

Cast



CLAY HAYES

Season 1

Season 8: Winner

Age: 40 State: Idaho

Profession: Professional Bowyer & Hunter

Clay Hayes has been a lifelong student of the woods. Growing up in the rural pine woods of northwest Florida, he honed hunting, fishing and trapping skills that would serve him for the rest of his life. He has always been drawn to hunter-gatherer cultures and their self-reliant lifestyle. As a child in the Florida backwoods, he practiced those primitive skills and dreamed of someday living a similar life in the Rocky Mountains.

Those childhood dreams eventually led him into a career as a wildlife biologist. He has worked in some of the most remote and beautiful landscapes in the lower 48. Even after seven years of college and ten years in a job, Clay's true passion was always primitive and traditional archery. In 2017, he left a biology career behind to focus on teaching primitive bow building and archery

through online videos and in-person classes. Since building his first successful bow in 1999, Clay has introduced tens of thousands of people to traditional and primitive archery through his books, magazine articles and online videos.

Clay lives with his wife Liz and two sons, Coye and Fen, on their homestead in North Idaho. Together they hunt, fish, forage and grow a large garden. Raising their two boys in close connection with the Earth, with a practical understanding of nature and a sense of self-reliance, is important to both Clay and Liz.

