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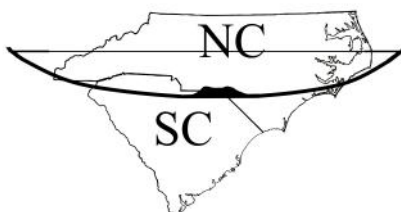
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MISSION STATEMENT



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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Cover: NCTAR Kids Event.

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Letter from the President

CTA Members,

My sincere thanks go out to those members that supported NCTAR with their attendance, assisting with events, or by contributing to the raffle. You are true friends of CTA!

Speaking of the raffle, this was by far the best year we have ever had. The generosity of our members as well as the craftsmanship of items made was simply awesome.

As many of you already know, we had a bit of rough sailing at NCTAR. The prediction of severe weather and that prediction becoming reality really hurt attendance. In addition, two mongrel dogs' severely damaged or destroyed 23 targets. Despite these setbacks attendees really enjoyed the event and plan to attend next year. We also had an excellent turnout of vendors.

Due to the excellent management of club funds over the past several years, we will be able to overcome the target loss.

We have two major activities scheduled for our members in the upcoming months. Mark your calendars and more details will follow in the near future.

Dove Hunt: August 31, 2013

Whitetail Deer Hunt: October 17, 18, 19, 2013.

Besides the monthly shoots we are always looking for activities for our members. If you have ideas for an activity, please share with a club officer.

Best regards,

Dave Haggist

July 6—Independence Day Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

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

August 31—Dove Club Hunt, Kerr Scott

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

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

October 17-19—Whitetail 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



Other Regional Traditional Archery Events

June 29 - Blue Ridge Bowhunters Shoot, Leicester, NC. [Click here for directions.](#)

July 27-28 - [Powder Creek Traditional Archers](#) Shoot, 8am -3pm, see ad in this newsletter.

August 10 - Western Carolina Bowhunters Shoot, Fletcher, NC.

Take Hwy 64 east (exit 18A) off of Interstate 26 to North Henderson High School. Turn left onto Fruitland Rd. Go 3.2 miles, turn left onto Terry's Gap Rd. After driving 1.7 miles, turn right onto Kyle's Creek Rd. and go .4 mile; watch for range sign on left.

August 17 - 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

NCTAR 2013 in Pictures!



The North Carolina Traditional Archery Rendezvous got off to a wet start and a down note on Friday, when we discovered that some feral dogs had torn apart over half the targets that we'd set out the night before. But our volunteers soldiered on, the dogs were trapped and removed by Wilkes County Animal Control, and we were blessed with beautiful weather on Saturday. Traditional Archery celebrity Fred Asbell gave a very informative seminar on instinctive shooting, that was well-received. Many members donated items for the Raffle, which was a great success. The vendors were popular; the Boomer Fire Department ran out of BBQ, another food vendor ran out of jerky. Everyone appreciated the beauty of the Kerr Scott area, and for once we didn't have to suffer high heat and humidity at a State Shoot!





NCTAR in Pictures
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CTA/Kerr Scott Conservation Project

In our continuing efforts to support conservation projects, CTA adopted it's eight wildlife food plot at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir. This five acre tract is located in the Boomer Wildlife Management Area and was planted in millet and sunflowers. A special use permit has been approved to allow CTA members exclusive use of the area for an opening day Dove hunt. Details will be emailed to members at a later date.



I Am Not a Turkey Hunter

by Tim Antoine

I am more of a turkey caller. When I lived in Delaware my hunting partner, Dave Cernos, taught me how to use a mouth call. Dave loved turkey hunting, and I went along just for something to do. I moved to North Carolina 20 years ago and one year Dave came to visit. I remember that first morning, we called in five gobblers. My grandfathers farm was the turkey spot! Well, after my grandfather died and not having Dave around, I lost interest.

A few years ago, I was watching the Management Advantage show and the tip was, if you want turkeys, you have to control the raccoons and opossums. I began a relocation program. I trapped and moved them 30 miles away. Rumor has it, if the coons are released to close, they can follow the smell of the water back to their home range. I did not want to take no chances. (I thought about putting a small cattle tag in their ear to see if any would return, but never did.) Over the next 2-3 years, our scant turkey population grew to hen flocks of 25 to 30 this winter. I decided to take a Mature Tom if I could.

Opening day I load my blind, decoys, and bow onto the Polaris and drive to the top of the property. I get set up and get ready to call when I hear snorting. It is my stepson's 40-lb beagle that likes to follow me into the woods. He walks around the decoys and then around the blind few times. I am thinking, if I am quiet, he will walk home. Things settle and I began calling. A mere fifteen minutes later, I have a Tom at 10 yards! I position for the shot that does not happen. All he had to do was just walk past my shooting window, but he vanished. Maybe he did not like the two hen set up. Maybe he is in the back of the blind. I peaked out the back of the hidden hunter blind to see our beagle walking down the trail.

The next weekend I didn't hunt. I went to the NCTAR instead. Charles Suttles donated several nice prizes for our raffle. One was a new Bear bow fishing set up. That's several hundred dollars alone. He also donated a nice Avian jake decoy. I've always wanted one of those, but I could never justify spending a hundred dollars for it. I bought 20 dollars worth of raffle tickets and placed all of them on the decoy. Luck would have it they called out one of my tickets. I got the decoy!

The very next week I went back up the mountain to the top of our property and used the same set up, plus the jake decoy. I heard faint gobbling several hundred yards away and over the next half hour, I called the Tom to me. He walked up through the woods, strutting and drumming all the way. I had the jake facing off to the right of the blind, at a angle. When the Tom, strutted around to the front, I drew back my Rick Welch Dakota ProHunter 46-lb. recurve, and buried the 175 grain STOS broad head into the kill zone. We are allowed two turkeys but I am done for the year. I heard other gobblers from the south, on the ridge in front of our farm. I am content and happy watching the hens daily nesting habits and patterns. Hopefully, they will spread to adjoining mountains. Thank you, Dave for teaching me to call and Charles for the chance at the decoy.





Sharing the Love of Archery at Sunshine Elementary

Bostic, NC

On March 29, 2013, Jim & Maggie Vogt along with Dave Haggist conducted an archery clinic at Sunshine Elementary School. Close to 50 kids were exposed to the joy of traditional archery. The real treat of the day was an archery demonstration held in the gymnasium. A group of students from the middle school that are involved in the NASP (National Archery In the Schools) program demonstrated their archery skills. Jim and Maggie also joined in, and Jim "Robin Hooded" an arrow to the amazement of the students.

A real honor was bestowed upon Jim & Maggie as well as CTA when the principal of Sunshine Elementary explained how the Heritage Day archery clinics became the catalysis for the NASP program in the middle school. This program now has 24 students and well over half of them are from Sunshine Elementary. The principal of the middle school commented that there are more children than slots for the archery program. Its amazing what two people and some bows and arrows can do.

Article by Dave Haggist



Braggin' Wall



Dave Haggist got his largest Texas javelina to date last February in Marfa, Texas. He used a 50-lb. 1973-vintage Bear Magnesium Riser Take-Down Recurve and a Magnus 2-blade broadhead.



Charles Suttles continues to uphold his reputation as an outstanding turkey hunter by harvesting another fine South Carolina gobbler with his Black Widow.

Braggin' Wall (continued)



Bill Morris and his grandson Jack had a great day bowfishing for carp!



Have a photo or story to share? Send it to Joe at jhenz@theCTA.org.

Photos of Interest



At the [Kentucky Tradfest](#) this year they had an interesting custom-made Caution Sign! Also saw a fellow with an unusual type of quiver—sort of a combination bow-quiver and “possibles bag” that traditional muzzleloader hunters carry.



Have an interesting traditional archery related picture to share?
Send it to Joe at jhenz@theCTA.org.

TRADING BLANKET



Have a traditional bow or related archery accessories (arrows, quiver, shooting glove etc.) to sell? Send your ad to Joe at jhenz@theCTA.org.



Bear Tamerlane. 66"amo, 38# @ 28" draw. Very good condition, a great bow for a beginning archer or someone with a long draw length. I can bring it to the next Club Shoot if you want to try it. \$190.

Call 704-904-9474. -- Joe Henz

I have a Bear Kodiak Magnum. 52"amo, 55# @ 28" draw.

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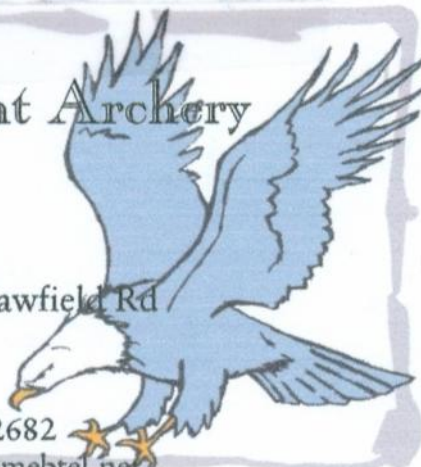


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Powder Creek Traditional Archers

All Traditional 2013 Shoot Schedule



- March 23: One day only; 25 3-D targets
- May 25: One day only; 25 3-D targets
- June 29-30: Two day shoot; 30 3-D targets
- July 27-28: Two day shoot; 40 3-D targets; Camping and vendors welcome

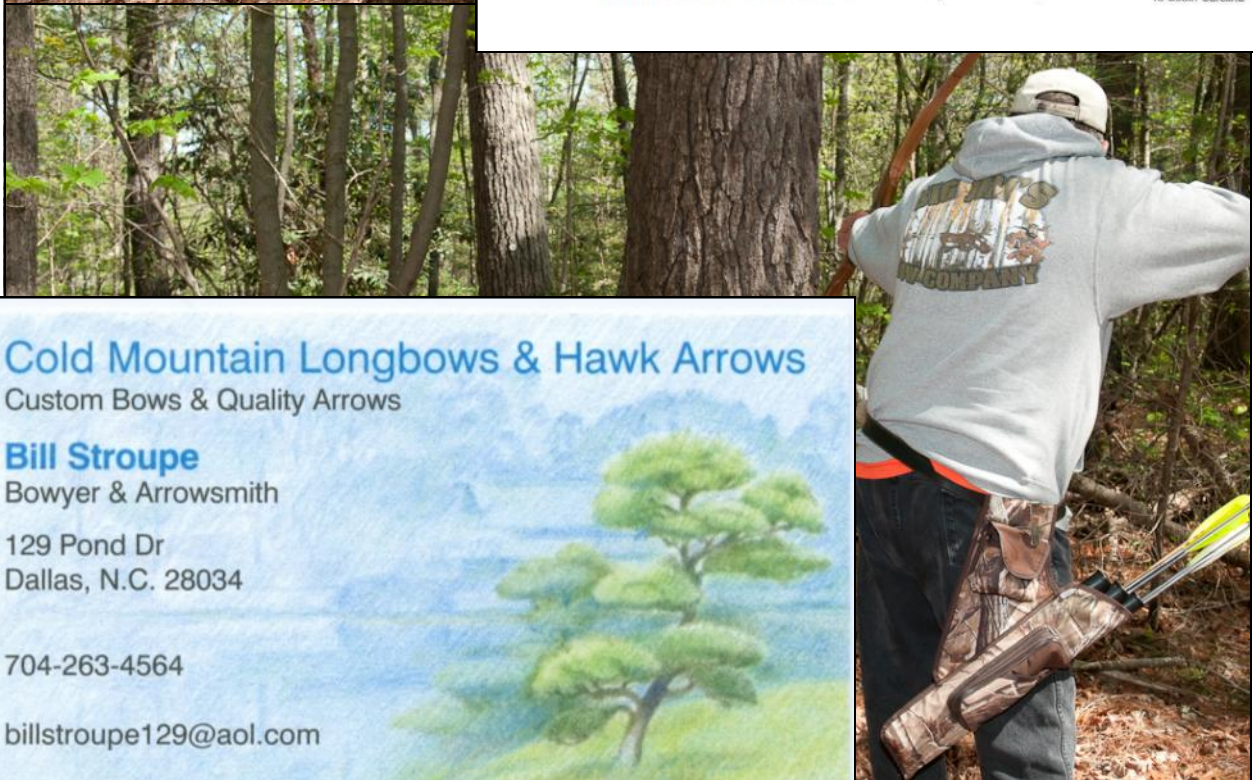
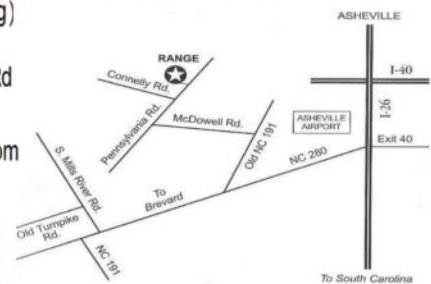
Each day registration will be from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30.

Entry fee: \$0 Pee Wee (0-7 yr. old), \$5 Cubs (8-11 yr. old), \$8 Fun Shoot (One Round) or (\$10 Unlimited Shooting), \$10 Youth-Adults (One Score Round) or (\$12 Score and Unlimited Shooting)

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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

