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MEMBER

Spotlight

CAMERON REAM



Hello, my name is Cameron Ream, most friends call me Cam. I live in Harrisburg, PA and work for the best boss in the world at Mulhollems Taxidermy, formerly Trop Gun & Taxidermy in Middletown. My interest in taxidermy began when I was a little boy. I was amazed going to Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's. Seeing the dioramas and scenes with all the animals really puts you in that moment. I wanted to have every animal in North America mounted at that age but, an 8-year-old doesn't have the space to put them or know about the money it takes to have them done.

My grandfather, George Dean, took me on my first deer hunt. That first day, while watching a field, I made a pretty darn good 300 yard shot on a 4 point. We hobbled down to it - I was shaky kneed and excited. I walked up to it poked its eyes to see if its dead, and looked over it. I was very happy, amazed and kinda sad at the same time to see a wild animal up close like that. I can still remember how its hide was so soft and it was cool to see and touch how each body part moved and worked. Over the years, I shot a few more deer, played around and tanned their hides and thought about going into taxidermy.

I was and still am a very quiet bashful person -

till you get to know me! I had a school project due and eventually worked up the courage to ask the "taxidermy man" if I could watch him for a day for this project. One thing led to another and now I work for him most days. It has been a blessing, I love it and look forward to every day. It's not even a job, except dealing with stinky roadkill.

I started attending shows and competitions and have learned so much - but there's still so much more to learn. If anyone is on the fence of joining your state association & competing JUST DO IT! There's nothing to be afraid of - everyone has to learn and you don't learn or get any better by not joining up & going.

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