

# Butting and Cleaning Boars

The Team Shimanami Wild Boar Utilization started getting rid of boars to lessen the damage to crops. They process the boars for food. They say the meat tastes softer and better than that in other areas. It doesn't smell as bad as it's thought to be. The key is in how to gut and clean them...



## ★ We interviewed Mr. Takahashi, an authority of gutting!

Q. What's your motto in hunting, gutting and cleaning boars?

A. First, I try to process them swiftly to maintain the good quality. Also, I'm making efforts to improve my skills.

Q. What process is the most trying for you?

A. Skinning them takes much time. I spend about 40 percent of the whole time skinning.

Q. In which season can you hunt them the most?

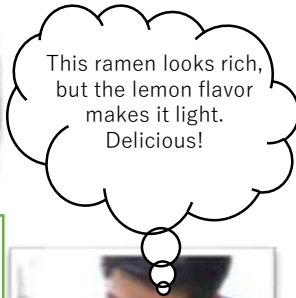
A. The peak is in winter, when they put on more fat. On the other hand, I can hunt the least in summer.

# Shishi-Kotsu Ramen

This ramen is cooked in the stock from the meat and bone of boars. We gave it a try!



The ramen shop opened along the front approach to Oyamazumi Shrine(5515, Miyaura Omishima) in April 2018.



This ramen looks rich, but the lemon flavor makes it light. Delicious!



## ★ We interviewed Mr. Yoshii Ryo, the master.

Q. What motivated you to cook ramen?

A. Ramen is my favorite, and trying the combination of flavors is a lot of fun. Also, there are no ramen shops here, and I heard the bones are thrown away.

Q. What are you careful about when cooking ramen?

A. I try to use as much ingredients made in Japan as I can. Plus, I use no artificial seasoning.

# Crafts from Boar Leather



Mr. Shigenobu Mikihiro has lived here in Omishima for four years. After working as a "Local Vitalization Cooperator" for three years, he has been producing practical items such as accessories, key chains, wallets etc.

Now he runs his own craft shop with his wife, who is a designer.

## ★ We interviewed Mr. Shigenobu !

Q. Why did you start producing leather goods? How's everything going with you?

A. My wife and I have wanted to make handicrafts in a countryside. I'm also satisfied that my children can see us working nearby.

Q. What is important for you about your handicrafts?

A. I care about the designs seen only in Ehime. Besides, I'm trying to spread the word that my goods are easy to use.

## His handicrafts

By sending the boar skin caught in Omishima to a processor in Tokyo, he has it tanned and dyed. That hide is made into great works. Boar hide is **light and tough**. In addition, it **breathes so well** that it feels **soft** even after getting wet. The original **Mandarin Orange Series** sell well!

Aromatic pendants, key chains, hair ties and magnets are popular. How about getting a pair of baby shoes and a vest as a gift for your children?!



## Shops Where We Can Buy Their Items

● Omishima ▲ Oshima  
■ Ikuchijima Island

- Citrus&Aroma Shima Kobo ● Omishima Limone
- Omishima Coffee Roastery ▲ Pompoko Jaya[Teahouse] ▲ Mitsubachi
- ▲ Tomoura Site ■ Bicycle Café Bar Shiomachitei
- ◆ Product for "benefit-your-locality" tax system in Imabari City