2016 HUNTER of the YEAR Robert "Bob" McCormick Sponsored by Series

Born in Lock Haven Pennsylvania, Bob as a young boy growing up in the mountains of central Pennsylvania enjoyed taking his trusty Daisy Red Ryder on "safari" into the woods behind his home. This nurtured a love for hunting, fishing, and roaming the mountains, rivers, and valleys.

His first Western Hunt was to Wyoming in 1973. He has hunted and fished in most Western States, but Bob has returned to Wyoming over 25 times as his favorite Sportsman's destination.

Bob is a supporter of the Wyoming Hunter Defense Fund, past President of the Tiadaghton Chapter of SCI, a Sponsor Member of RMEF, a member of the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Association in Dubois Wyoming, a member of Ducks Unlimited, a life member of the North American Hunting Club, and an active sponsor of the Southern Clinton County (PA) Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

Bob is a strong supporter of game management and conservation. He has taken part in Pennsylvania Game Commission Quality Deer Management Deer count surveys and supplemental feeding programs. He is a believer in introducing young hunters to our sport. He was hunting with his son Brian who at age 12 harvested his first Whitetail Buck. In 2015, Bob enrolled himself and his 9 year old Grandson Layne in the new Mentor Hunting Program through the Pennsylvania Game Commission. After many hours of practice, Layne, beside his Grandfather, was able to harvest his first Whitetail Buck. These two events are the highlights of Bob's hunting memories.

Bob is proud to have hunted with Jim Schell, Rough Country Outfitters and the Schell family for nearly 30 years. Three generations of the Schell family (Big Jim Schell, Sr., Jim Schell and Dusty Schell) have taken him to all four corners of the state to harvest mule deer, elk, antelope, whitetail and big horn sheep.

In 2006, Bob "won the lottery" after 13 years of applying for a Bighorn Sheep license, he told Jim that he was so thankful to draw the tag because Bob figured they would both be using a walker trying to climb Whiskey Mountain if and when he finally drew the tag. But after a successful hunt, Bob is still returning to Wyoming to hunt with Rough Country Outfitters year after year.

Bob has lived all his life with his wife of 47 years Ina in central Pennsylvania. Thank you to the Schell Family and to the Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association for the 2016 Hunter of the Year Award. I'm grateful for my hunting opportunities with Rough Country Outfitters.

