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*Letter from the President*

Dave Haggist

CTA Members,

Despite the rain and hail on Friday and the rain predictions throughout the weekend, NCTAC was a success. We had 301 shooters and comments indicated folks had a great time. I want to express my sincere gratitude to our members that either attended or helped with this event. As always, a special thanks to our club officers who worked countless hours to ensure NCTAC was a success.

CTA recently reached an important milestone with 135 members. This is the highest membership we have ever had and speaks well of our organization. Thanks to all that renewed your membership and a heartfelt welcome to our new members. I want to encourage everyone to invite a acquaintance to one of our monthly shoots. Remember; first time attendees shoot and eat for free.

A review of member surveys gave us a lot of great ideas for the future. Many of these ideas will be implemented immediately and others will be phased in over the next several months. We also received some great ideas for our monthly seminars. What we need now are members willing to pass on their knowledge and present a brief seminar.

Listed below are some of the ideas:

Arrow fletching...fletch splicing...string making

Archery instruction...primitive tackle making

Primitive skills...hunting tips; specific game animals

Bow fishing...flint knapping...tree stand safety

Woodmanship skills...Dutch oven cooking...arrow making

Quiver building...primitive bow making...camping equipment

Best regards,

Dave Haggist

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

August 14—Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

September 11—Whitetail Warm-up Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

October TBD—Club Hunt, Kerr Scott Reservoir

November 13—Club Shoot & Coon Shoot, 2pm-10pm, Maiden

November 6—CTA Workday, 8am-noon

December 11—Tribute to Fred Bear Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden



Other Regional Traditional Archery Events

July 9-11 - ATAR - Appalachian Traditional Archery Rendezvous, Beckley, WV

More details at website: wvbowhunt.tripod.com

July 31-August 1 - Powder Creek Traditional Archers, Mills River, NC

More details call Linda Brittain at 828-891-3332

August 14 - Western Carolina Bowhunters, Fletcher, NC

More details call Charles Henn at 828-684-2636

August 21 - Sissipahaw Traditional Archers, Burlington, NC

More details at website: www.stacgang.org

→ NCTAC 2010 →

This was our 13th Annual Traditional Archery Championship, so we probably shouldn't have been surprised by the hail storm that blew through on opening day! Fortunately the weather was better Saturday and Sunday. This year we had three ranges composed of 12-14 targets per range, versus the traditional two twenty-target ranges. (The total number of targets remained at 40 targets to keep scoring consistent with past years.) This spread out the crowds nicely, as well as allowed archers to devote shorter blocks of time and endurance to shooting an entire range. This year we also had a new category: Ultimate Archer! Twelve archers were hardy (or perhaps foolhardy?) enough to compete in this event, which involved shooting all three ranges with a recurve bow, again with a longbow, and again with primitive archery equipment!









AWARD WINNING ARCHERS

Men's Recurve	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	John Dill	123	91	120	334
2nd Place	Don Batten	122	105	102	329
3rd Place	Alex Ballenger	116	95	118	329
Men's Longbow	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Preston Roberson	134	99	115	348
2nd Place	Jeremy Coggins	116	116	105	337
3rd Place	John Dill	110	100	124	334
Men's Primitive	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	John Dill	111	104	95	310
2nd Place	Don Batten	103	122	83	308
3rd Place	Jerry Laney	108	108	92	308
Women's Recurve	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Linda Graham	120	91	77	288
2nd Place	Maggie Vogt	112	76	94	282
3rd Place	Donna Carter	91	78	111	280
Women's Longbow	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Lorraine Cummings	93	78	116	287
2nd Place	Nancy McLaulin	110	72	66	248
3rd Place	Nancy Fields	87	73	82	242
Youth Boy Recurve	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Joshua Lawler	120	103	86	309
2nd Place	Hunter Watson	101	95	81	277
3rd Place	Cole Smith	112	84	76	272
Youth Boy Longbow	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Nic Scoggins	90	88	80	258
2nd Place	Caleb Harrison	33	36	50	119
3rd Place	Cody Maxwell	43	45	25	113
Youth Girl	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Sarah Martin	129	124	92	345
2nd Place	Abigail VanBumble	77	69	61	207
3rd Place	Hannah VanBumble	59	53	41	153

AWARD WINNING ARCHERS (CONTINUED)

Cubs Boy	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Hunter Osborne	100	98	75	273
2nd Place	Terent Julian	115	71	82	268
3rd Place	R J Miller	80	77	67	224
Cubs Girl	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Haleigh Anderson	68	74	70	212
2nd Place	Holly Parris	72	56	51	179
3rd Place	Anna McMillan	64	75	25	164
Chipmunks	Name	Range A	Range B	Range C	Total
1st Place	Ahlyn Campbell	67	89	60	216
2nd Place	Billy Cazzola	63	53	48	164
3rd Place	Josh Miller	55	56	53	164

Ultimate Archer	Name	Recurve	Longbow	Primitive	Total
1st Place	John Dill	334	334	310	978
2nd Place	Don Batten	329	333	308	970
3rd Place	Jeremy Coggins	297	337	306	940

Saturday's Coon Shoot - Youth	Name	Score
1st Place	Cole Smith	40
2nd Place		
3rd Place		
Saturday's Coon Shoot - Adult	Name	Score
1st Place	Alston Harris	78
2nd Place	Preston Roberson	61
3rd Place	Roger Harrison	53
Toughman	Name	Score
1st Place	Preston Roberson	68
2nd Place	Larry Fischer	59
3rd Place	Dwayne Martin	57

Sixth Grade Archery Clinic at Sunshine Elementary

By Dave Haggist

On April 1st CTA members Jim & Maggie Vogt along with Dave Haggist conducted an archery clinic at Sunshine Elementary School, in Bostic, North Carolina. We shared the joy of traditional archery with approximately forty 6th graders, and even got one of the teachers shooting! The smiles left no doubt that the archery bug had bitten more than a few young people — and as always we were having as much fun as the kids!

We are blessed in CTA to have a good assortment of archery gear that has been donated to our club. I encourage all of our members to make opportunities to reach out to young people and exposed them to archery as well as other outdoor activities. Not only is this one of the missions of our organization, but it perpetuates the outdoor lifestyle we all hold so dear.

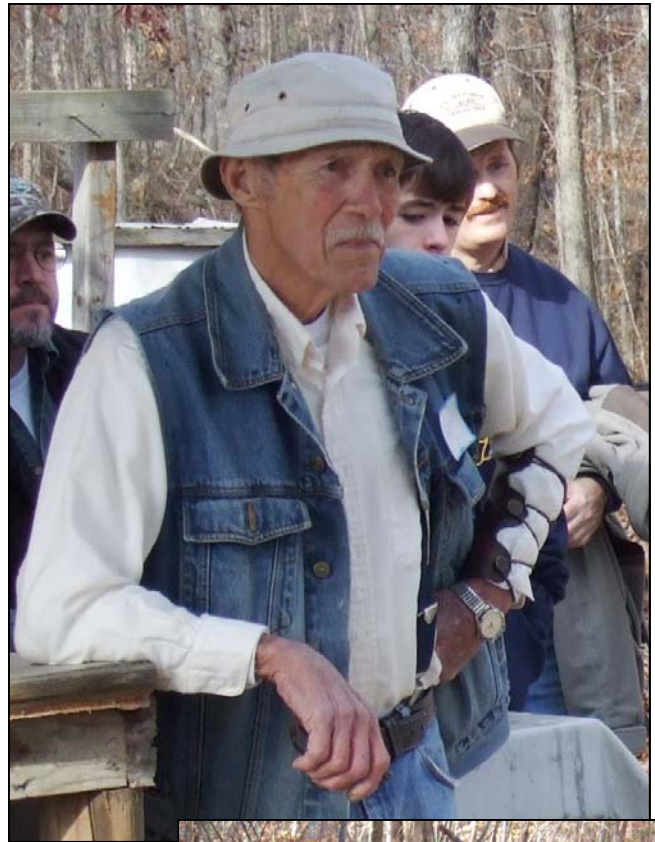


IN MEMORY

James B. Yount 1932-2010

From the Mackie-High Funeral Home obituary:

GRANITE FALLS - Mr. James Barrie "Jim" Yount, 77, of Laurel Street, Granite Falls, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Care. He was born Sept. 21, 1932, in Cook County, Illinois. Mr. Yount was one of 10 children, a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of First United Methodist Church Granite Falls and a member of Carolina Traditional Archers. He was a quiet, gentle man who loved his family, friends and church. Mr. Yount kept active in archery, fishing, reading and loved watching old movies.



With the recent passing of Jim Yount, CTA not only lost a devoted member but to many of us a dear friend. Jim has not been to a CTA event for many months due to his illness, but before being diagnosed with cancer you could count on seeing him at practically every shoot—and more importantly at every workday. My most vivid memory of Jim was at an NCTAC workday several years ago that was cursed by a heavy, cold rain. Jim came wearing a raincoat made from a garbage bag, and—at 70 years plus—stayed and worked throughout that miserable day, never once complaining. His selfless efforts and devotion to our organization was an inspiration to many. Jim's love of archery was seemingly exceeded only by smoking his beloved pipe, which I so often teased him of containing wacky weed.

My memories of Jim will always bring a smile to my face, a feeling I'm sure many of our members share. I take solace that Jim is now shooting his bow in Paradise, his body free from the ravages of age, his arrow always hitting its mark.



Dave Haggist



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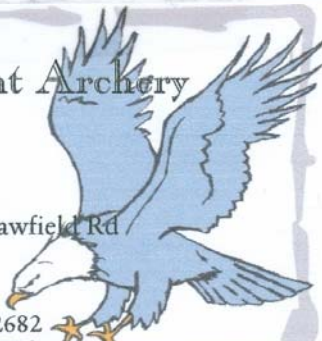


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