

# Performance Premixes Big Buck contest 2017

Dan Treen from May Par Farms is your overall winner of Performance Premixes Big Buck contest 2017

The summer of 2016 is when Dan laid his eyes on a 14 point monster buck on the trail camera. On the way to work in the field across the barn is when Dan saw the 14 point monster. Dan never saw him for the rest of the season.



(Dan's trail camera)

Dan's hunting goal for 2017 was to shot the 14 point monster buck. In the summer Dan set up his trail camera in a few places to find relive that the monster buck did not die over winter.

As the year went on, Dan kept seeing the monster buck on his trail camera; the buck had to be close. It was November 7<sup>th</sup> when the rain made Dan takes a break from combining Pioneer corn to grab his crossbow to go hunting. Its 4pm when Dan got to the tree stand by the hedgerow, not far from where Dan had put the trail camera for the last 2 years.

A doe 15 yards away, walked through the clover patch in front of Dan tree stand. It was the middle of rut season and Dan stayed patient waiting for 14 buck monster to chase after her. A

few minutes later an 8 point buck was chasing the doe. Dan thought about shooting the 8 point buck, but had his mind set on the 14 point monster, so he let the 8 point buck go.

Right behind the 8 point buck was the 14 point monster chasing after the 8 point buck. Dan waited for the monster to turn broad side 15 yards away to take his shot.

The monster had a green score of 158, 14 score able points and 2 “kickers” that were not an inch long



(Dan Treen with “the monster”)

## Youth North 1<sup>st</sup> place Jake Cronizer, Mount View Dairy

Every old hunter can tell you that his first big buck was shot with his dad. Jake can say that when he gets older as his dad (Eric Cronizer) guided him to shot an 8 point buck with a 14 ½ inch spread.

It was a warm morning when Jake and his dad went to sit on along a new Pioneer seeding they put in earlier this spring. Jake sitting still as a small spike comes out from the woods into the open field. Jake raised his 243 with a scope to size up the deer and confirmed the spike horn wasn't worth the shot.

Jake watching the small spike horn eat the new seeding as the 8 point buck comes walking out of the woods. Jake raised his gun and put the cross hairs on the buck and made the killing shot.



(Jake Cronizer 1<sup>st</sup> place youth north)

North Gun 2<sup>nd</sup> place Bob Cummings, Cummings Dairy

It was a cold raining day to sit in the tree blind during the peak of rut season. Bob saw 6 does and 2 small bucks when he first got to ground blind. Bob sitting in the ground blind watching the small bucks chase there does for 40 minutes before the king of the forest walked out into the open field.

The 10 point buck with the 13 inch spread came out of the woods checking out the does. The 10 point was broad side from about 180 yards away. Bob raised his 7MM to make the killing shot!



(Bob Cummings, north gun 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Youth south 1<sup>st</sup> place Lucas DiNitto, DiNitto Farms

Lucas 18 year's old dad (Tony DiNitto) tells Lucas to go hunting. Lucas picks a tree stand that is in the thick of the woods but was able to sneak in quickly as a corn field was 100 yards away that hasn't been picked at the time.

Within 5 minutes a big 8-point buck walks within 60 yards of the tree stand. Lucas puts his gun up waiting for an opportunity to pull the trigger. The 8-point buck walks in a shoot range and Lucas took his shot. The deer falls, Lucas hurrying to load up the muzzleloader, but wasn't quick enough to take another shot and the deer took off running! Lucas calls dad for help but they could not find the buck that night.

Regretting not taking a better shot, Lucas got up early the next morning with dad and Uncle Joe DiNitto to track down the buck. Hunting legend Joe DiNitto (author of ADK Trackers) was able to find the buck track.

After some helping tracking from dad (Tony DiNitto) and Uncle Joe, Lucas saw some blood on the fence. Dad went one way, uncle Joe went the other way, and Lucas stood at the fence ready for the buck to come back around for the kill shot. Lucas saw dad 20 yards away left up his gun. Lucas sneaks over to dad to see the 8-point buck with the 17inch spread and has 7inch tins standing still for a moment. Lucas didn't waste any time and made the killing shot.



(Lucas left, and father Tony Dinitto right)

North gun 1<sup>st</sup> place Wayne Rutz, Brabant Farms

Wayne got home from work around 5pm. Wayne waited for his girlfriend to come home from work. Wayne girlfriend encouraged him to go hunting on the warm 70 degree evening.

Wayne and his girlfriend went to the 4foot by 4foot hunting shack. At 6pm they saw a small deer in the distance. Wayne kept his eye on the small deer, while his girlfriend saw what it looked like a 8 point buck 350 yards away.

Wayne heart is starting to pump faster as the big buck kept walking towards them. Wayne tries to slowly move his gun into shooting position in the small hunting shack without making much noise. The big buck turned broad side at 250 yards away when Wayne took the killing shot with his 300 win mag Thomas Center. The buck fell right down. When Wayne and his girlfriend walked up to the deer they notice it was an 11 point buck with a 17inch spread.



(Wayne Rutz, north gun winner 2017)

South gun 1<sup>st</sup> place Justin Teel, Teel Farms

It was opening day when Justin went to the tree stand around 2PM. In the distance Justin could hear the neighbor driving his four-wheeler hunting on the family farm behind the barn (which the neighbor has permission).

With 45 minutes left of hunting light, when the deer seem to be moving around. The neighbor walks up to Justin tree and says hi. Justin quietly says hi and the neighbor kept talking. Not wanting to be rude Justin gets down from the tree stand to call it a day of hunting.

As Justin and the neighbor were talking, it was getting dark. Justin notices the 14inch spread and 9-point buck 150 yards away in the field by the tree line. Justin made the difficult shot with his 30-06 Remington his Father Gary Teel gave to Justin as Justin graduated basic training from the Army. Justin currently serves in the Army reserves.



(Justin Teel, 1<sup>st</sup> place southern gun)

South gun 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dan Davis, Vail Bros LLC

6:15am on the second weekend of gun season when Dan found a big hemlock tree to sit under for his hunt. Early into his hunt Dan saw a couple does walk 30 yards away from the hemlock tree.

15 minutes later is when Dan saw the 8 point buck with the 14inch spread. Dan raised his 30-06 gun to take his shot, the buck fall right down. A few minutes went by before Dan made his way to the buck. When Dan notice the deer was still barely breathing. Dan pulled out his 41meg pistol to make sure the deer was dead.

All this happened before 7:30. What a great way to start the day!



(Dan Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> place south winner)

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