

# 2008 Honorary Lifetime Member

## Win Condict



Float plane fishing in Alaska



Kotzebue, Alaska about 1960, hunting Polar Bear with Piper Super Cub on skis. Left - Sam Pancoto, Chicago, IL, big game hunter. Middle - Win Condict Right - Denny Thompson, old time Alaska pilot and guide.



1 week of lion hunting. Wynn Condict as a boy.

Win Condict, 1941 - 16 years old. Deer taken at 'Round Hill', French Creek. 42" spread



Win Condict was born in 1925 on the family ranch at Saratoga. He started hunting as a young boy and as he grew so did his love for hunting.

He is one of the original Charter members of the Wyoming Outfitters Association. He is a Charter member of FNAWS. He belonged to Safari Club International when that organization was first founded by CJ McIlroy, whom he guided on several hunts.

One of his first clients went deer hunting with him in 1950 after his stint in the navy. When he came home from the service he purchased one of the first 4-wheel drive army surplus jeeps. Many of the two-track roads in the North Platte Valley were made with that jeep during the fall hunting seasons.

Although born into a ranching family, guiding hunters soon became his real passion. He always told me guiding certainly paid better in those early days.

Lion hunting and working the dogs was surely one of his favorite times of the year. He spent at least four months of every season in the Utah Bookcliffs, Northern Colorado and Wyoming. In between clients he somehow found time to place 7 lions in the Boone & Crockett Record Book himself. I once asked him how many lions "had he taken", and he replied, "I stopped counting at one thousand". He guided his last lion hunter at age 78 and said he enjoyed just being out and following the dogs.

Sheep hunting was probably his second passion. Win had three wilderness camps by Dubois and Cody. After hunting sheep all over North America he even ventured to Nepal and Mongolia.

Sometime in the late 1950's he went hunting in Alaska and spent over 40 years flying and guiding in the spring for moose, caribou, Kodiak and Polar Bear. He logged over 15,000 hours flying. We have been able to preserve on film many of his hunts with his Piper Super Cub for polar bear above the Arctic Circle in the 1960's. His most favored hunting in Alaska was done gunning wolves out of a Super Cub.

When September and October came he always made it back to Wyoming to guide for sheep and later mule deer, antelope and elk. With the once long and liberal deer seasons, he guided many clients to trophy deer and amassed a truly world class collection of trophy deer himself.

In the fall of 2004 after surviving a severe plane crash, piloted by his son-in-law, at our lodge in Dubois, he suffered a stroke. To this day he still talks about flying again and getting better to help guide hunters in the fall. Although he taught several people how to fly he introduced hundreds to the great outdoors and the time-honored sport of hunting. Several of his clients and their children continue to come out west to hunt and experience what Wyoming has to offer, whether it is in the plains or the rough and formidable mountains. He truly loved outfitting and all the great adventures he experienced during seemingly countless Wyoming hunting seasons.

Thank you WYOGA for bestowing this honor upon him.