

The Whispering Shaft

The Newsletter of the

C A R O L I N A T R A D I T I O N A L A R C H E R S

Dear CTA Members,

We have been blessed with good weather and have had 3 excellent shoots. But the fun is far from over with the granddaddy of all traditional events; the NC Traditional Archery Championship in May. We need you help during the NC Traditional Archery Championship! Please make yourself available even if it's only for a couple hours. The revenue generated at this event goes towards improvements for CTA in the form of new targets, improved facilities, etc. Two work days are scheduled for May 17th and the 22nd 2008 from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. **And we will feed you!** We also need some help at the raffle ticket booth during the event. Again if you can spare a couple hours to support CTA it will be greatly appreciated and it will in turn improve your enjoyment of the club.

If you have not visited the CTA web site; www.thecta.org you are missing out on a real treat and a great source of information. Improvements to the site continue and your input is needed. In the **Photo Galley** page we have added the following new links; **Our History:** This site is a photo/document essay of past CTA events. If you have old photos or documents of CTA events or members please get these to Marie Blackburn, mblackburn@wilkes.net. It's unlikely that you will have them in a digital format, so mail the originals for scanning and she will be sure to return them. (**Marie Blackburn, 1895 Beaver Creek Road, Boomer NC 28606**) **Photos of the Hunt:** This site is an essay of successful traditional archery harvests. Again we need your photos. Using the posting criteria, email digital photos or send the originals photos to Marie for scanning. **Bow Hiking:** A photo essay displaying the beauty of nature. Whether you are out stump shooting, hiking, or taking nature photos during a hunting trip this is the spot to display them so that all of our members can live your experience. **In all cases please include a brief description of the photo and the date.** **The Conservation Page:** This page is devoted to keeping our members informed about issues that affect hunting and wildlife. If you have not done so already please join the *Camo Coalition*. It's free and you will automatically receive an email alert when issues that affect wildlife occur.

We need your plastic grocery bags. We use them to stuff practice bales and to make backups for 3D targets. Just bring your clean grocery bags to the CTA range for collection.

Please make a point to remove all broken arrows and other debris from the range. A lot of effort has gone into cleaning up the facility and making it esthetically pleasing during the shoots. A little effort during each shoot prevents a major clean up later.

Don't miss your opportunity to have the "best looking traditional archery shirt ever." Designed by CTA member Jim Vogt, these shirts are going fast. They are \$15.00 each and available at the club shoots.

Most of you know that on March 25, 2008, I will begin a thru hike of the Appalachian Trail. This journey covers 14 states from Georgia to Maine and 2,174 miles. I will be absent from club activities for about 5 months. If you are interested in following my hike just link to my journal at: <http://www.trailjournals.com/Recurve/>

As always, I want to thank all of our members for your support of CTA.

Best regards,
Dave Haggist

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

As many of you already know, the Officers and Board of Directors have approved a set of By-Laws that will be used to govern our club. If anyone would like to review the By-Laws they may do so at any club event or they may request a copy from the club secretary. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding this matter they should contact an Officer or Director before October 2008. The By-Laws will be formally adopted in October 2008.

CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Carolina Traditional Archers is the promotion of traditional archery and bow hunting. Members will adhere to the highest ethical standards whether in the field or on the range and hold in reverence the traditions and history of archery.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2008 Club Shoot/Activity Schedule

May 17- STAC workday at Catawba Valley Wildlife Club, 8:00-12:00 PM
May 22- STAC workday at Catawba Valley Wildlife Club, 8:00-12:00 PM
May 23, 24, 25- North Carolina Traditional Archery Championship
June 14- Club Shoot (Trade Day, See Below)
July 12- Bow Hunter Education Course
August 9- Club Shoot
September 13- Club Shoot
October (TBA)- Club Hunt at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir
November 8- Club Shoot
December 13- Club Shoot

All club shoots will be held at the Foothills BowHunters/CTA range in Maiden NC. Shoots will be 20 to 25 3D animal targets with dinner included.

* The June shoot will be Trade Day. Bring all of your items to trade to the shoot, any and all archery or hunting items are welcome.

Sissipahaw Traditional Archers

2008 Shoot Schedule

May 17 9:00am-3:00pm
August 16 (Pig Pickin) 9:00am-3:00pm

For more information visit www.stacgang.org

The Whispering Shaft, Carolina Traditional Archers (CTA) newsletter, will be published on a quarterly schedule. All members are encouraged to submit articles and tasteful photographs about issues of interest to traditional archers and bow hunters. CTA Officers and Directors reserve the right to refuse or edit any material submitted for publication that they deem detrimental to traditional archery/bow hunting or the Carolina Traditional Archers.

WESTERN CAROLINA ARCHERY CIRCUIT

2008 Traditional Shoot Schedule

May 3- Blue Ridge Bowhunters, Contact: Ken Penley 828-683-9545

July 19 & 20- Powder Creek, Contact: Ken Phillips 828-891-3612

August 16- Western Carolina, Contact: Charles Henn 828-684-2636

Hunting the Collared Peccary

After two days of riding and 1650 miles, my dad, Robert Poole, Gerald Shields and I found ourselves in Sierra Blanca, Texas to hunt collared peccary or better know in Texas as javelina. We hunted with Ken Ostren on Joe Taman's ranch. We arrived about 10:30 on a



Friday morning and put our gear in the bunk house and started out on our hunt. We drove about a half a mile into the ranch and parked the truck. Gerald and I got out and walked across a flat shooting at some jack rabbits along the way. Gerald killed two and then I saw some javelinas on the side of the hill. They were working across the hill so we started out after them. We followed them to a large boulder that was about the size of the truck where they held up under it in the shade. I put an arrow on my string and stalked around the boulder until I could get a shot. It was dark under the rock, but I could see one on the left side. I drew my 65 lb. bighorn recurve to full draw and let it fly, hitting the Javelina! He died under the rock,

but before he did, I nearly got run over by the over three coming out from under the rock. Gerald took a shot at them as they ran past, but he missed. I ended up with nine cottontails and a javelina. Gerald got two javelinas and two jack rabbits. My dad got one javelina and some rabbits too. It was a great hunt and my first kill with a bow!

Submitted By Ben Poole, Salisbury NC : Photos Below; Robert Poole, left; Gerald Shields, Right





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"I Know..... It's not a passion, it's an obsession." "But the kids have not seen you in three days!"