

The Whispering Shaft

Quarterly Newsletter of the

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Carolina Traditional Archers



Keeping The Tradition Alive

NCBA Chapter of the Year!

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 Mission Statement 

The mission of the Carolina Traditional Archers is the preservation and promotion of the ancient art of traditional archery through club activities and educational interactions with others. Members will adhere to the highest ethical standards in their support, practice, promotion and preservation of traditional archery and bow hunting. The Carolina Traditional Archers support sound wildlife management principles and seek opportunities to aid conservation efforts.

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*Letter from the President*

CTA Members,

As another year comes to an end, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of our members for your continued support of CTA. **It's our members that make this organization great.**

I would also like to take this time to spotlight the many positive achievements of our organization in 2011:

- CTA was recognized as Chapter Club of the Year by the NC Bowhunters Association.
- CTA continued its commitment to archery and bowhunting through a \$500.00 donation to NCBA and the Compton Traditional Bowhunters.
- NCTAC continued to have success with 308 registered shooters.
- Our commitment to wildlife conservation continued with an adoption of another wildlife food plot at Kerr Scott Reservoir.
- Our commitment to involve kids in archery continued with the annual archery clinic at Sunshine Elementary School. About 45 children were introduced to traditional archery.
- Our desire to expand traditional archery in the region will continued with an annual donation of an archery related book and one year subscription to Traditional Bowhunter Magazine to a local library. This initiative was approved this year and will begin in 2012.
- We continued to have exceptional attendance at our monthly shoots.
- The Bowhunter Club Road project was completed and now our members can travel without experiencing potholes and mud.
- Expansion of our ranges and the inclusion of a running target.
- Offering our members a 3-day deer hunt at Kerr Scott WMA with camping and showers/restroom facilities at no cost to members.

Many thanks to all of you that contributed your time to CTA in 2011!

Dave Haggist

Cover: The Christmas Tree in CTA Member Charles Suttles' den.

Photo by Charles Suttles

2011 Calendar Of Events

October 8—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

October 20-22 — Club Hunt, Kerr Scott Reservoir

November 12— Club Coon Shoot, 5pm-9pm, Maiden

December 3—CTA Workday, 8am-noon, Maiden

December 10—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

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January 7—Herb Reynolds Memorial Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden



Attention!

Beginning in January, our monthly Club Shoots will be held on the FIRST Saturday of the month.

Holding Club Shoots on the second Saturday of the month, as has been the **Club's tradition, conflicts with the opening day of deer archery season in September, the opening day of deer gun season in November, and the opening day of turkey season in April.** Second-Saturday Shoots also conflict with the STAR Shoot in Virginia in June, and the large ATAR shoot in West Virginia in July, and the Western Carolina shoot in August. The Board has approved moving our Club Shoots to the first Saturday of the month, eliminating these conflicts, and give deer and turkey hunters a chance to sharpen their skills the weekend before opening day!



Cecelia Gets a Trad Bow!...

By Tony Lail

Every month on the traditional archery website forum Tradgang.com, the owner of Black Swan archery in Vermont asks for those who either have kids or know kids that need a bow, to put their name in the pot for two Mad Dog pup bows. The only rules are when the child out grows the bow, they need to pass it on for another child to use, or return it.

I won one of the Black Swan children bows in July, and brought the bow to the August shoot to find a child who did not have a bow. As my daughter Katie and I were coming out of the woods after shooting, we saw a small girl with her family at target three. Her brothers were shooting, but she was not. I asked if she had a bow.

She said no, and "my brothers are too mean to let me shoot theirs".

I said "You do now!" and gave her the bow.

The smile on her face was priceless, and reminded me of how Katie looked twenty or so years ago when she received her first bow. We also gave Cecelia a back quiver and some **arrows (the quiver was Katie's as a child)**. As you can see in the picture, she was very pleased. It is the reason for me that I still shoot traditional, to pass it on to another generation.



Just as a foot note to this story,

I asked her brother to see his bow, and it was one that my son Joshua had shot as a boy that was **donated for the Kid's Shoot door prize earlier this year. So it really pleases me to see the next generation shooting, and knowing that we have contributed to it just a bit. We may not be able to make a difference in every ones life, but we sure did in Cecelia's that day....**

...and Jim Gets a Bucket of Flint!

For years CTA member Jim Jordan has generously supplied knapped points for the NCTAC trophies. Additionally, he has procured the obsidian, novaculite, flint, and other rock at his own expense. This year member Joe Henz—who was going to the big Flint Ridge Knap-In in Ohio—proposed to the Board that CTA purchase some flint at the Knap-In. A large bucket of heat-treated, colorful flint was presented to Jim at the September Club Shoot as a token of the club's appreciation for Jim's years of hard work and support. Look for some pretty flint points on next year's trophies!



Jim Jordan (seated, at left) receives a bucket of heat-treated Ohio flint from Joe Henz at the September Club Shoot.



Call for Leadership!

Candidates needed for CTA Officer positions.



Enjoy our monthly club shoots and the annual NCTAC? Well, they don't happen by themselves! It takes the work of many CTA members, and our Officers play a key role. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring for the following positions to be voted on in February:

President: Runs CTA meetings, sets agenda and goals, and primary planner and leader of NCTAC.

Vice-President: Performs the duties of the President in his or her absence or at his or her request. Active volunteer in Club activities, including NCTAC.

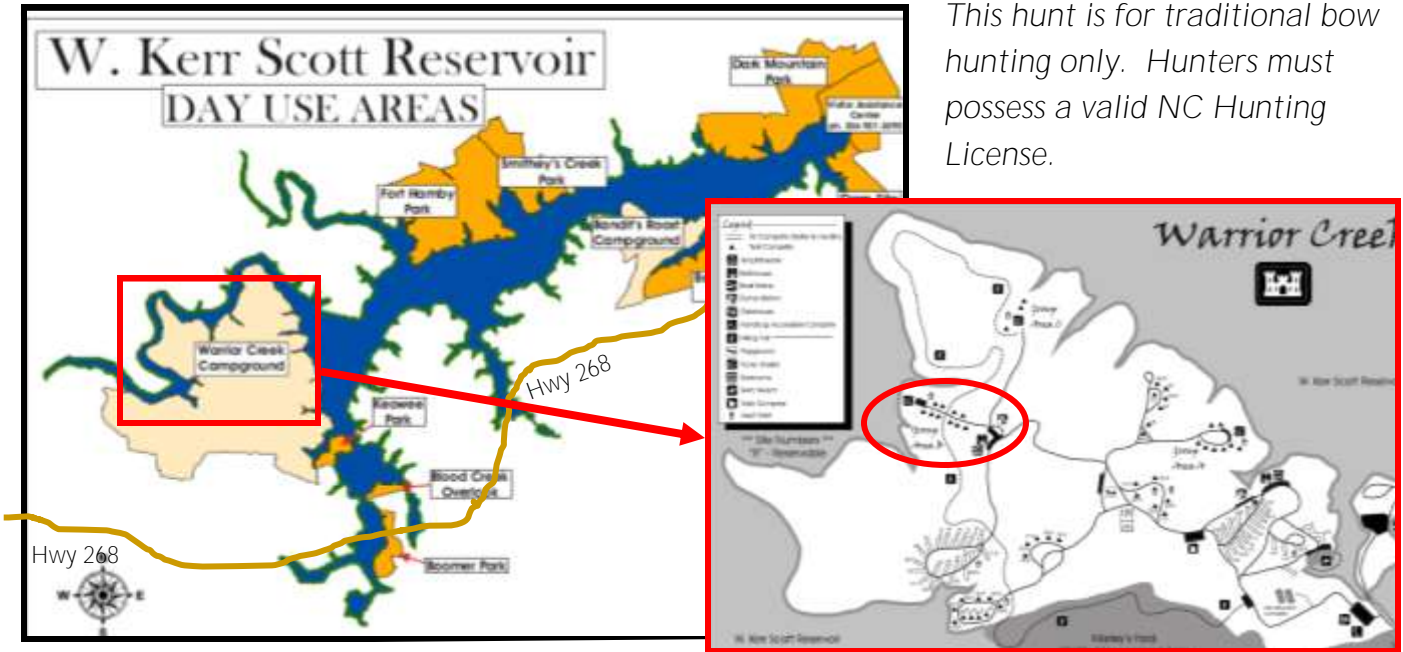
Member of the Board (2 positions open): Attend quarterly Board meetings, review and approve business, policy, and goals set forth by President. Set up and run at least one Club Shoot during the year.

If you're prepared to work hard (and have fun!) keeping CTA great and making it better, contact Joe Henz at jhenz@thecta.org or approach any club officer at the next Club Shoot.

October Club Hunt - Oct. 20-22

CTA will once again sponsor a hunt in the Warrior Creek WMA at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro, NC. The folks at Kerr Scott are graciously allowing us exclusive use of campsite B at Warrior Creek Campground. Entry to the campground will be via a keypad code. If you are interested in participating please RSVP Dave Haggist at (704) 435-0265. He will then give you the keypad code the week of the event.

This hunt is for traditional bow hunting only. Hunters must possess a valid NC Hunting License.



CTA Donates Food Plot on Smithey's Creek WMA



A new food plot was planted at Kerr Scott's Smithey's Creek Wildlife Management Area. Two-and-a-half acres were tilled and planted in wheat, clover, chicory, and turnips. Charles Suttles donated the seed on behalf of CTA. Dave Haggist did the tilling—just before the long rainy period we got in September! As you can see from the before and after photos below, the seeds have already sprouted!

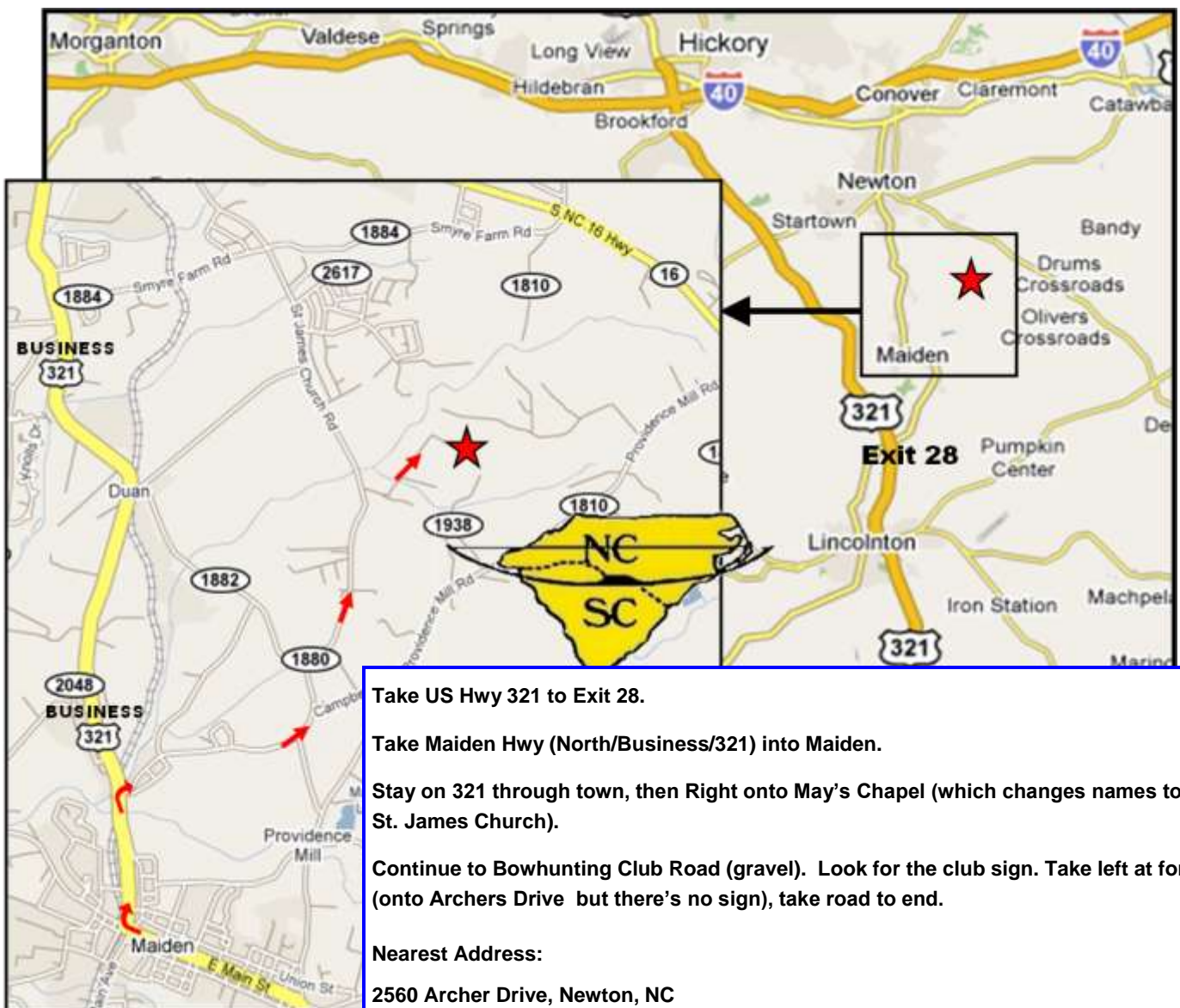


About our Club Shoots

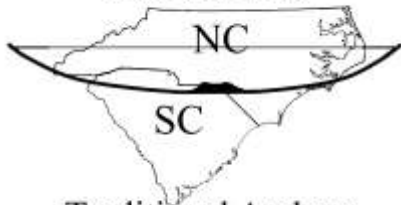
Our monthly Club Shoots are loads of fun! If you like **traditional archery, or even if you're just curious as to what traditional archery is all about, you owe it to yourself to check us out. It's an event the whole family can enjoy!**

All club shoots are held at the Foothills BowHunters/CTA range in Maiden NC. Shoots have about 20 3-D animal targets. All the foam targets are in the woods, amongst the trees, which makes for a realistic and very pleasant setting.

Shoots cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Meal is included with the price of admission, and first-time visitors shoot and eat for free!



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