

### *The Lumenoc Debate*

At the 2010 AGM, a motion was passed to officially adopt the Pope & Young Club's "Rules Of Fair Chase" for the Alberta Bowhunters Association and our Game Awards Program. Many ABA members and executive are also members, official measurers, committee members of the P&Y Club. It is felt that the P&Y Rules of Fair Chase cover the bases very well and would serve as a great starting point for our own "rules".

After announcing this and outlining some of the things allowed/not allowed, we got quite a bit of feedback on a certain piece of equipment that our members felt should be allowed that currently is not. The consensus seems to be that "Lumenocs" do not give the hunter an unfair advantage. There is the notion that these lighted nocs may influence hunters to "just get an arrow into the animal and then follow the light." This may be true in some cases but the majority of feedback we got indicated that these nocs are very helpful in following the arrow's flight, especially with today's faster bows, allowing hunters to better see flight for tuning/hunting purposes and point of impact. Allows easier arrow retrieval after the shot to interpret sign on the arrow and make decisions as to tracking and recovery.

There will be a motion at the 2011 AGM (1:30 – 4:30) in Red Deer (Red Deer Lodge) to allow Lumenocs ( or other lighted nocs) in the ABA "Rules of Fair Chase". Members who think they should be allowed/not allowed should take this as an invitation to present their case to the membership at this meeting. A vote will be taken and if passed, the necessary changes will be made. If you have an opinion on the issue, make sure you attend the meeting and make yourself heard.