

# HUNTING THEN AND NOW



How can you not love old photo albums of hunting trips? The vintage clothing, gear, cars, and looks of pure joy on people's faces are a window into hunting's rich heritage. They remind you of a time when things were a bit slower and simpler. Yet as much as we cherish those classic nostalgia-inducing shots, it's also exciting to think that the photos we capture today will one day evoke that same sense of wonder in the next generation. They might laugh at our camo and wonder why we rode horses instead of strapping ourselves to a drone.

I learned deer hunting from my father, Earl Waters. He started deer hunting with his brother Bob in the 1950s. On his first hunt, he took a nice 150-class typical whitetail. The older picture is, left to right, of his brother Bob, my brother Jim, Dad, and my sister LouAnn. Dad talked me into trying deer hunting again in 1987 (I had tried as a teen but never harvested a deer). Dad worked with me on my hunting techniques, and I drew a buck tag. Because of my father, I was able to harvest my first deer, a new Kansas state record firearms non-typical (280-4/8 points). – Joseph Waters



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This is a photo of a buck that either my grandfather or his brother shot in 1935. They hunted for years near Crater Mountain in Northern California, east of Eagle Lake. This photo appeared in a hunting magazine in December 1935. The article was from a person doing a write-up on California deer hunting. My grandfather told me that his brother killed the deer, but that he did not want his image in a hunting magazine, so they gave a photo to the man writing the article of my grandpa. The hunters took many photos of their hunts out of the same camp they hunted for 10 or so years. According to the magazine article the outside spread of that deer was 35-7/8 inches. – Ray Papa



Steve Boero sent us these shots of his wife's family from Bieber, California, in the 1930s. Both bucks were shot in Northern California close to Bieber. The ladies in the picture, (Mary and Gertie) married brothers, Oral and Orie Gerig. "The young man is one of the brothers, but I'm not sure which. The wide buck is in my collection and scores 203," says Steve, who is no stranger to hunting. He took a Columbia blacktail deer in 2013 and a Coues' whitetail deer in 2003.

