

Steve West <steve@stevesoutdooradventures.com>

To: Tony OLeary

May 8 at 2:25 p.m.

Tony,

The Boone & Crockett Record book (and in my opinion, it's most prestigious member) were told the exact details of my hunt when we entered it into the books during final and official measurement.

They agreed that the bull was taken under free range and fair chase hunting conditions. Whether we used a helicopter or a float plane, all of those camps and hunting areas out there are accessed by air... not road.

Your idea of free range and fair chase is "old school" and I can appreciate your desire to teach your kids the manner of hunting you hold dearest. That is what we are supposed to do, pass down what we value, and our traditions.

So thank you for that...

I don't hunt behind high fence, but I don't criticize those who do as long as their record books are separate from those of free range animals.

I hunt with an inline muzzleloader and take criticism from those who think muzzleloaders should be old traditional style guns... but I don't criticize them back.

There are a lot of things we may, or may not, agree with in hunting but there is one thing we should all agree on - instead of taking shots at one another - we need to be united in our support of one another. Hunting will lose in the long run if we are divided.

I have always been a live and let live kind of person when it comes to hunting. I wish more people would do what they like to do, and stop worrying about what everyone else is doing... then unite in support of everyone as a collective hunting community.

If we can do this... hunting is safe for generations to come. But without this... the future of hunting is bleak at best.

Good day and happy hunting this season.

Steve West

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• Tony OLeary <tonyoleary1@yahoo.ca>

To: Steve West

May 9 at 3:42 a.m.

Thanks Steve,

Old school or not I am all about the preservation of wilderness whether you hunt or not and certainly for the long term care of wildlife for future generations. The challenge is in the chase and trying to find and out wit the animal you are trying to harvest. My fear is future hunting is becoming (nothing more than a shooting gallery) for the rich and poor alike with no emphasis

on building character. I feel air travel in and out of these remote wilderness areas has to be handled with that in mind. For many folks these days "if it ain't easy they ain't doing it". That is whether the animals are fenced in or not. Hunting has become big business with the potential for easy access being totally abused. Again that is my fear!!!! I just hope that the powers that be don't turn a hundred thousand year old tradition into a Gong show. If I didn't witness this bull shit myself and didn't give a rats ass I damn well sure wouldn't be here typing these emails.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

• • Tony OLeary <tonyoleary1@yahoo.ca>

To:insights@conservationvisions.com

May 9 at 3:53 a.m.

Hi Shane here is my response to Steve Wests email. I feel this 100,000 year old tradition called hunting is in need of some serious wake up.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

• • Tony OLeary <tonyoleary1@yahoo.ca>

To:Gerry Byrne

May 9 at 4:05 a.m.

Hi Gerry, Here is my response to Steve Wests second email. Is modern day hunting just a shooting gallery for the rich and poor alike these days.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

• • Tony OLeary <tonyoleary1@yahoo.ca>

To:Gord Follett

May 9 at 4:06 a.m.

Hi Gord, Here is my response to Steve Wests second email. Is modern day hunting just a shooting gallery for the rich and poor alike these days.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary