

Here is a photo of the buck I took November 11, 2000 at 27 paces with my Lenoard Day Swivel Breech, .54 cal. I was hunting with Dennis Landwehr on a closed, aldered in road system. Dennis first spotted this buck from 150 yards above us on the old road. Dennis and I laid down and let him take his time walking to us. It was incredible to sit there and watch the antlers first appear over the horizon then the deer and finally watch him slowly stroll closer. I finally yelled at the buck to get him to stop and raise his head. I shot him in the neck, center in the lower white throat patch. He stayed on his feet and charged past Dennis and I at about 5 feet finally dying at the base of the road's cutbank on the lower spur 40 feet away. The roundball penetrated his neck, through the brisket, taking off the top of the heart, through a lung, finally stopping against the femur in the left rear ham. So much for penetration of a round ball. The ball was basically undeformed with the weave of the patch still visible in the lead. The buck green scored 103 1/8" netting 95", of course it will shrink some with drying. It is currently #4 in the Longhunter Record Book, but that may change with drying. The tooth wear suggested that he was 5 1/2 years old. I believe this is the oldest buck I have taken. I estimated that the buck field dressed 150#. He was in excellent shape with alot of fat (white fat) reserves. Nice way to break in a new rifle. Note...The buck finally scored 103 3/8" gross and 92 3/8" net.

