

Late Season Waterfowl Hunts



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The winter months are here and so are the birds. Late season waterfowl hunting some would say is the best. Others would say early season hunts are better. There's nothing like hunting the migrating flocks.

There are few ways a person can hunt geese or ducks when all the water is frozen and snow on the ground. A person can lay out in a field and wait for them to land in the field on you or you can jump shoot these birds in tight pockets from hot water ponds or canals.

Laying in a field is a blast having those geese land literally on top of you or within a couple feet of you. The birds have no idea you're there when you are sitting in the middle a decoy spread. This is an experience that every waterfowl hunter should experience.

Depending on the weather a hunter can either sit in the field with brown overalls if you don't have a layout blind and able to dig a little hole for it. Then if there is snow on the ground a cheap way to blend in is get a white bed sheet and just cover yourselves with that and it will get the job done.

Then the other way is to jump shoot ponds and canals. This is another really fun way to hunt ducks and geese, but with this way of hunting it all happens really fast then its all over because you only jump them once. This technique of hunting it tests how sneaky a person is and how fast a persons reflexes are.

I asked one of the most well known and sought after waterfowl hunters in the country, Charlie Barberini. He travels around the country hunting different species of birds and in all kind of weather.

I asked him what is his favorite bird to hunt and what state is the best. Charlie said "Its hard to pick just one favorite bird or state! But geese are my favorite, whether it be snows or canadas and because they are migratory if you have to follow them state too state."

He goes and mostly hunts in fields letting these birds come to him. He sets up hundreds of decoys getting those big flocks of snows coming in with folded wings. With just a little calling needed.

With these two ways of late season waterfowl hunting I hope you get out there and get into those big migrating flocks and hopefully get some bands!

Girls Basketball Marches On



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The Lady Moose have official began the 2018-2019 season! Starting off with a tough loss against valley rival Sanford by just one point.

@Sanford 11/30

Alamosa began this dispute and managed to battle back and fourth holding the lead for the majority of the game until the final minutes when Sanford made a comeback.

With only seconds left in the fourth quarter the Moose the court with a final score of 36-35 in favor of the Indians.

@Lamar 12/1

Hungry after a tough loss the Lady Moose were ready to find their wave in their away game against the Lamar Savages.

The Mean Moose manages to come out hot against Lamar and did not let off until the final buzzer where they managed to finish with a final score of 39-23.

@Buena Vista 12/4

Once again the Mean Moose were able to start, and play the whole game with intensity and passion. Coming off a win, their confidence was high

and they were prepared to prove themselves against the Meloneers.

This game went especially well for the Moose as they outscored their opponent by nearly 20 points and walked away with a winning score of 57-31.

Up next for Alamosa would be the Montrose Indians. At the Demon invitational.

@Demon Invitational 12/6

Alamosa started off hot against the Indians, leading the first quarter, leading the game all throughout the first half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Lady Moose were sitting on a 10-7 lead which they managed to hang onto, until the fourth quarter.

Here the Indians turned on the magic and made an outstanding comeback to win with a final score of 41-35.

After a loss like this one, the Mean Moose would look to grow from it, and pick up where they left off against their next opponent Peak to Peak.

Peak to Peak 12/7

The Peak to Peak Pumas would be the team that Alamosa looked to dominate after their previous performance, which they did.

Holding a close lead in the first quarter, the Mean Moose took off in the second to build an 8 point lead by halftime.

Alamosa had learned their lesson and kept their foot on the gas throughout the entire second half, outscoring their opponent in both the third and fourth quarter to finish with a final score 53-37 to take the win.

After this, the Lady Moose would look to use this momentum to face off against the Moffat County Bulldogs.

Moffat County 12/8

The girls would start off hot against the bulldogs and take the lead in the first quarter 19-10 and managed to hang onto it throughout the entire first half.

After boasting a dominant first half, Alamosa pulled off an impressive second half as they outscored their opponent in both the third and fourth quarters to pull of the win with a final score of 56-45.

The 2018/2019 season has been off to a good start for the Alamosa girls as they look to only improve from here to the rest of the season. With the help of returning head coach Shawn Cody, this season is definitely an exciting one.

Alamosa Basketball Off To Admirable Start



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Following the start to the season, the Mean Moose Boys Basketball team have continued to demonstrate their talent on the court. They currently hold a record of 4-2. After the Winter break the Moose will begin league play against the Bayfield Wolverines, who happen to be the defending state champions.

@Lamar 12/1

The team traveled east to take on another southern Colorado competitor in the form of the Lamar Savages. After a tough loss to the Sanford Indians, the Moose looked at redemption.

After the first quarter, the Moose defense held the Savages only to two points. By the end of the first half the score had gotten closer but still remained 25-22 in favor of the Moose.

Halftime pep talks helped the Moose prepare what they would do in the second half to remain in the lead.

Towards the end of the game, the score still remained close, but a tough Alamosa team held the lead and came out on top with a score of 58-54.

This first win for the Moose would spark something special, and give them the confidence to start winning games at an alarming rate working their way to the top in the rankings.

Montrose 12/6

It was now tournament time for the team, as they traveled north to Glenwood Springs for the annual Demon Basketball invitational. The Moose have a good history at this tournament and looked to do the same.

The first team the Moose went against were the Montrose Indians, who are currently one classification above Alamosa, being 4A.

Though this may be intimidating to some teams, the team had no trouble with confidence as they came ready to play.

As the first half progressed, the Moose were able to outscore the Indians in the first quarter, but at half the score was very close.

The second half went well for the Moose as their defense put them on top. Fourth quarter performances put them on top as they won with a score of 60-52.

Senior Chad Jackson had a few positive things to say about the tournament "We finally came together as a team!

We played very hard and well against the number three team in the state. We are humbled by our performances against bigger and tougher teams".

Moffat County 12/8

The third and final game for the Moose at the Demon Invitational was against the Moffat County Bulldogs. Both teams had no previous knowledge of each other as Alamosa has not played each other in many years.

A good Moose offense put many points up in the first half as they had a lead of 27-21.

The second half also was in favor of the Moose. Although the score remained very close through the third quarter, the team was still able to hold a lead through the third quarter having a four point lead. Fourth quarter dominance left them an eleven point lead winning the game 61-49.

Chad and Ian Jackson were key scorers in this game as well as Davis Gonzales and Nick Brubacher collecting rebounds.

Davis Gonzales said, "We played well, many things are still

needed to improve on, but as a whole our bond is beginning to be stronger than ever".

Despite losing many seniors from the prior year, the team looks very strong and has much potential to do great things. The new season has been off to a great start and only looks to get better as coach Brandon Brubacher prepares the team.

With the Holidays around the corner, the community is getting ready to celebrate with family, festivities, and of course, basketball.



Fired Up- The Moose get fired up as a heated game progresses.

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