as the last two years being the all round champion barrel racer in our district. My horses have all been trained by me and have come a long way. I will barrel race



and ride horses for the rest of my life. But hunting in my family is a very serious sport. Since I turned 12 and took my hunter safety course, hunting has become one of the biggest sports in my life. For my dad it is his life/job, since he works for Jim Shockey. For my brothers and me it always seems to be a competition. Hunting with my family is the most important thing to me, and we usually do the best bonding in our hunting blinds. In the last few years I have hunted a lot with Cody Robbins. He guided me to my first mule deer buck, as well as guided me for two years for my first whitetail buck, which was filmed by Cody and put on Jim Shockey's hunting adventures television show. It is pretty exciting that I have also shot two bears that were both bigger than my brother's bears. Hunting bears is something that some people and even older people still dream about doing, so if you ever get the chance don't dare pass it up.





# Tammy Coleman



I grew up with a love of animals and the outdoors, but did not have the opportunity to really enjoy wildlife and hunting until I met my husband Doug. Hunting has been a big part of his life. I have always been ready to try something new, to accept a challenge, so not too long after we were married, I thought I would like to try hunting. I had never shot a rifle before, and I was a little apprehensive handling a firearm. But Doug had the stock of an older model Winchester 270 pump action cut down to fit my arm; in fact, this was a rifle that had been in and out of his family for a while- his dad bought it years ago in Japan when he was in the service.

I put in for a mule deer permit and an elk permit for a local unit and drew, so that fall I would harvest my first mule deer buck and cow elk. Doug had hounds when we were married and shortly thereafter, he bought a little redbone puppy for me so I took her along with the guys and their dogs to hunt bears and cougars. In fact, Ruby was in the group of dogs that treed a bear I shot. Ruby was really a sweetheart; even produced three litters of beautiful puppies, some of which turned out to be outstanding hunters in their own right. Ruby certainly was special and it about broke my heart to have to put her down after 13 years.

During this time, I had also put in for a special permit, moose. I am intrigued by the uniqueness of these animals and their antlers. I drew the permit the first year I put in and with the help of Doug and friends, hunted that season. I passed up a couple of smaller bulls in hopes of finding one I felt worthy of this once in a lifetime harvest in Idaho, but went without filling my tag. I would have to wait two years before I could put in for this permit again. It would take me several years before I had this opportunity again. In the meantime, we had started getting into shed hunting, picking up shed antlers. This has really come to be something that Doug and I enjoy together the past several years. I invested in another challenge; I bought a black lab puppy to train to pick up shed antlers. Cowboy has turned out to be a

decent shed hunter and a great companion. Doug and I have even produced a series of four shed hunting videos, Through the Eyes of a Shed Hunter, so that we can share the excitement of us and Cowboy and our family and friends finding shed antlers. Now we have a new recruit, Scout, a yellow lab, to join us.

A couple of years ago, after putting in for a moose permit every year I could, I finally drew again. This time I would hunt a unit in northern Idaho, again with the help of Doug, family, and friends. To make it a little more challenging, I wanted to try getting my bull with a muzzleloader. I again turned down some smaller bulls because again, I wanted to find a bull that I felt was worthy of this once in a lifetime tag. And I did! I was able to harvest a beautiful bull with my Thompson Center muzzleloader. Little did I know when I took him that he would not only make Boone and Crockett, but also would place #14 in the current Longhunter Record Book. It really was more than I could have ever hoped for.

Then Doug wanted to know what was next. Well, still wanting to accept a challenge, I decided to put in for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. The unit I put in for is a very coveted unit to draw in so I did not really expect to draw, especially the first year putting in. But that is exactly what happened! So I wanted to make this tag worthwhile as well, determined that I would not shoot unless I felt the ram was worthy of this also once in a lifetime tag for Idaho. I also wanted to take a ram with my muzzleloader if possible, but I would also take along my rifle just in case. Again, I had much help and support from Doug, our sons, and our friends. We spent the summer scouting and soon it was time to hunt. The terrain was steep, it was hot, and rattlesnakes were out. We found a group of decent rams and put a stalk on them the next day, but spooked them before getting close enough. A couple of weeks later we found this same group again and were able to stalk in on them. We were not close enough that I felt comfortable trying with my muzzleloader, but I was able to take the biggest ram in this group with my rifle, a beautiful sheep. And to top things off, this ram would also make it in the Boone and Crockett records! This would be two Boone and Crockett animals in a year's time! I am truly thankful for all of the wonderful help and support from our kids and our friends, but especially from my husband Doug, who always sticks beside me no matter what. I have had great success for someone who did not grow up hunting, but without all these people, it would not have happened.

Well, what will be my next challenge? How about mountain goat?



## Alyssa

My name is Alyssa, and I am 21 years old. I grew up in Battleford and Saskatoon going back and forth a few times. I am now just outside Saskatoon and would say I am a city girl enjoying the country lifestyle. My spouse is a cattle rancher so ever since meeting him I have enjoyed all the new



experiences that come along with the ranching/farm lifestyle. I have learned how to run a swather and work with cattle (which I greatly enjoy), drive a grain truck and so much more. We have a little girl that is almost two years old and she is the greatest thing in our lives. When I am not with her I am usually either working as an Educational Associate, or helping out at the family farm. I love fishing and most sports. I'm very interested in hunting and hopefully this year I will get to. I would really love the experience of shooting anything! This year I plan on getting my hunters safety and fulfill my dream of being a model. Chicks in Camo has brought me good friends and a very fun experience.





## Bailey

Hi my name is Bailey, also known as “Strings”. I am 20 years old and have been raised on a cattle feedlot/ranch. My whole life I have grown up with “the boys”. I have only one sibling, who just happens to be a boy. Wherever he and his friends went I followed. To say that I grew up with the idea in my head, that anything the guys could do I could do as well, is an understatement.



My true passions in life are horses and working with cattle, whether it is in the feedlot or the cow/calf operation. A bad day on a horse beats a good day at the office, every time.

I started 4-H when I was six or seven years old and have been involved in it every year since. I have had many achievements in 4-H such as winning club champion and class champion at regional, many times, with my finished market steer.

I have recently started to team pen and am really enjoying it. This year I am planning on getting my hunters safety certificate, so that I don't have to sit and watch. I love to fish and shed hunt, both I find very relaxing. I am not the best at either but enjoy doing them very much.

I believe that Chicks in Camo is a wonderful idea and can broaden my world in many ways.

