

LOS CAZADORES



Turning Memories Into Wearable Art

By Larry Weishuhn

A few years ago at the annual Dallas Safari Club Convention, the finest hunter oriented gathering in the world, I stood admiring some scrimshaw artistry when I heard a very gracious and astute lady comment, "You've looked at that bolo tie numerous times (referring to a gorgeous and monstrous whitetail buck scrimshawed on a piece of mammoth

ivory)." I nodded an affirmative, while looking at the other fabulous scrimshawed bolo ties, knife handles and other things of great interest to me. As I continued to gaze upon the whitetail bolo she told me, "My husband does these near Alamosa, Colorado. He's been doing scrimshaw and antler carving since 1967." Before she could say any more I quickly said, "I'll take this one," noticing a guy starting to eye 'my whitetail bolo tie'.

As I said I started a conversation with both Ms. Mary and Tom High about how much I liked and appreciated his artistry. Ms. Mary and Tom quickly turned the conversation to hunting and that's when I learned both are serious hunters. That was a the start of a long distance friendship.

Since that time I have bought numerous other items from Ms. Mary and Tom High at Rocky Mountain Scrimshaw. I've also had Tom do several special pieces for me, meaning bolo ties that feature individual critters I've taken such as the 58 inch long, 57 inch wide greater kudu I shot in Zimbabwe a few years ago, as well as a monstrous caribou I shot in Alaska. I'm now waiting for Tom to finish a bolo tie that features the biggest typical whitetail I've ever shot which grossed 194 4/8 as a typical 10. All are beautifully and exact miniatures of those great animals. Each piece, be it a hunting knife, buckle, bolo tie, or jewelry is an uniquely individual piece unlike any other. ■

If you would like to see more of Tom High's artistry please log on to www.rockymountain scrimshaw.com.

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