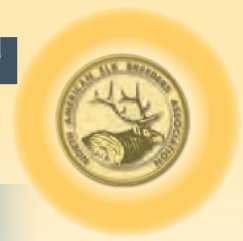


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SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

SEMINAR: Scoring School.

Measuring antler is an important part of the elk industry, from scoring hard antler trophy bulls or cataloging production within the herd. This seminar features tips and instructions while offering a few hands-on examples to examine different antler sets and talk about where to make marks and other critical decisions. Whether you are new or experienced in scoring antlers, this is a great way to build and/or brush up on your scoring skills.

SEMINAR: Offense! Regulatory Strategies and Victories – Travis Lowe, NAEBA Executive Director.

A core function of NAEBA is its advocacy efforts to improve regulatory climates to allow elk ranches to prosper. 2024 is seeing a trend of offensive efforts led by NAEBA and local partners working to proactively improve the rules governing elk ranches and commerce. This seminar gives examples of several recent victories for the elk industry that offer profound impacts and how members worked at the local level to make them a reality.

SEMINAR: Elk Genome Update – Dr. Christopher Seabury, Texas A&M University.

For several years the elk industry has awaited the creation of the elk genome to better identify existing genetic lines that may offer protection from Chronic Wasting Disease. As Dr. Seabury completes the array and interprets the genome for the benefit of the elk industry's future, he will provide members a timely update this August.

SEMINAR: Moving Forward with the Elk Genome – Travis Lowe, NAEBA Executive Director.

Dr. Seabury's research suggests the elk genome can identify genetic lines with enhanced protection against Chronic Wasting Disease. This seminar leads a discussion on how this may be implemented for the elk industry in practice.

SEMINAR: Marketing With Drones. In today's fast growing technology world, many businesses utilize drones to market their products. In the elk industry, ranches are using drones to capture incredible videos and photographs of bulls and herds in beautiful landscapes. This seminar offers thoughts about how to promote your animals in their best light while also making sure representations of the elk ranching industry are professional.

SEMINAR: Medications and Supplies to Have on Hand.

For elk owners, keeping animals healthy is a primary objective. While animal health challenges vary greatly from herd to herd, ranches should be prepared for basic prevention and treatment measures. This seminar provides a basic guide for supplies and products an elk ranch should have on hand so they can quickly address a growing concern.

PANEL SEMINAR: How Did You Start Your Ranch and What Changes Would You Make?

This panel seminar features seasoned elk ranchers willing to share their story of creating their elk ranch and what they have learned over the years. Having the benefit of hindsight, what would they change? What steps or processes, designs or business plans would be different if they could start over? For anyone new in the industry or those looking for ways to improve, don't miss the chance to learn from others' experiences.

SEMINAR: Breeding 101: Basic Breeding Principals.

Requested by newer ranch owners, this seminar opens discussion on how to steer a breeding program. How do you select a breeding sire? Timelines? What kind of calving season can you expect? This seminar will tackle many of these questions and more.

PANEL SEMINAR: Designing Handling Facilities - What We Would Do Differently.

This panel offers a similar theme to learn from members' experiences. Working elk can be one of the most challenging tasks on the ranch whether it is a routine herd test, annual inspection, or artificial insemination. Proper handling facilities work to keep you and your animals safe with minimal stress. While the NAEBA handbook offers plenty of thoughts, this panel discusses their ideas for best practices when handling elk. How many box stalls should be leading to your chute? Raceway? Holding areas? Trailer loadouts? There is plenty to discuss!

SEMINAR: History of NAEBA – Ray Favero, Ph.D., Whitetail Genetics.

Through NAEBA's 34 years, the association has seen numerous phases of the elk industry, ranging from the development of elk ranching to regulatory hurdles, creation of new markets, the breed registry, the international antler competition, just to name a few, and the community of relationships built along the way. This seminar works to tell the story of NAEBA's role in its mission to promote, protect and enhance the North American elk industry.