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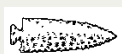
Keeping the Tradition Alive.....

Quarterly chronical of the
Carolina Traditional Archers
Summer 2016



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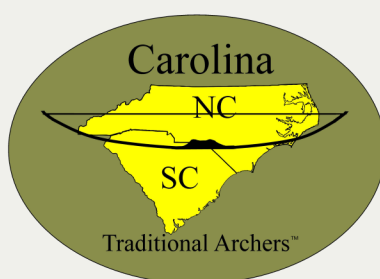
CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS



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Letter from the President



Members and friends of CTA,

The heat of summer is upon us and we are quickly rolling toward fall and another hunting season. I'm already thinking about the cooler, less humid days with time spent in the fields and woods of fall. But in the meantime, we've been busy at the club with work days about every two weeks trying to complete the ceiling in the club house. It has been one of those big projects that has taken a lot longer than expected and cost more than budgeted, but it is making a BIG difference in the aesthetic appeal of the interior. By the time you read this, we should be just a few hours of work away from completing this project. And I would like to extend a special "Thank you" to the dozen or so members that have worked so hard on numerous days to make it a reality. It has been a terrific team effort and I appreciate the time and resources that so many have contributed.

Oh, and yes, we have new and more light fixtures in the club house. With the ceiling work that has been completed and the new lights, the whole interior is brighter and more appealing. There are already discussions taking place about putting up some mounts of harvested game and other ideas that we can do to make it a more appropriate and interesting traditional archery club house. If you have thoughts and ideas about what you would like to see happen, please share them with one of the club officers. One improvement seems to lead to another and it's exciting to see our visions for our club making steady progress forward.

As many of you are learning about me, I am a huge fan of teamwork and collaborative problem solving. I wanted to share one example of a recent project that exemplifies what we can accomplish by working

together. We needed some good road signs to help people find our club house, so Wendy Webb volunteered her talents to paint the signs, I made the yellow arrows and Allen Wagner made the excellent steel frames and did the final assembly.

I think this is a great example of how we can work together to make CTA a very special club and continue to grow, improve and "Keep the Tradition Alive".

As many of you have reminded me, we have a lot of skilled, talented people in the club and it has been a pleasure to get to know many of you and learn about the diversity of talents and skills we do possess. ALL of us have talents and resources that can be an asset to CTA. If you haven't



shared your ideas, skills, resources, time or talents to help the club, let us hear from you. We have members who help in many ways. Some do things quietly in the background. Some provide financial support and some provide physical labor. It takes it all and I'm excited about the direction things are going. Step up and help us make it even better.

From the Editor.....

I am excited to bring you some exciting changes in the format and layout of this issue. After careful consideration, you should see a much improved look and feel to this issue. Any feedback, good or bad, would be appreciated.

I think over the last couple of issues, there has been a drastic improvement in the content delivered to you. Much of that content comes from David Haggist,, but I/we could certainly use your help. I am always looking for cover photos, stories and member pics. No better place to get that content than our members.

Till next time,

Martin Seeley



2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2	Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
February 6	Club Shoot—Annual Business Meeting, 9am-3pm, Conover
March 5	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
April 2	Club Shoot—Traditional Skills Weekend & Turkey Warm Up, 9am-3pm, Conover
May 7	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
June 4	Club Shoot—Kid's Day, 9am-3pm, Conover
July 9	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
August 6	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
September 3	Club Shoot—Whitetail Warmup, 9am-3pm, Conover
October 1	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover
October 19-22	Club Hunt at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir
November 5	Club Shoot—Traditional Skills Weekend, 9am—3pm, Conover
December 3	Club Shoot, 9am-3pm , Conover



Primitive Skills Weekend

This year's event was even more successful than last year. We had nineteen traditionalists' participate in the activities and many that stayed and camped on the grounds. Friday night Bill Morris provided a smoked chicken and Joe Hogan brought a ham for dinner. Several other people brought sides and desserts. We had plenty to eat all evening long.

We also had some very talented friends show up. Lyman Clark, Bryan Irwin and Eric Parker demonstrated their flint knapping and fire starting talents. Bryan showed us how to make bow strings and fishing line by twisting Dogbane fibers Native American style. These were some very talented guys to listen to and learn from.

Friday night everyone stayed up late and Bryan even picked the guitar some. Our next Primitive Skills weekend is scheduled for the fall.



Primitive Skills Weekend cont.....



Club Improvements.....

Tree Removal

We had a potentially bad situation at the club with the black pines on the bank behind the club house.....falling and damaging our new roof. We had a mini work day recently and took down all the problem trees. A special thanks to Adam Petty and Dan Dracup for all their hard work.

One of the biggest pines had a split in the base and was really dangerous. Adam's expertise in tree removal got it on the ground safely without damage to the building or trailer. And special thanks to Dan also who drove all the way from Burnsville to spend an afternoon of hard labor.



Ceiling Repair

After several days of painting and installing panels our ceiling got a much needed repair and fresh look. Many thanks to all our members who pitched in and provided CTA with their skills and strong backs. You are the Carolina Traditional Archers...





Thanks to CTA President, Drew Sumrell, we now have a magazine rack installed in the clubhouse. So far we have a good collection of outdoor magazines to share with our members. This is a great way to share the enjoyment of these magazines before they are retired to the recycling center. Please help yourself but bring the magazines back when you are finished for others to enjoy. Also, magazine donations are welcome.



Community Outreach



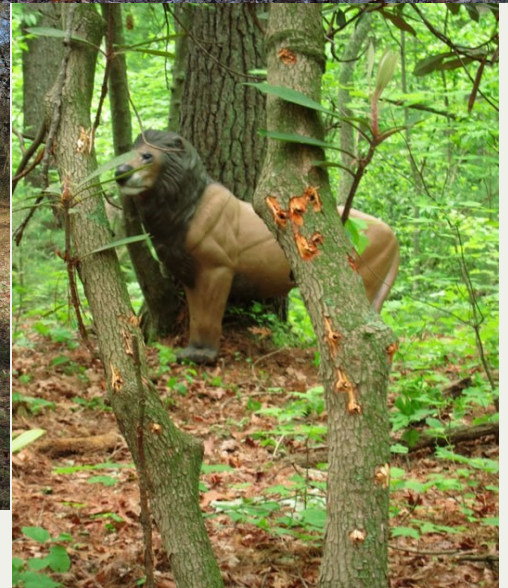
On May 19, 2016, the Carolina Traditional Archers hosted an archery clinic at the Alexander Christian Academy. Twenty-two kids had a great time and they learned a few things about traditional archery. There were some skilled archers in the bunch along with some newbies that quickly picked up the technique and shot quite well. Many thanks go out to Rick Richard, Jim Jordan, Jeff Holchin, and of course Wendy and Darren Webb for all their hard work and help. I think the kids will remember their shoot for a long time.

About our Club Shoots

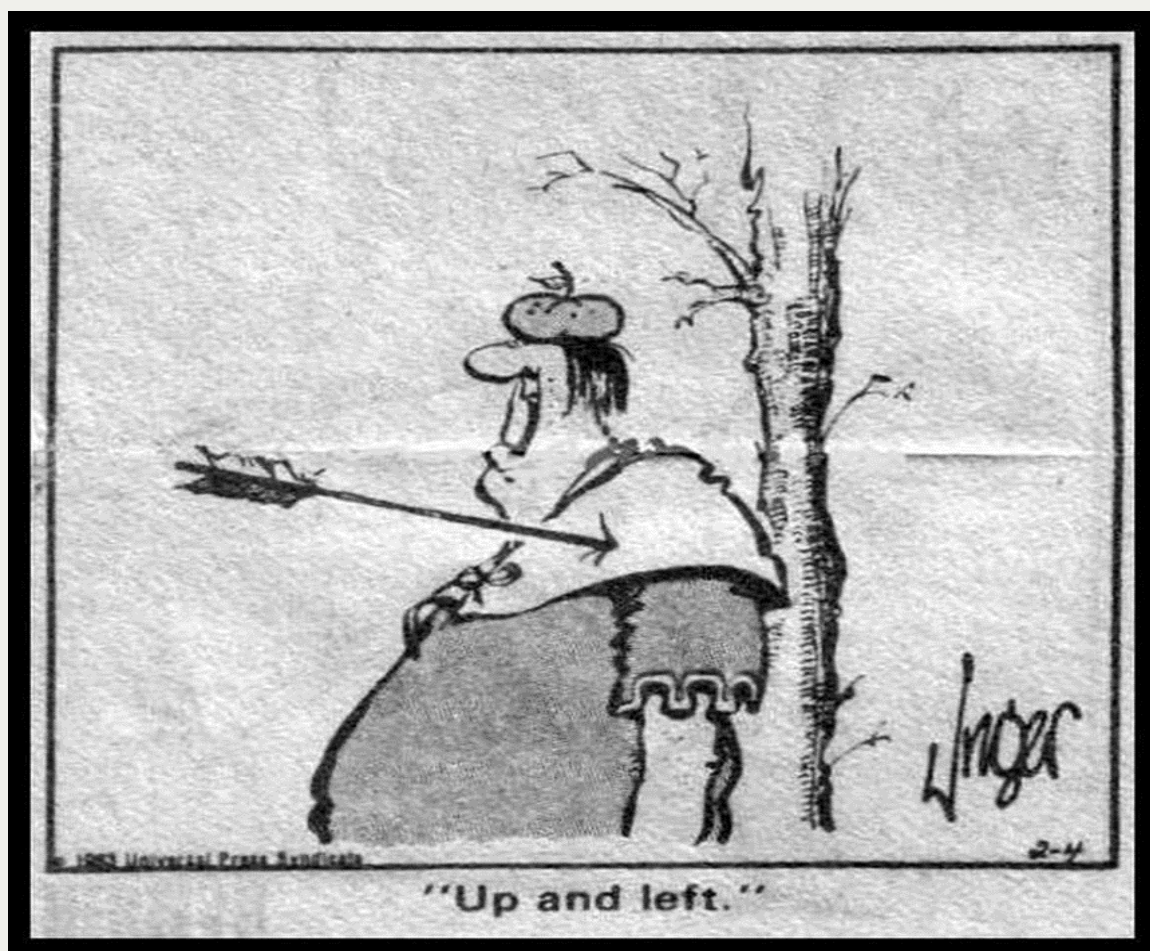
Our monthly Club Shoots are loads of fun! If you like traditional archery, or even if you're just curious as to what traditional archery is all about, you owe it to yourself to check us out. It's an event the whole family can enjoy.

All club shoots are held the first Saturday of the month at the Carolina Traditional Archers Club: 6072 Timber Ridge Rd, Conover, NC. 28613 All shoots run from 9am - 3pm,. 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 Humor



The Hunter's Feast.....

For those that bowfish and maybe take some gar,
here are a couple of recipes to try:

Garfish Mississippi

1 slab of gar meat (6 inches wide, 8-10 inches long, 3-4 inches thick)

1 15-ounce bottle ketchup

1/4 cup Louisiana hot sauce

1/2 cup chopped celery

1 onion, chopped

4 tablespoons soy sauce

1/2 cup chopped green onions

1 tablespoon salt

2 teaspoons black pepper

2 cups water

1 lemon

Mix all ingredients except the meat and lemon in a large, shallow glass baking dish. Add the meat, cover and marinate overnight in the refrigerator. The next day, stir it up and place in a 400-degree oven for about 1 hour. Check twice during cooking and rake the juice over the meat. Squeeze lemon juice on the fish before serving.

Stir-Fried Gar

6 pounds meat from small gars, cut across in 3-inch pieces

1 large onion, chopped

1 tablespoon catsup

1 tablespoon Louisiana Hot Sauce

1 teaspoon soy sauce

1/2 cup cooking oil

Salt and pepper to taste

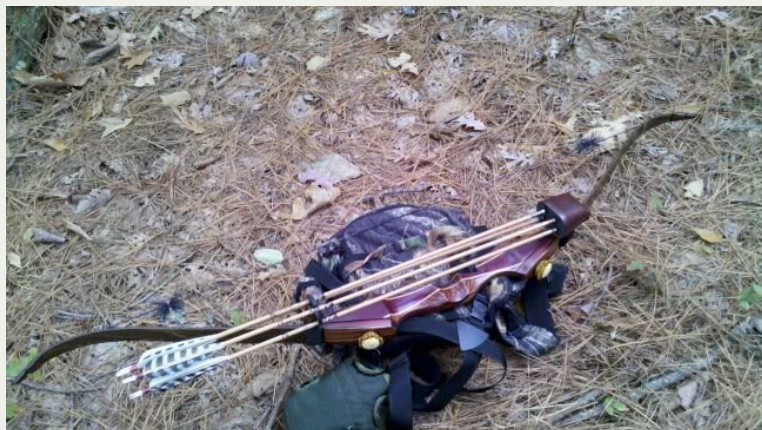
Heat the oil in an iron pot and add fish pieces. Stir lightly until brown. Add onion, and stir until light brown. Add the other ingredients and stir lightly, then mix in 3 cups water. Cover and simmer for 30 to 45 minutes. Serve over rice.

The List by David Haggist

I just don't feel I'm hunting unless traveling to a destination. Over the years I have developed gear lists for each specific hunt. Developing these lists does take some time and thought, but they are real time savers when packing for a trip. The most important part of this process is keeping a note pad and pen handy throughout your trip. Take it from experience you will not remember all the details if you wait till you get home to write them down.

Throughout the trip I take notes and as I unpack I verify whether a piece of equipment was used. In addition, I further evaluate the value of each item. Minimalist by nature, I'm always looking for an item that serves multiple purposes and I only want to pack what I need. Also when developing your gear list, resist the urge to pack for all possibilities, rather pack for what you are likely to encounter. Also resist the urge to retain an item because you "might" use it.

The attached list is from my Black Beard Island hunt and I'm at a point where I have exactly what I need but not a single item more. I pack faster and my load is lighter. I have found the less I carry the less I have to keep track of allowing me to focus on what is most important... the hunt.



Blackbeard Island Equipment List

Personal Gear: Box # 1

Day pack w/ gear	Camp Shoes
Snake boots	Therm a Cell w/ extra cells
Hunting clothes (2 sets)	Hot Hands warmers
Insulated jacket	Zip off pants & shirts(Camp/Home)
Hat (wool & cotton)	Tree stand safety harness
Insulated gloves/camo gloves	Broadhead box
Wool socks (3)	Walkie Talkie
Insulated top	Bow case, arrow tubes
Sleep wear	Hunting knife
Bath towel	Journal
Scent killer spray	GPS (Optional)
Shower kit w/ unscented wipes	Bow/ Quiver
	Arrows, arm guard, (2) shooting gloves
	Waders

Camping Gear: Box # 2

Tent w/ ground sheet
Screen Room lantern
Sand stakes
Shovel
Sleeping pad
Sleeping bag
Zippo tool
AAA batteries
Repair tape
Pillow (use down coat and pillow case)
Field dressing gloves
Meat saw
Game/ gallon freezer/ trash bags
Sleeping cot
Bow & gear stand
First aid kit w/ meds

Food, Cooking, & Shower: Box # 3

Food
Shower
Shower shelter
Black Cat heater
TP/ paper towel
Water jug w/ stand
Drinking mug
(2) propane bottles
Grill grate
Cooking & eating utensils
Propane stove
Matches, propane lighter
Dish/ hand soap
Charcoal

Stand Alone Gear

Screen Room
Camp chair
Coolers (2)
Hiking staff
Tree stand

Duffle Bag (boat ride)

Camera
Rain Suit
Bug suit

Ladder Stand/cart

Saw
TP
Trail markers
Leather Gloves
Machete

Second Quarter Shoots



Second Quarter Shoots cont.....



Second Quarter Shoots cont.....



The CTA June Kid's shoot was a tremendous success with seventy-seven “traditional archers” in attendance. Thanks to the American Heritage Girls organization for joining our shoot and making it a super time. Serious fun was had by all and hopefully a lot of lady archers will emerge. The girls were a delight and so well behaved. As always, many thanks go out to our members that gave their time and expertise to make this possible.



Product Review

Fletch-It

All-purpose Archer's Adhesive

Over the years I have fletched hundreds of arrows using a variety of adhesives. I recently tried a glue that I'm very impressed with. Fletch-It not only has flawless holding ability but the applicator tip ensures uniform glue beads. I chose the pink color that dries clear for my aging eyes. Try this on your next set of arrows and I promise you will not be disappointed.

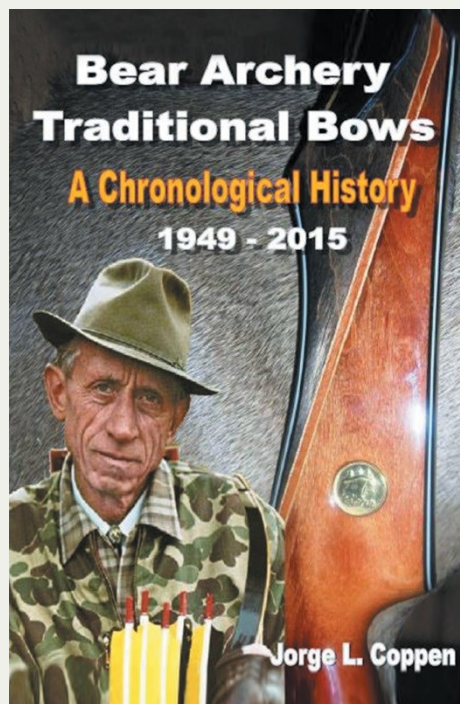


By Dave Haggist

Bear Archery Traditional Bows

A Chronological History, 1949-2015

Jorge L. Coppen



Whether a Bear Archery enthusiast or serious collector this book is a must for you. The author has done extensive research into the Bear Archery archives and in addition, reached out to collectors for further verification and interesting facts. This book covers the entire history of the Bear archery traditional bow line from 1949 to 2015, and includes color photos and charts to assist with the date and model of each Bear bow along with accessories.

Review by Dave Haggist

Photos from the Past.....



3D Target Repair

By

Dave Haggist

I am blessed to have an archery range on my property, but with that the occasional target repair is required. Outlined below in photos and text are the methods I use to repair targets.

Figure# 1: Materials list: Rubber gloves, matching paint, hacksaw blade/ mini saw, spray foam, rasp, cling wrap

Figure# 2 & 3: Wild Boar target in beginning stage of repair, *the vital on both sides and the jaw line had been eaten away by carpenter ants.*

Figure# 4: Finished product

Figure# 5: Deer, *this target had extensive problems with being broken in half, legs so badly damaged they were removed and vitals misaligned.*

Figure# 6: Finished product

Figure# 7: Bear, *top of head had been eaten by squirrels*

Figure# 8: In preparation for foam application

Figure# 9: After foam application

Figure# 10 Finished product

Figure #1



Figure #4



Figure #2



Figure #5



Figure #3



Figure #6



3D Target Repair cont.....

Repair Steps

1. Wash the target thoroughly and allow to dry completely.
2. Using Cling wrap, cover the areas to be repaired, secure with masking tape.
3. Insert the nozzle of the foam through the Cling Wrap and as deeply into the repair Area as possible and slowly release the foam. You have very limited time with this Product so move quickly to each repair area.
4. Now an important step; as the foam expands its important to press the foam to remove air bubbles. This will ensure a denser repair.
5. Allow a couple days for drying.
6. Remove wrap and with the saw blade remove excess foam.
7. Use the rasp to contour the repair to match the original shape.
8. Paint using a matching color. Obtain matching colors by using paint charts or for an exact match take a small sample of the target to the paint store.

Figure #7



Figure #9



Figure #8



Figure #10



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