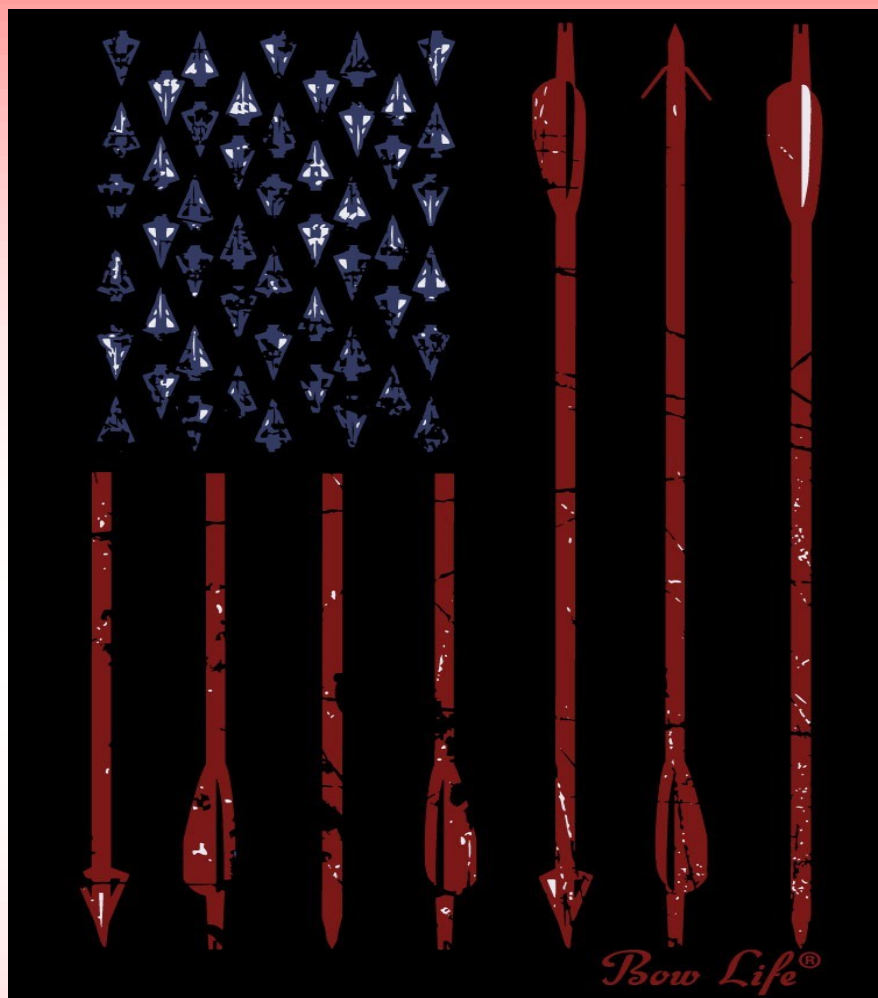


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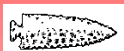
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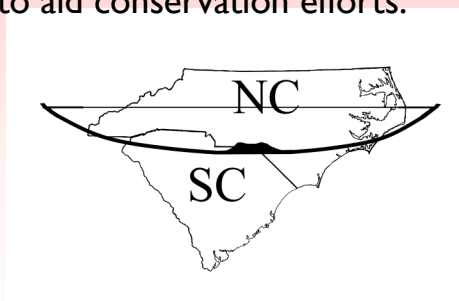
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MISSION STATEMENT



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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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: amymartin1999@yahoo.com.

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

August 29 – Club Shoot—Whitetail Warmup, 9am-3pm, Conover

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

**October 15–17 – Club Hunt, Warrior's Creek Campground; W. Kerr Scott
Lake**

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

December 5 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm



CTA Helps Send NC Youth Archery Team to Nationals

Did you know that the CTA has a program that provides funding to young people in pursuit of archery? We take our mission to promote our sport very seriously! And even though our focus is on traditional archery, we're big believers in supporting kids, no matter what style they're pursuing!

The most recent beneficiary of a CTA donation was the Baton Bears Archery Team, out of Baton Elementary in Granite Falls, NC. Students Kaleb Icenhour, David Ace, Emma Hamby, and Isaac Kanupp all had the opportunity to travel to Louisville, KY, to compete in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) National Tournament at the Kentucky Exposition Center May 7-9.

"This helped our team to realize that all the hard work really does pay off," wrote coach Bill Knight in a thank you note to the CTA. "This is a great, lifelong sport that they can enjoy and pass on to others."

The kids, of course, weren't quite as concerned with the longterm benefits. They were too busy being excited about competing, traveling to a new city, and setting a world record. That's right! More than 12,000 youth competitors gathered in one place to shoot (representing 42 states and 763 schools), setting a record that surpassed the previous number by more than 1500. In addition, each of the Bears worked toward their own personal goals.

David Ace conquered a case of nerves and earned his best score yet, shooting a 247 (and overcoming some longstanding challenges at 15 meters). Emma Harby left as the second highest ranking girl in North Carolina, and Kaleb Icenhour was the first ranking boy.

"Knowing we had people supporting us gave me a lot more confidence," wrote Kaleb.

"I never would have imagined coming this far," added Emma.

Events like this are critical for the growth of archery. NASP students grow up to be archers of all varieties (what Olympic or compound shooter doesn't catch the traditional bug eventually?), and students who participate in school athletics often outperform their peers academically (not to mention having a much lower rate of delinquency, and a higher likelihood of attending college). The NASP National Tournament gives away more than \$100,000 in scholarships, so this is



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 Photo From the Past??



From the Kitchen.....

This recipe is a little different than most, but for those a little more adventurous.....

Raccoon and Rice (Makes 6-8 servings)

Ingredients

- 4 quarts (16 cups) water approx. (enough to cover raccoon)
- 2 whole medium-large size raccoons.
- 3-4 stalks celery; rough chopped
- 1 large sweet onion; diced
- 1 teaspoon pepper – divided
- 1 teaspoon salt – divided
- ½ teaspoon oregano
- ½ teaspoon celery salt
- 1½ teaspoons parsley – divided
- 3 cups long grain white rice

Instructions:

- In a large stock pot bring water, raccoon, celery, onion, ½ teaspoon pepper, ½ teaspoon salt, oregano, celery salt, 1 teaspoon parsley to boil, cover and reduce to a simmer for at least 3-4 hours would be preferable.
- Once simmering is complete, remove raccoon to cool in order to debone. Let broth continue to simmer and reduce.
- When cool enough to handle, debone raccoon.
- Remove all broth from pot (or use another pot) and put approximately 6 cups broth back into pot along with the rice, raccoon, remaining pepper, salt and parsley.
- Cover and simmer for 15 minutes.
- After 15 minutes stir in another cup of broth, Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
- Continue to add broth, stir, cover and simmer for 5 minutes at a time until rice is done.
- Salt and pepper to taste.

Methods to stay connected....

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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.