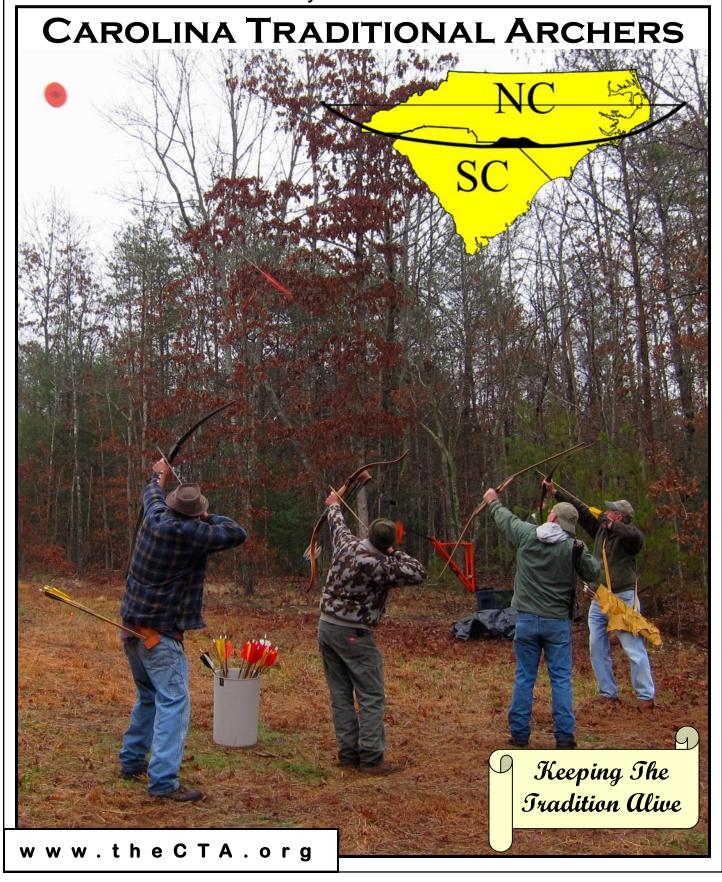
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CAROLINA TRADITIONAL ARCHERS



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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Letter from the President

CTA Members,

First and foremost, thank you for your support of CTA in 2012. Our shoot and activity schedule for 2013 promises to be action packed and enjoyable.

We had a banner year that saw both our shoot attendance and membership records being broken. We had 424 attendees at our monthly shoots this year, which is an increase of over 20%. We also reached an all-time high with 145 members.

I am very pleased to announce that Compton Traditional Bowhunters will be a co-sponsor of the North Carolina Traditional Archery Rendezvous in 2013. Our special guests at this event will be Fred and Teresa Asbell. Having a national organization with the reputation of Compton further enhances an already great event.

Our raffle at NCTAR brings in a significant amount of needed revenue. Your donation of new or like new items is greatly needed and much appreciated. You can bring your donation to any of the monthly shoots.

A special thanks to our members that helped during the November 17th workday. A lot of improvements were made in the appearance and function of the facility.

Please make 2013 the year that you give something back to CTA for all that it has given to you.

Best regards,

Dave Haggist

Cover: Aerial shooting at a monthly club shoot.

Photo by Joe Henz

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5-Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

February 2—CTA Annual Business Meeting & Pig Pickin' Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

March 2— Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

April 18—NCTAR Workday, 8am-noon, Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro

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

May 4—"Women & Children First" Shoot, (Ladies, Kids under 18 shoot & eat for free) 9am-3pm, Maiden

June 1-Primitive Skills Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

July 6—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

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

September 7-Whitetail Warm-Up Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

October 5—"Brunch for the Bunch" Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden

October 24-26-Club Hunt, Kerr Scott

November 2— Coon Shoot, 4pm-10pm, Maiden

December 7—Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden

December 14—CTA Workday, 8am-noon, Maiden



Traditional Archers

Other Regional Traditional Archery Events

March 16 - 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

Bill Stroupe, - Bowyer

Cold Mountain Bows - Dallas, North Carolina

Bill Stroupe is a common fixture at our club shoots, and the presence of his mobile shop is always welcome to the archer who needs an emergency arrow repair or has lost a shooting glove.

Bill first started building longbows about twenty years ago. His first attempt was simply a straight "board bow", but he didn't like the hand shock that it created when he shot it, so in his next bow he added reflex/deflex. Of course it took him several more iterations before he got a design he liked.

Those of you who read the traditional archery forums on the internet know that lately the emphasis in traditional archery is speed-speed. The result is that many bowyers - responding to customer demand - make short, highly reflexed "longbows" that push the outer limits in arrow speed.

Unfortunately bow design is all about tradeoffs, and to get one thing you often have to give up something else. Stroupe hasn't jumped on the speedster wagon, preferring instead to design a bow that is quiet, forgiving, and stable. The result is a bow that isn't terribly picky about arrow spine or shooting form, but is still plenty fast enough to get the job done.

Bill can make longbows from 60 inches to 70 inches in length. He also just started making a takedown recurve bow, because so many of his customers have asked for it.

Stroupe doesn't have a website,

so most of his business comes through word-of-mouth. Most Cold Mountain customers actually visit in-person to choose not just their bow length, draw length, and poundage, but also to pick out the wood for their bow and their preferred style of grip. The waiting period for a Cold Mountain bow is about four months, which is much shorter than the big-name national bowyers with the fancy websites and the glossy catalogs. Better yet, you can get a bow that's just as custom for hundreds of dollars less. Bill also makes economical kids bows and arrows for archers under ten who are just starting out.

If you're in the market for a new custom bow, look Bill up at the next monthly Club Shoot. Chances are he'll have a bow there for you to try - especially if you're a south-paw! Bill shoots left-handed himself, so he always has a bow for a left-hander, but he usually has an additional bow or two in the back of his truck. Oh yes, and he can fit you with a quiver and a dozen arrows too!



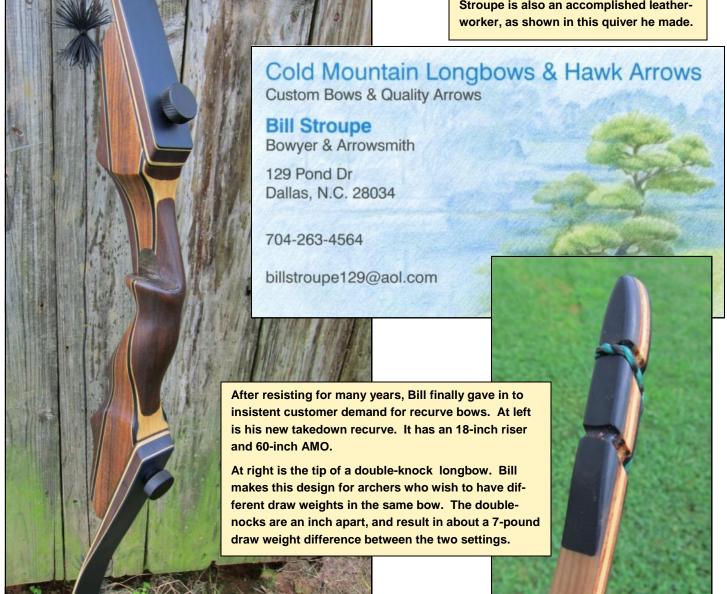




Like most bowyers, Bill is an accomplished archer and bowhunter too. His trophy wall includes an impressive public-land North Carolina buck that he harvested with a traditional bow and wooden arrow of his own making in 1995, along with some of the many archery competitions he's won through the years.



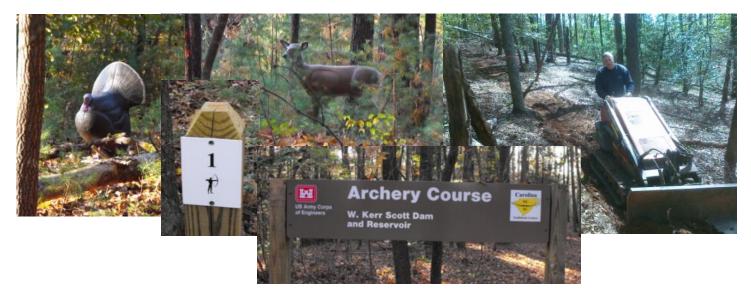
Stroupe is also an accomplished leather-



Community Service at Kerr Scott

CTA Builds an Archery Range

The continuing partnership between the Carolina Traditional Archers and W. Kerr Scott has resulted in the completion of a 12 target 3D archery range at Fort Hamby Park. An Eagle Scout candidate also contributed to the project by building a bridge across a low lying area on the course. The course will be open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. In addition to being open to the public, the NCWRC plans to use the course in its efforts to promote hunter safety and encourage involvement in the outdoors by women and children.



CTA Wildlife Food Plots

In keeping with our mission statement to aid conservation efforts, CTA adopted two additional wildlife food plots in the Fort Hamby WMA and refurbished an existing food plot in the Marley's Ford WMA. CTA member Charles Suttles donated the seed and CTA President Dave Haggist along with Ranger Brad Carey completed the planting. This makes a total of 6 food plots that have been adopted.



NCTAR 2013 Coming Soon! April 19 & 20 (Friday & Saturday)

The North Carolina Traditional Archery **Championship** is now the non-competitive* North Carolina Traditional Archery **Rendezvous**.

We also have a New Event Date: the third weekend in April. Hopefully with this date we will finally avoid the heat! Also, instead of the usual three-day event, which tended to end in a whimper Sunday afternoon, NCTAR will run 8am-5pm Friday, and 8am-10pm Saturday night with a Coon Shoot (included in the price of admission)! The event will no longer be held on Sunday.

Location—W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro, NC. Close access to several beautiful campgrounds with showers and electrical hookups. Plus numerous hotels, restaurants, stores, and churches less than four miles away. Plus fishing, canoeing, and more!

Plus: We are also very pleased to announce that Compton Traditional Bowhunters will be a cosponsor of this years event. In addition, Fred and Teresa Asbell will be our special guests.

Entry Fee: flat \$20 per person. \$5 discount for CTA Members! Kids under 16 shoot for free!

See our website for more details: www.theCTA.org

*We'll still give you a scorecard if you want bragging rights.

CTA Club Hunt

A great time was had by several members that participated in the annual CTA Whitetail Deer Hunt in Warrior Creek Campground, on the shores of Kerr Scott Reservoir. The weather was fantastic and the wildlife sightings were abun-

dant. CTA President Dave Haggist observed 7 deer and 16 wild turkeys during one evening hunt. Although no deer were taken, one member who will remain unidentified shot at -- and missed -- the same deer twice!





CTA Coon Shoot



Our Annual Nighttime
Coon Shoot on November
Ist was well attended.
CTA member Drew won
the turkey shoot, and CTA
President Dave Haggist surprised everyone with a
zombie as the final target
on the range!







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