



Jeremy's Bow Hunt

By Johnny Kirby

Please indulge me as I brag a little about one of my most successful ventures as a hunting guide.

The ranch is in Edwards County south of Junction. I had done some early scouting in the area prior to bow season and had found several rubs on trees that also had blood on them. Obviously a buck was in the area in the late stages of velvet and starting to rub. The signs were in about a 100 yard circle, so obviously this was his territory. There was a feeder and an old ragged ground blind close by. We patched the blind as well as possible and brushed it up fairly well.

Opening day was Saturday and my hunter, Jeremy Martin, was to arrive the following Friday morning. He assured me that he was proficient enough with his compound bow and that nothing foolish would

happen. Friday afternoon it started to rain and continued raining all night. Two and one half inches of rain had fallen by

High Scoring Buck! Jeremy Martin from Tyler Texas, harvested this 25 point 25" wide Whitetail buck on the first day of bow season. The buck scored 229 & 7/8 Boone and Crockett gross score.

Saturday morning. We couldn't get to the area even with my 4-wheel drive pickup. We hunted a different area that morning - one that we could walk to. No luck.

Saturday afternoon, things started to dry out some and the roads were better. I put some sweet feed and alfalfa out from the blind and he was set to hunt for the evening. As this was a bow hunt, it's much better for one person to hunt (less scent and less movement), so I walked back to my truck to wait.

Before long, things started to happen. A small Axis buck and four Axis does were the first to show up for the feed. Next, there was a small Whitetail buck and two does. Then, two Fallow does. Now all hell breaks loose

as the feral hogs came crashing in snorting and squealing. If anybody thinks pigs are quiet, you should hear them come running in to feed. Well, this looked like the end of our hunt as everything but the pigs run away. But patience paid off as Jeremy decided to sit and see what else would happen.

Just before sundown he saw a

buck coming toward him from the east. The buck came to the feed, put his head down, bristled the hair on his back and ran the hogs off. The buck then walked by the blind at twenty-two yards, broad-sided. Jeremy's perfect double lung shot was fatal.

Easy blood trail, easy deer recovery. I love when a plan comes together. Being at the right place at the right time is often the result of good scouting, planning and a whole lot of luck!

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