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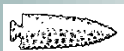
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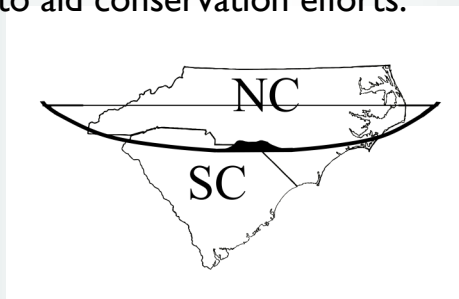
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MISSION STATEMENT



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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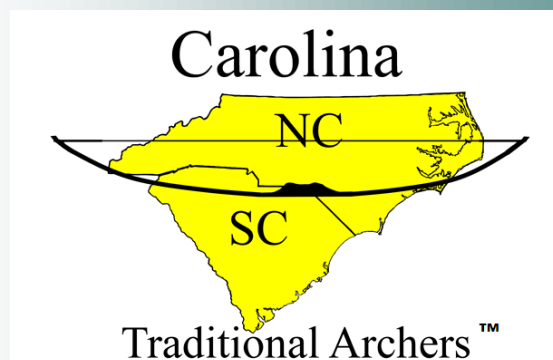
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Letter from the President



Members and friends of CTA,

As we move into the second quarter of the year, my enthusiasm for what I see happening and developing with CTA and our club property continues to be very positive. The improvements on the building and range continue to increase from month to month which is enabling our monthly shoots to run a little smoother. Attendance at the April shoot was surprisingly good, especially considering it was Easter weekend. I trust that is a sign that members and new visitors are enjoying the shoots and are also excited about the direction of CTA.

But what I am really excited about are the people in the club, the way so many are stepping up to donate their time and resources and the team work that is developing. We are not only getting things done, but starting discussions about what the future can hold for our club and brainstorming new ideas for furthering our cause and realizing our mission. I am surprised every week by members who step up to donate their time, talents and resources to take care of some need that arises or is realized at the club. Several long time members have helped by passing on the knowledge and history of the club to our current leadership team. At our recent board meeting the team work, brain storming and healthy discussions were very evident in helping to solve current issues and to ensure a good avenue to move forward in the future.

The members of our leadership team are listed in the newsletter. If you haven't met or know each member, take the time at our future shoots to get to know another one of them and express your thoughts and ideas for CTA. This leadership team is a terrific mix of the experienced and the new and is helping to lead us in a good direction. There is much to be done for our facilities. Yes, we really need a new roof, windows and doors and we are working on those items. But beyond that, there are many things that we can do to help encourage traditional archery while having fun along the way.

I can envision the day when we have a club house with bathrooms, running water and heat for the winter. It will allow us to host workshops and seminars to further traditional archery and to help raise money; beginning archery lessons, hunter safety courses, arrow building, bow building, knapping and countless other subjects. In addition, numerous members have expressed their excitement about us having a winter league from January through March on a weekly basis. Sounds fun to me.

So, please take the time and make the effort to talk with our leadership team and share your ideas. With the combined talents of our members and continued teamwork, we can accomplish any dream.

Drew Sumrell

President

From the Editor.....

Don't forget that you can place classified ads here for free. Items should be archery/hunting related. You can look to sell an item, trade an item or swap a hunt!

Still looking for articles and photos from the membership or any other ideas for the magazine you may want.

Submissions can be sent to: anymartin1999@yahoo.com.

For the turkey hunters out there, I hope your season has been successful and good luck the rest of the season.

Thanks,

Martin Seeley

Classifieds:

For sale, vintage Bear bowfishing reel. \$25.00. Contact Martin at 315-527-7561, text or call.



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

February 7 – Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

March 7 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

April 4 – Club Shoot—Traditional Skills Weekend, 9am-3pm, Conover

May 2 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

June 6 – Club Shoot—Kid's Day, 9am-3pm, Conover

July 4 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

August 1 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

September 5 – Club Shoot—Whitetail Warmup, 9am-3pm, Conover

October 3 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

November 7 – Club Shoot—Traditional Skills Weekend, 9am—3pm

December 5 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm



Member Shots



Indian Trail Marker—Uhwarrie National Forest.

Photo courtesy of Joe Henz

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 the first Saturday of the month at the Carolina Traditional Archers Club in Conover, NC. All shoots run from 9am - 3pm, except in November when we have an evening shoot. We set out twenty 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 \$20 for non-members. Meal is included with the price of admission, and first-time visitors shoot and eat for free!



Archery History

Photos

From the Past



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From the Kitchen.....

⇒ For the successful turkey hunters.....Wild Turkey Breast

Ingredients

- 1 wild turkey breast half
- 8 ounces zesty Italian salad dressing
- 8 ounces white wine
- 1 small reynolds oven cooking bag
- creole seasoning
- lemon pepper seasoning
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup olive oil

Directions

1. Mix the dressing and wine.
2. Pour into a 1 gallon size zip-lock bag.
3. Add the turkey breast and marinate overnight, turning at least once.
4. Drain off the marinade & discard.
5. Sprinkle turkey breast with the seasonings.
6. Place in oven roasting bag.
7. Melt the butter in the olive oil and add to the turkey breast.
8. Place the roasting bag & turkey breast in a 9"x5" loaf pan.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours.

Enjoy!



Methods to stay connected....

Check out our club website when you get a chance!

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Welcome to the Carolina Traditional Archers!

Founded in 1985, the Carolina Traditional Archers (CTA) is the oldest and largest traditional archery organization in the two Carolinas. Our organization is a 501 (c) 4 corporation that has both state and federal tax exemption. CTA is managed by seven club officers consisting of a president, vice president and five board of directors. Rounding out this management team are three appointed positions; secretary, treasurer, and editor. The organization is guided by a mission statement, by laws, and a standard operating procedure. Each month, CTA hosts a 3D shoot for traditional archery enthusiasts. Participants shoot a 20 target course that consists of foam targets that exactly duplicate game animals placed in realistic hunting settings. A meal is also served. These shoots are open to members and visitors, and first time visitors shoot and eat for free. Click on the Events tab for current shoot / activity information.