

The Whispering Shaft

The Newsletter of

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

Q U A R T E R L Y U P D A T E

The past few months have been big months in the history of Carolina Traditional Archers. The state shoot was a huge success for the club. We could not have asked for a better weekend in regards to the weather, and the attendance this year was once again high with 338 registered shooters. By all reports, everyone in attendance had a great weekend. We received many compliments on the quality of the ranges, and as everyone knows, this is critical to maintaining a reputable event that people want to return to year after year. We were fortunate to have quality vendors in attendance with a variety of products for everyone to select from. The folks at Catawba Valley Wildlife Club once again provided us with a beautiful facility for the weekend as well as some great meals. Our guest speaker, Monty Browning, was a real treat. Having not heard him before, I loved his stories of hunts in places that most of us can only dream of. Still though, none of this success would have been possible without the help of our many dedicated club members that did everything from clearing shooting lanes to filling water coolers on the ranges. The CTA Officers and Directors would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

If you have not visited the club's website recently, you should. Marie Blackburn is doing a great job setting up and maintaining the site. The club is also collecting member email addresses from those that have one so that we can more easily stay in contact with everyone. Addresses should be sent to Eric Ballard at eballard@thecta.org. There is also an email link for this on the CTA website (www.thecta.org). Those who do not have an email address will start receiving a shoot reminder in the mail.

Don't miss the last shoot before the fall hunting seasons open. The last two shoots of the year will be August 11th and November 10th.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Letter from a Toughman-Monty Browning
- State Shoot Winners

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N C B A L O C A L C H A P T E R S T A T U S

For those who missed the June shoot, you may not have heard that CTA has received local chapter status of the North Carolina Bowhunter Association (NCBA). As a result, CTA will collect the NCBA dues from members who have dual memberships in January when we collect our annual dues. Those members who are already members of another local chapter will have their NCBA dues collected by that chapter. We encourage anyone who is not a member, but who may be interested in joining the NCBA, to contact Bill Stroupe (NCBA Chapter Representative) or Eric Ballard for information and applications.

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M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

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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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.

Deadlines for Submissions:
 First Quarter - December 1st
 Second Quarter - March 1st
 Third Quarter - June 1st
 Fourth Quarter - September 1st

SALE/SWAP/WANTED section will run in each issue as space permits. Current CTA members may submit a 2" business card or the necessary information to the Editor at the above address.

LETTER FROM A TOUGHMAN



Monty Browning with CTA
President Herb Reynolds

To the membership.

It was once again an honor to be asked to come to the 2007 Championship shoot to share my stories. I have always been humbled by your attention and kindness, and this year proved to top them all.

I could have been knocked over with a full length turkey feather when Darrell Michael got up to present me with the Tough Man plaque and lifetime membership. Darrell and I have been good friends since I first met him more than twenty years ago. We have been brothers of the heavy bow and now we are still close enough to compare our shoulder and elbow pains. I computed (with pen and paper) that Darrell and I once pulled over 10,800 pounds of bow weight on a single 30 target, two arrow animal round. And that all before lunch after a practice session and refueled at lunch with no more than a hamburger and sweet tea! Darrell beat my score that day and as I remember, I was shooting pretty good. Come to think of it, I'm remembering better now. Darrell has always been a better archer.

That was the same year I met Herb Reynolds. I have no greater respect for any man I have met in this world than Herb Reynolds.

Other friends that have gone out of their way to welcome me have been Dennis Allman, Tony Lail and Larry Long. Thank you guys for looking after me.

I can't find the proper words to thank you, the membership, for all you have done for me. Just know that I do thank you from the heart. And a special thanks to Gene Thorn and company for feeding me (no small task) and sharing their fire with me. I still think I ate two more hot wings than Gene did! I can still hear the "clank" of that Dutch oven lid! I love you all. God bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Monty Browning

STATE TRADITIONAL ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Don Batten	Men's Recurve	156	175	331
Jimmy Dorris	Men's Recurve	167	157	324
Kevin Dancy	Men's Recurve	150	166	316

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Rick Cain	Men's Primitive	131	143	274
Billy James	Men's Primitive	127	138	265
Ron Miller	Men's Primitive	131	132	263

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Preston Roberson	Men's Longbow	170	179	349
John Dill	Men's Longbow	171	166	337
Page Eldridge	Men's Longbow	176	158	334

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Donna Carter	Ladies Longbow	114	123	237
Mel Bulger	Ladies Longbow	119	113	232
Nacy Fields	Ladies Longbow	105	123	228

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Joyce Holmes	Ladies Recurve	131	146	277
Sue King	Ladies Recurve	134	130	264
Maggie Vogt	Ladies Recurve	122	132	254

	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
William Batten	Youth Recurve - Boy	154	171	325
Cameron Garrison	Youth Recurve - Boy	143	119	262
Joseph Brittain	Youth Recurve - Boy	130	128	258

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Shawn Godfrey	Youth Longbow - Boy	140	137	277
Logan Condra	Youth Longbow - Boy	116	124	240
Tate Ostwalt	Youth Longbow - Boy	138	97	235

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Emily Trivett	Youth Girl	110	80	190
Carrol Coppedge	Youth Girl	76	105	181
Abigail VanBumble	Youth Girl	85	43	128

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Wesley A. Oakley	Cubs	162	162	324
Cody Ostrander	Cubs	149	125	274
Cody Bouknight	Cubs	145	125	270

NAME	CLASS	RANGE A	RANGE B	TOTAL SCORE
Griffen Gillispie	Chipmunks	82	110	192
R. J. Miller	Chipmunks	72	70	142
Haleigh Anderson	Chipmunks	76	61	137

NAME	SCORE	COON SHOOT
Joshua Lawler	58	Youth Winner
Preston Roberson	78	Adult Winner - 1st. Place
Troy Robertson	74	2nd.
James Wrenn	66	3rd.

NAME	SCORE	Toughman
Steve Mowles	60	

A FEW OF THE WINNERS



Coon Shoot Winners:

Youth-Joshua Lawler

1st-Preston Roberson

2nd-Troy Maxwell

Youth Bow Raffle Winner:

Rowan Parris



Excerpt taken from a letter received from Lonnie Sneed, President of the Traditional Bowhunters of Southern West Virginia

“It was the most organized and enjoyable bow shoot that we have ever attended. CTA members were very hospitable and catered to our every need. We were impressed with every facet of this event.”

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS

2007 Club/Monthly Shoot Schedule

August 11th Board of Directors

November 10th Dave Haggist

All club shoots will be held at the Foothills Bow Hunters/CTA range in Maiden NC. Shoots will be 20 to 25 3-D animal targets with lunch included. Registration is from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SISSIPAHAW TRADITIONAL ARCHERS

2007 Club Shoot Schedule

Fun Shoot & Pig Pickin'

August 18th

From I-85, exit 145 at Burlington, NC, follow Hwy 49 south 3 miles, go straight through light, one mile from light, look for club sign on the right. Questions contact Don Moore at 919-528-9124 or email at

anglrdon@hughes.net

Club Website:

http://home.earthlink.net/~kevin_lawler/memberinfo.htm

INDIAN TRAIL BOW CLUB

2007 TRADITIONAL ONLY SHOOT

July 29th

30 3-D and Paper targets. Range opens at 8:00 am and all score cards must be turned in by 6:00 pm. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. Food and beverages will be available at the range. Directions: from I-485 go east on Idlewild Road, turn left at the 3rd stop light onto Indian Trail-Fairview Road, go one mile and the range will be on the right behind the cemetery. For info contact Jim Skipper 704-882-1844

**WESTERN NC. ARCHERY CIRCUIT
TRADITIONAL ONLY SHOOTS**

2007 Club Shoot Schedules

POWDER CREEK TRADITIONAL ARCHERS

Two Day Saturday & Sunday

July 21st and 22nd

Info: Ken Phillips 828-891-3612

WESTERN CAROLINA BOWHUNTERS

Saturday, August 4th

Info: Charles Henn 828-684-2636

BLUERIDGE BOWHUNTERS

Saturday, September 1st

Info: Ken Penley 828-683-9545

NORTH CAROLINA DEER HUNTING SEASON

2007-2008 BOW AND ARROW SEASON OPENING DATES

Western Region September 10th

Northwestern Region September 8th

Central Region September 8th

Eastern Region September 8th

Refer to the 2007-2008 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest for a complete list of season dates and new regulation changes.

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SHARE YOUR STORIES

With hunting season fast approaching, we can't wait to hear your stories. Since all of us can't go with you, we want to hear how it goes. Successful harvest or not, we just want to hear about the adventure. Submit your stories with any tasteful photographs, and we will print them so all can enjoy!