

Firenock Review by Christine Appleberg, October 27, 2008
Firenock GSH (GS)

I'm back from the hunting trip that Deb Knoff and I took down in Brown County, IL. We went to a place called Hunting Unlimited Inc. Larry Hanold, *owns* the 900 acres of vineyard and hunting paradise and offers a discounted women's only bowhunt. We had a really good time and saw several deer even though it was windy and rainy for a good portion of the trip.

It was the second morning and it had been raining off and on and finally became a steady rain. I had already had a spike walk by and a doe and fawn passed by just a bit later. Then I see antlers coming up the trail. One side looked good but the left side looked to be missing two points. I grab for my little camera instead of getting ready to shoot. The buck comes up the trail and is exactly 20 yards away. I try to get a couple pictures of him but the rain prevents my camera from focusing. As he stands there, he turns and looks behind him. I look to see if there is anything else coming up the trail but I don't see anything. However, I do notice that he actually has a pretty neat rack. He starts to walk again and I almost panic as I put my camera back in my pocket, lift the bow, clip on the release, draw, aim and shoot. I almost managed to do all that in a pretty smooth manner. Go me

The rain changed from steady to downpour right when I shot him. I didn't have any trouble seeing where the arrow hit because I was using a lighted nock (Firenock). That was cool too. It looked to be a perfect heart shot, but the arrow hit the far leg and there was no exit hole.

I climbed down almost immediately to be sure I wouldn't lose the blood trail in the rain. Even with just the entrance hole, the blood trail was good and I found the buck easily, tho' he did manage to go just over 100 yards.

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