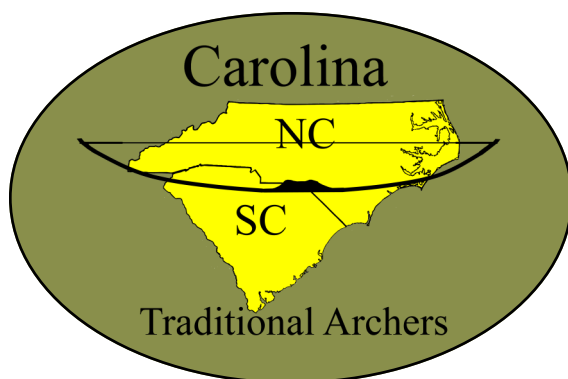


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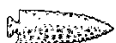
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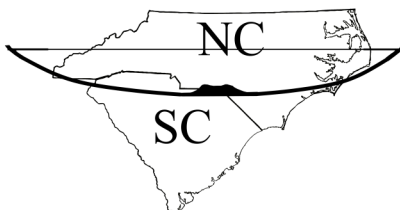
## CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS



### 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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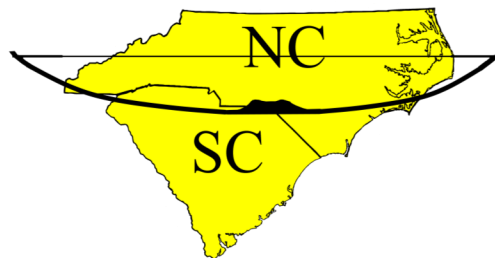
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Cover: by Drew Sumrell—NCTAR.



## *Letter from the President*



Dear CTA Members

### **Membership**

I sincerely want to thank each of you that joined CTA this year or renewed your membership. Your support of CTA is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in promoting traditional archery in this region.

### **Elections**

Congratulations to our new club officers. Tom McRary, Drew Sumrell, Joe Henz and John Frazier are new Board of Director members. Martin Seeley also took over as Editor and has done an outstanding job. We are still in need of a Secretary. The primary duties of this position are maintaining membership files and preparing correspondence. Please consider serving CTA in this position.

In addition, the By Law amendment relating to the loaning of equipment was approved.

### **Monthly Shoots**

We have experience great weather and attendance at our monthly shoots has been fantastic. The highlight of our shoot season so far has been the Women & Children First Shoot with 60 attendees. Traditional archery has so much to offer but one unique aspect is that it has no gender or age boundaries.

### **Website**

Our website continues to attract visitors and has resulted in several folks visiting our facility for the first time. My goal is to post photos each month to keep the website fresh. We are in need of harvest photos to place on the Bragging Wall and landscape photos for the Walk in the Woods section. I would really like to see some vintage hunting photos so dust off those old photo albums and get these pics to me. I'll take care of scanning and getting them back to you. Please see the guidelines for photo submission on the website.

## **NCTAR (North Carolina Traditional Archery Rendezvous)**

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Please plan to attend NCTAR April 18, 19, & 20, 2014. CTA members receive a discounted registration fee of \$15.00 for the entire weekend. Along with 5 ranges and 60 targets, there will be a host of vendors and noted bowhunter Monty Browning will be speaking Friday and Saturday evening.

One of the highlights of NCTAR is the raffle. In years past our members have really come through with great items to raffle. If you would like to donate a new or slightly used item please drop it off at the Event Tent at NCTAR. You can also contact me to make arrangements to pick it up prior to the event.

## **NCBA (North Carolina Bowhunters Association)**

CTA is a Local Chapter Club associated with NCBA, and has made significant donations to support this organization that fights for bowhunting in North Carolina. In 2013 CTA was recognized as a Platinum sponsor. Several CTA members are also NCBA members and I would like to see this number grow. Please consider joining NCBA.

## **CTA Recognition**

CTA was one of 5 finalists for the US Corps of Engineers *Excellence in Partnership Award*. This is quite an honor and speaks well of our organization for its efforts to promote archery and conservation.

Please make this the year that you get involved in CTA events. CTA belongs to all of us and it's up to all of us to make it successful.

Best regards,

Dave Haggist

## ***From the Editor.....***

First of all, I would like to thank Joe Henz for producing this magazine over the last several years. Joe has done a great job and his efforts are certainly appreciated.

Thank you Joe!

Many of you do not know me, so I will provide a brief introduction. I moved to Lewisville, NC in July, 2012 from way upstate NY (Boonville), just outside of the Adirondack Mountains. I attended the August shoot in 2012 and immediately joined. Due to my 2 boy's sports schedules, I am not able to attend a lot of the monthly shoots, but go when I can. When Dave was looking for help, the editor position was a natural fit since this work could be done from home and did not necessarily require my attendance at all of the meetings and shoots.

You will see some new (maybe renewed features) in this issue, such as book and product reviews and wild game recipes. I am hoping these will be regular features of the magazine, but input from you is certainly needed for this. Of course, your hunting stories and pictures are welcome as well. After all, this is your magazine. I am sure many of you make your own equipment – arrows, bows, quivers, strings, etc. Photos and stories of your build along would be a welcome addition to the magazine. These are just some of the ideas I have and welcome your suggestions.

Any material (articles or pictures) you would like to submit can be e-mailed to me at: [amymartin1999@yahoo.com](mailto:amymartin1999@yahoo.com). If you feel uncomfortable with your writing, I will gladly proofread your story and help as needed. I am certainly not a professional, but willing to help.

Till next time....

Martin Seeley



# 2014 NCTAR

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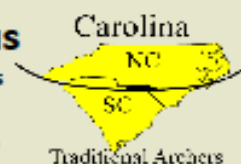


## North Carolina Traditional Archery Rendezvous

Hosted by: Compton Traditional Bowhunters and Carolina Traditional Archers

Come Join us for a just-for fun non-competitive traditional archery weekend.

April 18th, 19th & 20th 2014 at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir - Wilkesboro, North Carolina



Our Special Guest for this years event is noted bowhunter Monty Browning. Monty will be relating his experiences during his solo Alaskan Adventures.

Shooting Opportunities include a total of 40 targets, divided among three ranges

featuring Eastern, Western and Exotic game. You will have access to many traditional archery vendors, various novelty shoots and exceptional camping facilities.

Located in the mountains of Western North Carolina, W. Kerr Scott Reservoir is an idyllic location for a traditional archery rendezvous. In addition to the archery related activities this facility has numerous mountain biking and hiking trails, fishing and canoeing opportunities for the whole family.

### Camping Reservations: 877-444-6777

Make your reservation early!

**Best Value:** Reserve Sites as a group and split the cost. This area has three campgrounds, all along the lakeshore under tree canopy with showers, flush toilets and electrical hookups.

**Note:** those 62 and older can get a National Park Senior Pass that reduces the camping fees by 50%

Call: 888-ASK-USGS

**Bandits Roost: (Gatehouse) 336-921-3190**

RV Camping \$22.00 to \$24.00 Tent Camping \$18.00

**Warrior Creek: (Gatehouse) 336-921-2177**

RV Camping \$22.00 Tent Camping \$18.00

**Fort Hamby: (Gatehouse) 336-973-0104**

RV Camping \$22.00 Tent Camping \$18.00

**W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, 499 Reservoir Road  
Wilkesboro, NC 28697**

Take US 421 to exit 286B, (Hwy 268) follow 268 West 3 miles, then turn right on Reservoir Road. Follow Reservoir road to the end.

Red line shows shortcut between Hwy 268 and Hwy 421. Go North on Hwy 268 from event entrance to Old Hwy 268 and turn left. Go to New Brown's Ford road and turn right.

**Event Contact; Dave Haggist 704-435-0265**

Email: [davidhaggist@yahoo.com](mailto:davidhaggist@yahoo.com)

- Shoot all weekend for \$20.00 per person  
CTA Members \$15.00 (Ages 16 and under shoot free)

- Traditional Archery Vendors  
Bows, arrows, accessories and more

- Aerial Target shooting!  
Test your skills on aerial targets, 6 shots for \$1.00

- Coon Shoot Both Friday and Saturday Nights  
Test your skills against the masked bandit

- Raffles on Friday and Saturday  
In the event tent (Must be present to win)

### Lodging:

Wilkesboro has several hotels, ask for the special Archery event rate when booking your room.

**Addison Inn - 336-838-1000**

1842 Winker Street, Wilkesboro, NC

**Hampton Inn - 336-838-5000**

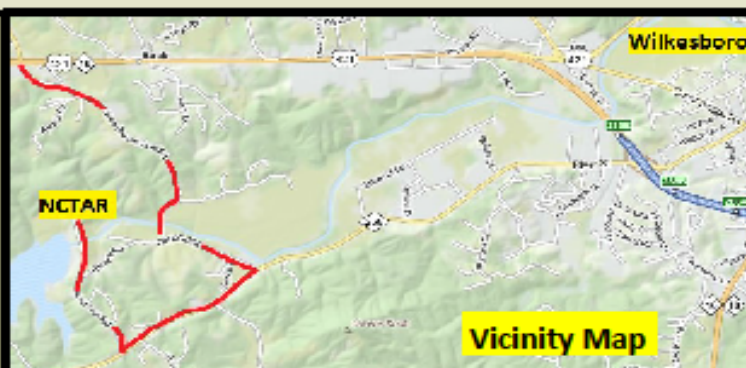
1300 Collegiate Drive, Wilkesboro, NC

**Holiday Inn Express - 877-410-6679**

1700 Winkler Steet, Wilkesboro, NC

**Red Carpet Inn - 336-667-2176**

1206 River Street, Wilkesboro, NC



## **NCTAR Event Calendar**

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### ***Friday***

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Ranges/Vendor Area Open</b>
<b>1:00pm-4:00 pm</b>	<b>Bust A Skeet</b>
	<b>Aerial Shoot</b>
	<b>Long Distance Shoot</b>
<b>4:00pm-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Raffle @ Event Tent</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Vintage Bow Gathering @ Event Tent</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Monty Browning Solo Alaskan Adventure</b>
	<b>Part 1@ Event Tent</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ranges Closed</b>

### ***Saturday***

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Ranges/ Vendor Area Open</b>
<b>1:00pm-2:00 pm</b>	<b>Kids Event (under 11 )</b>
<b>2:00pm-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Kids Event (12 &amp; Up)</b>
<b>1:00pm-4:00 pm</b>	<b>Bust A Skeet</b>
	<b>Aerial Shoot</b>
	<b>Long Distance Shoot</b>
<b>4:00pm-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Raffle @ Event Tent</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Boomer VFD Dinner</b>
<b>5:00 pm T</b>	<b>Target Auction</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Monty Browning Solo Alaskan Adventure</b>
	<b>Part 2 @ Event Tent</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ranges Closed</b>

### ***Sunday***

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Ranges/Vendor Area Open</b>
<b>8:00 am- 11:00 am</b>	<b>Bust A Skeet</b>
	<b>Aerial Shoot</b>
	<b>Long Distance Shoot</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Novelty Shoot Prizes Awarded</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Ranges Close</b>

***All participants & vehicles off site by 5:00 pm.***

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 4—Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**February 1—CTA Annual Business Meeting & Pig Pickin' Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**March 1—"Women & Children First" Shoot, (Ladies, Kids under 18 shoot & eat for free), 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**April 17—NCTAR Workday, 8am-noon, Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro**

**April 18, 19 & 20—NCTAR 2013, W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro**

**May 3—Legends of Archery Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**June 7—Primitive Skills Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**July 5—Independence Day Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**August 2—Membership Drive Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

**September 6—Whitetail Warm-Up Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden**

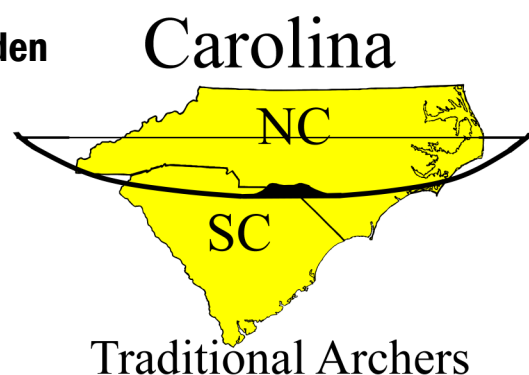
**October 4—"Brunch for the Bunch" Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden**

**October 24-26—Club Hunt, Kerr Scott**

**November 1— Coon Shoot, 4pm-10pm, Maiden**

**November 15 - CTA Workday, 8am-noon**

**December 6—Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden**





## February Pig Pickin Shoot



## New Look for CTA's Website!

Check out our newly re-vamped club website when you get a chance! [www.theCTA.org](http://www.theCTA.org)



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## Keeping the Tradition Alive

Traditional Archery: Longbows, Recurves and Selfbows. Located in Maiden, North Carolina

### 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.



# March Women and Children First Shoot



Photos by Drew Sumrell.





## Photos of Interest



It certainly been great to see archery portrayed in several movies over the last couple of years. However, it does not appear that Hollywood 'always gets it right'! Can any of you tell what seems strange with this archer? Look later in the magazine for a close up.

## **Book Review**

Longbow, A Hunting Life

By Jay Campbell

Raven's Eye Press LLC. [www.ravenseyepress.com](http://www.ravenseyepress.com)

I received this book from a good friend for Christmas and found that the stories were so intriguing that I simply could not put the book down. I finished it in one weekend and have since found myself rereading many of the chapters.

Longbow, A Hunting Life is a collection of twenty-four traditional bowhunting essays that span the gamut of species and locals. Jay's writing style draws the reader into his experiences regardless of the topic. He also creates the sense that his adventures are available to the average bowhunter.

An added treat is Chapter One of an upcoming book titled Archers' Paradox.

I highly recommend this book and believe it would be good way to bring anticipation to an upcoming hunting season.

Reviewed by Dave Haggist

## **Product Review**

We all love our knives and there is no shortage to choose from. It seems I have collected several over the years and find myself using them all. Often times the knife I take that day is based on the sense that it will bring me 'good mojo' on that particular hunt. NOTE: More often than not, there is no magic mojo in any knife I own!.

For this review, I have chosen the Helle Godbit. The Godbit is a fixed blade knife with curly birch wood handle. Overall length is 8" and the fixed blade length is 3 3/4". The blade is triple laminated stainless steel and comes with a leather belt sheath.

I have found the knife very easy to sharpen and maintains a sharp edge for a long time. The handle is a larger one, but fills the hand nicely. It is certainly not a lightweight knife to be carrying on your belt, but I have found that to be a minor inconvenience for its performance in the field. Of course, you can always put it in your daypack as well.

Overall, this is a very good knife, one that I would consider semi-custom without the custom price tag. Other Helle knives I own share the same positive qualities.

Reviewed by: Martin Seeley





From Page 12: Did you notice how the bow is being held? This could possibly be period correct, but I am not aware of anyone that shoots like this!

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

Have something archery  
related to  
trade or sell? Use this  
space to advertise,  
with no cost to you!



## About our Club Shoots

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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 Foothills BowHunters range in Maiden 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!





## Directions to our Club Shoots

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Take US Hwy 321 to Exit 28.

Take Maiden Hwy (North/Business/321) into Maiden.

Stay on 321 through downtown Maiden, then Right onto May's Chapel (which changes names to St. James Church).

Continue to Bowhunting Club Road (gravel). Look for the club sign. Take left at fork (onto Archers Drive but there's no sign), take road to the very end.

Nearest Address: 2560 Archer Drive, Newton, NC



# Archery History—Ads From the Past



## From the Kitchen.....

With turkey season upon us, this might be a great recipe to try for your spring bird.

—> Slice turkey in finger size strips across the grain and drop in a Tupperware container, covered in Italian and teriyaki sauce—let marinate 48 hours.

—> Mix 4 parts flour/1 part corn meal in a gallon zip loc bag, add 2 teaspoons of Cavender's Greek Seasoning—a dry blend in a shake can.

—> Shake the mixture up until mixed well.

—> Take each turkey strip out, place in the bag till bag was half full, zipped up and shake well.

—> Drop into sizzling hot canola oil, 2-3 minutes on each side.

—> A side dish you can also use to go with this: Take some Okra and tomatoes, heat them to a boil and add instant rice.

—> Lower heat to a simmer till done, about 10 minutes.

—> Total prep time is about 20-25 minutes.