

Local Elk Bugler Uses His "Hoochie Momma" To Attract

■ Tribal member Bryan Langley recently finished 2nd at the Oregon Bow Hunter's Elk Calling Championship.

By Toby McClary

Elk bugles come in many shapes and sizes. Some are large, some small, some banana-shaped and some straight. But when Tribal member Bryan Langley pulled a camouflage covered wiffle ball bat from his desk drawer, I wanted to run.

Then my interest took over. Using this cut-off bat and a reed in his mouth, Langley stood outside of the Adult Education building and gave me a brief demonstration of how to use various elk calling tools.

Langley recently placed second in the professional division of the Oregon Bow Hunters Elk Calling Championships held at Seven Feathers Casino on Saturday, March 26.

Competing in only his third competition, he faced nine other contestants and only fell short to the World Champion.

In February 2005, the World Championships were held at the Convention Center in Portland, Oregon where Langley placed sixth in the men's division facing 35 competitors.

"In order to win, you have to make all of the sounds that elk

make," said Langley. "You're trying to sound like the biggest and baddest elk out there."

Langley not only uses his bugling talents in competition, he

times a week, without even seeing an elk." said Langley. "After learning how to bugle, it's made hunting a little easier. We called in probably 20 bulls last year."

Langley said that he and his hunting partners will walk an average of 10 miles per day just to get that feeling of being close to a big bull or cow.

"It's a huge adrenaline rush," he said. "It's an awesome experience and it's fun."

Tribal member and Recreation & Project Specialist Shonn Leno said that he and Langley attended the same weekend workshop for elk hunting in the past.

"He has a knack for sounding as real as the animal he is calling,

whether it is a cow or a bull," said Leno. Choosing the right call can be difficult at times, said Langley.

"I carry a lot of calls because you don't know what a bull is going to respond to," he said, "but if you can get the cows to come, the bulls will usually follow."

Langley's favorite calls are the

cut-off wiffle ball bat for bugling and the "hoochie momma," which is a hand-held cow call.

In 2002, the Natural Resources Department allotted some property for an archery range because of high interest from local hunters. The range will soon be moved to the Davidson property on Old Fort Road. Langley, along with volunteers from the National Federation of Field Archery, will set up a course using 20 3D targets.

Langley has worked for the Tribe for about 14 years and has had several positions in different departments. Currently he is acting Manager for the Education Department.

Langley provided a final scenario to tantalize those who may be interested in bow hunting.

"You are standing on the top of a ridge as the first light of morning is creeping over the distant mountains. You let out a bugle and get a response from deep in the canyon below. You take a deep breath and return the challenge of the call.

If you want to feel the rush of a bull elk screaming down the back of your neck from only a few feet away, knowing you may or may not get a shot, then you have got to give bow hunting a try," said Langley.



Photo by Toby McClary

Bryan Langley

also uses them to hunt elk. His father, Tribal Elder Dale Langley, introduced him to the bow around 1990 and he has been bow hunting every year since. Being able to bugle has helped to bring in the bulls, said Langley.

"When I first started (hunting), I would go two or three days, some-

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