

Sometimes You've Just Got to Move and Work as a Team to Make Big Things Happen!

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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Well, I must say, I have had a great deer season! I have killed two deer, one of which was a really good buck. I saw a lot of little bucks this year! I even had a 16-pointer close enough to shoot. The only problem was it was 16 points scattered over four bucks! It finally worked out, and I got a good buck!

I was invited to go to a farm in Pendleton County last week. This farm has always held some big bucks. When I hunted this farm last

year, I only had a doe tag, and a dropped-tine beast walked out at 50 yards. Then, the big buck walked out of my life. So, I was excited to hunt it this year with an unused buck tag!

I hunted the power line stand because I just didn't feel comfortable getting up in the death trap stand in the dark. My buddy with long legs hunted the death trap. My buddy was hunting for a doe because he had gotten a buck, opening weekend of season.

The sun came up, and it didn't take long for a couple of deer to start moving around. I had a doe fawn and spike pass within feet of my stand. Other than the fawn and spike, the power line stand was slow. I got a text from my buddy at death trap that five bucks were chasing a hot doe. So we came up with a plan for me to move to death trap.

I got down and headed towards death trap. When I got close, my buddy signaled to stay low. I got to the tree. He got out of the stand. I started climbing up and got to the point where you basically had to jump to a limb. I looked down and said, "my legs are too short." He cheered me on and gave some advice on how to jump to the next level. I was relieved I had made it in death trap and was still alive!

My buddy dropped over the hill to climb in another stand. He had not much

more than left when a doe ran by at 150 mph with buck on her heels. It was so fast I couldn't even register if it was shooter buck or not. They both ran into some thick cedars in front of the stand. I would get a glimpse ever now and then. Then I saw a tree getting bent over and thrashed. I knew it was a buck doing it. I just couldn't see the buck because of the cedars. Then, as quickly as it all started, things got quiet.

It was getting close to time to leave. I had an idea where the buck was. So we devised a plan on how to get him in the open. I told my buddy exactly where I thought the buck would be. He slowly started walking towards where the last known location of the buck was. Then the old buck slipped out the top, and I had an open 160-yard shot. I took the shot and got a good buck for 2013!

My ride back home, the Good Lord gave me a couple of things! When life is not going great or you don't feel God working in your life, maybe it's you who need to MOVE! Don't be afraid to work as a team!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 —

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." KJV

Thanks for all the great deer pics! More to come next week! If you've got a good hunting pic, please send it my way.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Kenneth Brooks with a "BIG 10!"



Tony Estes with a "Giant Buck."



Jay is proud of his "teamwork buck!"

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

Below is a 16-letter word for you to unscramble. It's a word known to all and begins with the letter "S."

B	O	N	S
U	O	I	C
S	S	E	N
U	S	S	C

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B.I.R.D. Gratitude
B is for the Beauty that every bird has.
I is for the Interesting calls they make and songs they sing.
R is for Red birds that faithfully come to our yards.
D is for our joyful Days because we love birds!
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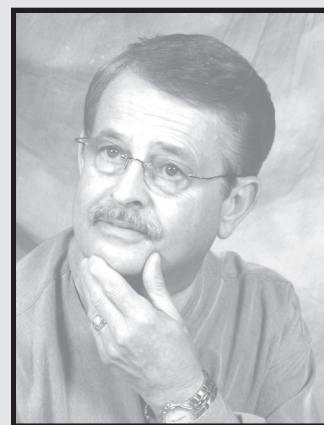


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