

# The Whispering Shaft

The Newsletter of the

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CTA Members,

2007 was an awesome year for CTA and on behalf of the club officers I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your participation in club events. This past year saw several positive changes for CTA that I would like to spotlight.

**Foothills Bow Hunters Partnership**-CTA members now have a permanent home and a beautiful piece of property to hold club events. This arrangement also benefits Foothills Bow Hunters by providing needed financial support and help maintaining this property.

**Increased Attendance at CTA Events**-Attendance at club shoots was at an all time high in 2007. One clear example was our November shoot which had nearly 40 shooters. During the previous year we had approximately 10 shooters. Also, attendance remained high throughout the year.

**CTA Web Page**-Without reservation, I can say we have one of the best archery club web sites in existence. This is further validated by the nearly 4000 visitors to the site since it began in January 2007. I'm also please to report further enhancements to the site in the near future that will further secure CTA as a premier archery organization.

**Targets**-Targets available at our events continue to improve both in variety and quality. We have made a commitment to auction worn targets and purchase new ones each year.

**Step Up to the Plate**-This program was a tremendous success this past year with nearly 40 members assisting with club events. It's great to see this level of commitment from our members but more importantly it shows how healthy we are as an organization. During this year's Awards Banquet, \$300.00 in archery merchandise will be given away and members who earned 20 points will have a chance at those prizes.

**2007 NC Traditional Archery Championship**-Attendance was at an all time high with over 330 shooters. A review of surveys completed by participants rated this event as excellent and we continue to receive comments that our event is one of the best in the nation. The fact that it attracts such notable bow hunters such as Monty Browning demonstrates the status this event has achieved.

**W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, National Wild Turkey Federation Partnership**-This partnership consists of CTA conducting educational programs and assisting with food plots on wildlife management areas. The NVTF is supplying the expertise of a biologist and the needed seed and fertilizer and CTA will provide the labor to plant one food plot on this refuge in 2008. This is a very important project in a number of ways. First, W. Kerr Scott Reservoir was named the top Army Corp of Engineers project in the nation last year and for CTA to be associated with them only enhances our good name. Secondly, as outdoorsmen it is only natural and in our best interest to support wildlife programs.

**W. Kerr Scott Boy Scout Event**-This event was a hoot! It was hard to tell who was having the most fun, the scouts or CTA members. It was clear that the scouts enjoyed our events by the sheer number of scouts that wanted to shoot bows and bust rocks.

**Awards Banquet**-This year we are recognizing 15 members for their contributions to CTA. Each one of these members will receive the CTA Distinguished Service medallion which continues to be a cherished memento.

**Board of Directors**-The BOD has been hard at work this past year. For the first time in CTA history, the BOD has established goals for this organization that will enhance the experience for our members and set a course for future achievements.

There are numerous other things I would like to list but space in this newsletter does not permit it. All of the items I have listed are the direct result of the input and contributions of our members. As I've said so many times; ***CTA is only as good as its members.*** Please make a commitment this year to become more involved in CTA. I promise you will find the experience fulfilling and your efforts are always appreciated.

Best Regards,  
Dave Haggist  
Chairman, CTA Board of Directors

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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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**2008 ELECTION BALLOT**

This ballot is for the election of members of the Board of Directors for the 2008 and 2009 term and club officers for the 2008 term.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU ARE VOTING FOR UNDER EACH CATEGORY.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

You may vote for (3) three.

Charles Suttles

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Anyone that would like to vote but will not be able to attend the February shoot may fill out the ballot and mail it to the club secretary before February 9, 2008 and it will be counted with the remainder of the ballots.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS

2008 Club Shoot/Activity Schedule

January 12- Club Shoot  
 January 26- CTA Awards Banquet, 6:00 PM at Ryan's in Lincolnton NC  
 February 9- Club Shoot  
 March 8- Club Shoot  
 March 15- Workday at Kerr Scott Reservoir, 8:00-12:00 PM  
 April 5- Club Shoot  
 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  
 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.

## 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

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## Thoughts From A Treestand

Yesterday was the last day of deer season in district 8 for 2007 and I was reminiscing about this years hunts. The last two days were exciting. Friday afternoon, 6 deer came under my stand but darkness robbed me from a good shot. They meandered around about 30 minutes after dark until 2 small figures came scampering by, suppose they were coons. Finely, they moved off. I waited awhile so my descending would not spook them for tomorrows hunt which would be the last day of the season. Something about hunting on the last day. Last year, I took a 11 pointer on the last day (although some might have called it a spike). Four o'clock Saturday found me in a tree with a cold 30 degree + rain and wind. Sure enough, a doe came in but darkness again had set in. So, hopefully she will be there with more next year.

So, what does one ponder on while perched on a side of a tree for hours and hours at a time besides trying to name the different species of trees, watching squirrels or thinking about all the things I should be doing? One of many was, how fast must a deer react to jump a string at 20 yards? So the wheels started turning. Sound travels at 770 mph (at sea level) or 1,129.33 fps. Say, a bow shoots an arrow at 170 fps. How quick must a deer move to duck an arrow after it hears the string at 20 yards? Sound will take .0531288 of a second to travel 60 feet. The arrow will take .3529411 of a second. So, the deer must move a substantial distance to duck the arrow in .2998123 or 1/3 of a second. At 15 yards, it would be .2248592 of a second or less than 1/4 of a second. That's booking.

*Submitted by Bill Stroupe; part-time bowyer, part-time arrowsmith and full-time philosopher.*

WANTED: Collector looking for old collectable bows and quivers plus old archery literature. Contact: Ted Berk 828-964-2617 or scoobysb@hotmail.com



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