The Whispering Shaft

Quarterly Newsletter of the

CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS



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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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Vice Letter from the ^ President

CTA Members,

It's that time of year to renew your membership and vote for club officers. February's Shoot is our Annual Business Meeting, but we make it easy for you now by including the ballot, registration form, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with this month's newsletter. Your input is also appreciated on the Survey.

Our first workday of the year will be Saturday, January 22. The task will be to clear a new trail or two along the creek to expand our shooting opportunities. We'll only be taking down small saplings and deadfalls, so hand saws and loppers will be as useful or more so than chainsaws.

To keep you up-to-date, our club President Dave Haggist and his wife Barbara will be moving temporarily to Durham, NC while she undergoes a bone marrow transplant. Please keep the Haggist family in your prayers.

See you at the next Shoot!

Joe Henz

Cover: CTA member Nathan Hardenbrook doesn't let babysitting get in the way of attending an archery shoot! Photo by Joe Henz

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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8-Herb Reynolds Memorial Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

January 22—CTA Workday, 8am-noon, Maiden

February 12 - CTA Annual Business Meeting & Pig Pickin' Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

March 12— Ladies Club Shoot, (women & girls shoot & eat for free) 9am-3pm, Maiden

March 26-CTA Workday, 8am-noon, Maiden

April 9-Youth Club Shoot, (children under 18 shoot & eat for free) 9am-3pm, Maiden

May 21-NCTAC Workday, 8am-noon, Catawba Valley Wildlife Club

May 26-NCTAC Workday, 8am-noon, Catawba Valley Wildlife Club

May 27, 28 & 29 NCTAC 2010 - Catawba Valley Wildlife Club, Hickory

June 11-Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

July 9—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

August 13-Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

September 10-Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

October TBD—Club Hunt

November 12— Club Coon Shoot, 5pm-9pm, Maiden

December 3—CTA Workday, 8am-noon

December 10-Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

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Traditional Archers



March 19 - Sissipahaw Traditional Archers Shoot, 9am -3pm, Bellemont, NC

Sissipahaw Archery Club is located on NC Hwy 49, four miles south of I-85 (exit 145). More details at www.stacgang.org

North Carolina Artisans

"HOOTS" Custom Bows

Lee Hoots - Bowyer Olin, North Carolina

Traditional archers are taking notice of a bowyer in the Foothills Region of North Carolina named Lee Hoots. Hoots Custom Bows specializes in short, forward-handle, quick-handling recurves and reflex/deflex longbow hybrids.

Like most archers alive today, Lee introduction to archery at age fourteen involved bowhunting with a compound bow. In his late teens

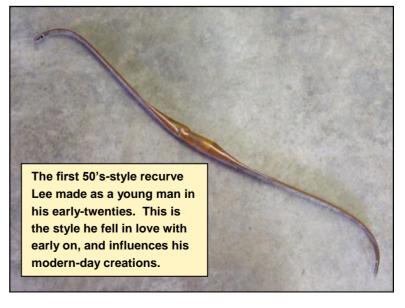
Hoot opened a compound archery pro-shop, where an older customer interested him in traditional archery. Lee traveled to Columbia, South Carolina to visit well-known archery icon Owen Jeffery, where he bought a 54-inch Jeffery recurve. Bitten by the trad bug, Lee then bought a takedown recurve kit from Bingham Projects and made his very first bow at age twenty - and then proceeded to travel to Canada and kill a black bear with it!

Hoot made more bows in his youth, but then stopped when marriage and family and establishing a career as a home builder became a priority. Seven years ago he resumed building bows, and in the last few years Hoots Custom Bows has garnered the attention of traditional archers outside our state through word-of-mouth and traditional archery website forums such as Stickbow and Tradgang. Lee Hoots also shows up as a vendor at several of the large Traditional Archery Events around the Eastern US, including our very own North Carolina Traditional Archery Championships in May. Those who like their bows short, light, and quick would do well to give a Hoots bow a try!





Lee Hoot with his forward-handle reflex/deflex longbow and recurve bow forms.





Hoot won third place in the Wing Shooting Competition at ATAR in Beckley, West Virginia last year. His short, quick-handling bows are perfect for action shooting.



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Lee partnered with top archer John Dill to craft the Anneewakee Addiction recurve, which sports the most eye-catching spalted sycamore limb veneers imaginable!



Lee Hoot's young son Evan is an impressive shot with his Little Hoot recurve. Last summer he won the Youth Eagle Eye Contest at the large ETAR event in Denton Hill, PA.





October Club Shoot



While no one seemed to be interested in our October Club *Hunt*, we did get a good group of archers attending our first October Club Shoot. The weather was perfect, as it usually is in October. Charles Suttles spoiled everyone with fresh-cooked turkey, and Dennis Rusak broke out the after-dinner cigars.

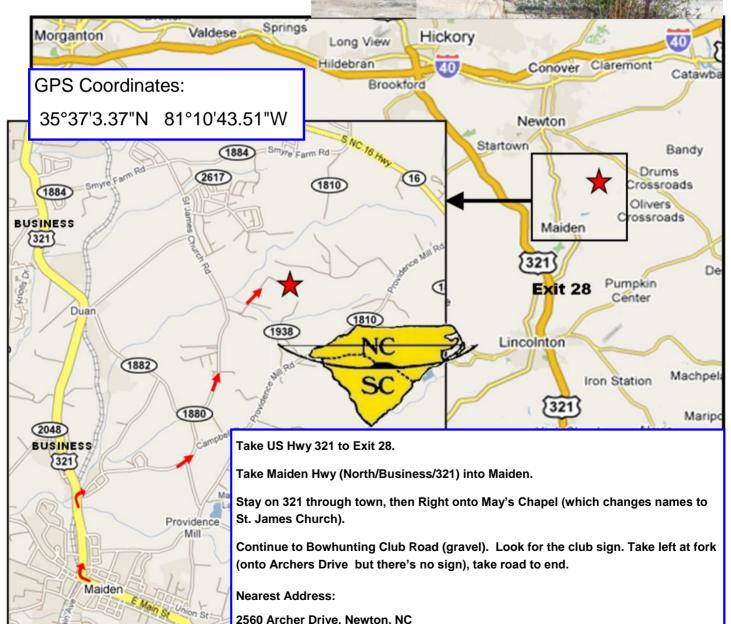


About our Club Shoots

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 at the Foothills Bow-Hunters/CTA range in Maiden NC. Shoots have about 20 3-D animal targets. All the foam targets are in the woods, amongst the trees, which makes for a realistic and very pleasant setting.









Kids have fun at archery shoots too!



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