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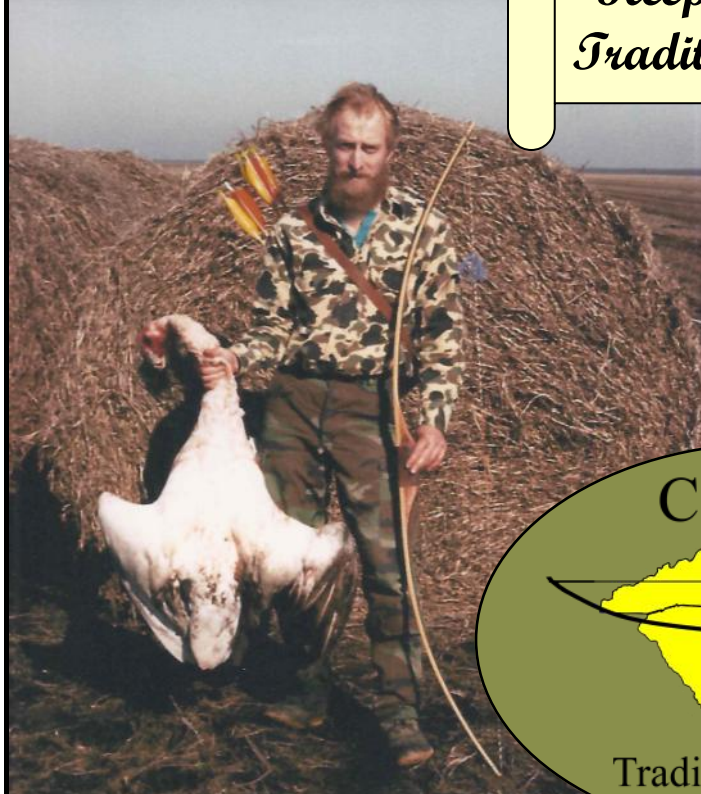
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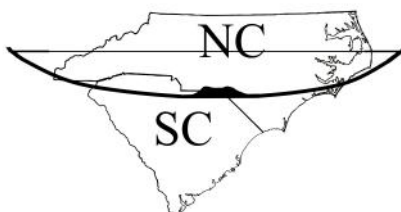
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The mission of the Carolina Traditional Archers is the preservation and promotion of the ancient art of traditional archery through club activities and educational interactions with others. Members will adhere to the highest ethical standards in their 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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Cover: 1980's-Era photos of CTA Members from Darrell Michael's Photo Album.



Letter from the President



CTA Members,

As we wrap up this year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support of CTA. What a blast it's been!

We have been blessed with some great weather during our monthly shoots and attendance has been spectacular. We still have a few events to go that promise some great shooting, fellowship, and meals.

By the time you receive this newsletter our first CTA Dove hunt is in the bag. We hope that like our deer hunt it can be an annual event. Speaking of our deer hunt, details about this event are included in this issue of the Whispering Shaft.

With hunting season now upon us, my wish for all of you is to have great adventures and may your arrows fly true. I would like to leave you with this passage written by Dr. Saxton Pope:

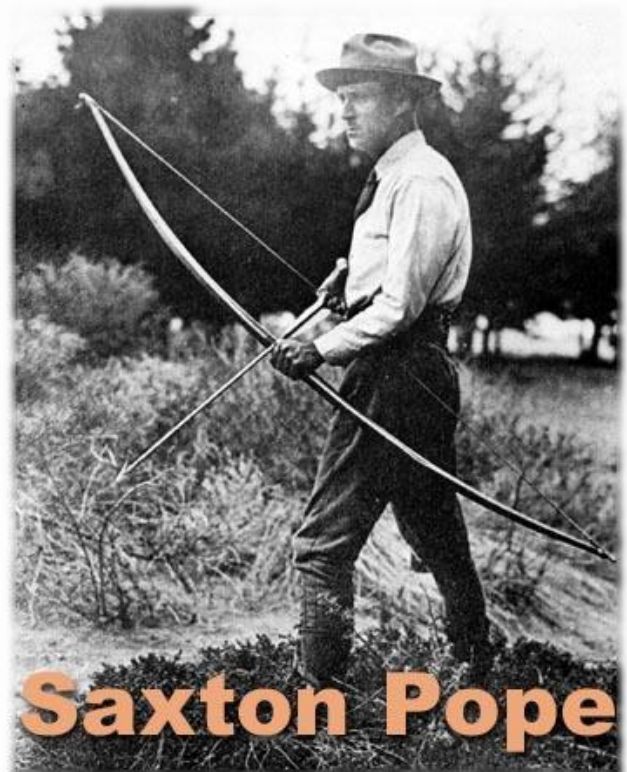
The real archer when he goes afield enters a land of subtle delight. The dew glistens on the leaves, the thrush sings in the bush, the soft wind blows, and all nature welcomes him as she has the hunter since the world began. With his bow in his hand, his arrows softly rustling in the quiver, a horn at his back, and a hound at his heels, what more can a man want in life?

- Dr. Saxton Pope

To me this says it all.

Best regards,

Dave Haggist



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

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January 4—Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden



CTA—The Early Years

The North Carolina Traditional Archers club started in 1982 with a half-dozen archers: Herb Reynolds, Richard Rumfelt, Phil Cuberston, Larry Long, Darrell Michaels, and Dennis DeVosier are the names mentioned, although there may be a few others. These guys would see each other at the large Union Grove Archery Shoot once a year, and of course they would naturally gravitate towards one another because they were the few archers left who weren't shooting compounds.

In the early days the group only had 3-4 Shoots a year. The Shoots were relatively irregular, informal affairs mostly held in Herb Reynold's backyard. Darrell Michaels held some shoots in his backyard too, as did Bill Stroupe, until the club leased some land on the outskirts of Lincolnton for that purpose.

We take our 3-D polyurethane foam targets for granted now, but they are a relatively new invention—and when they did come out they were pretty expensive. Paper targets on hay bales was the norm back-in-the-day. Here are some photos from the 1980's that Darrell Michaels shared from his photo album.



Richard Rumfelt



Darrell Michaels



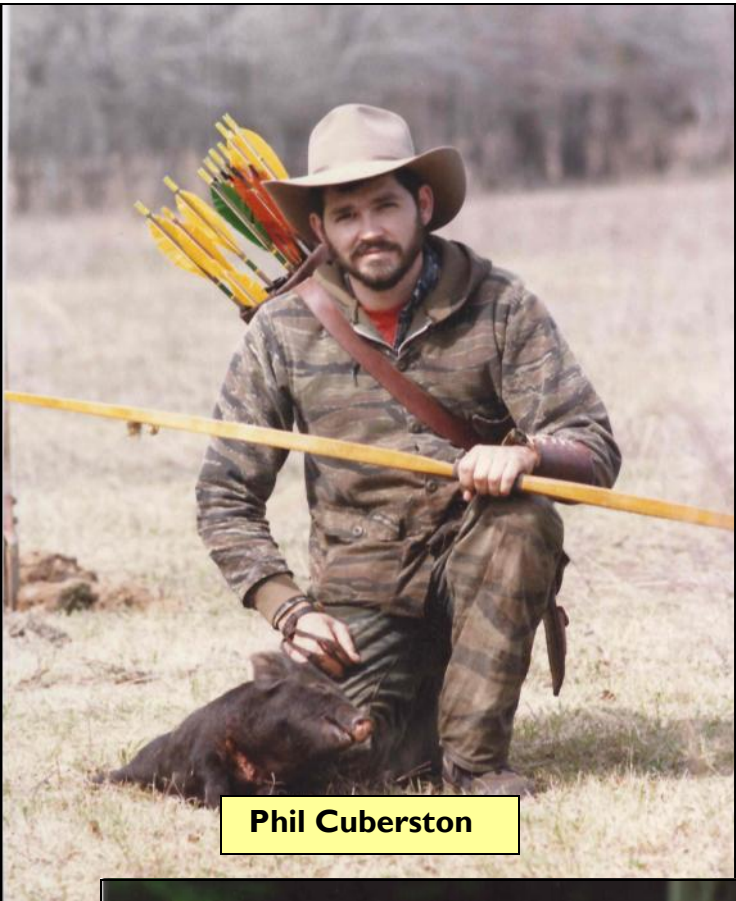
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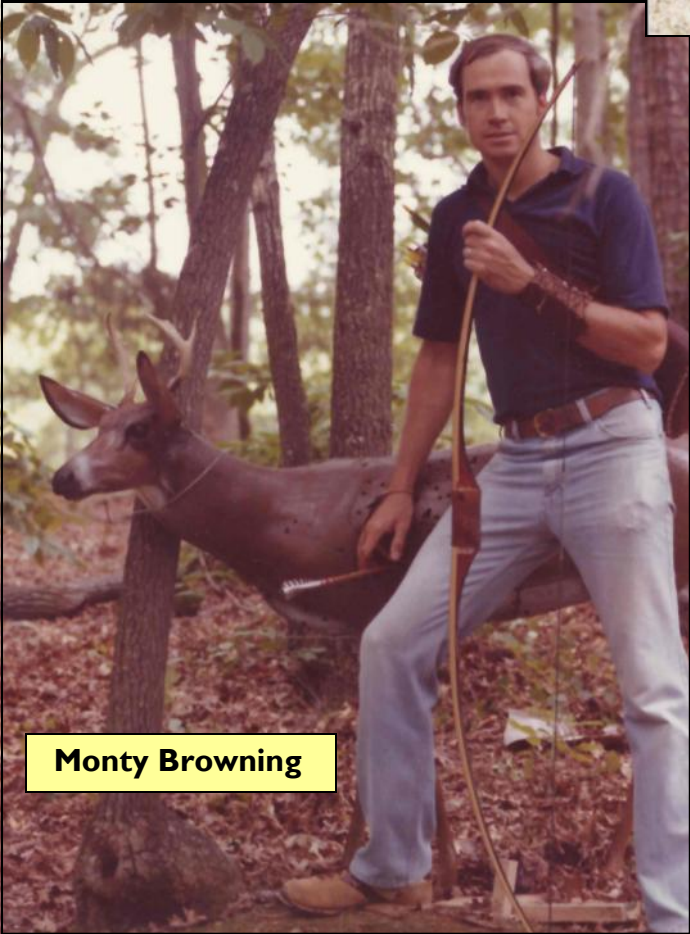
A group of CTA members at the Howard Hill Shoot in Alabama.



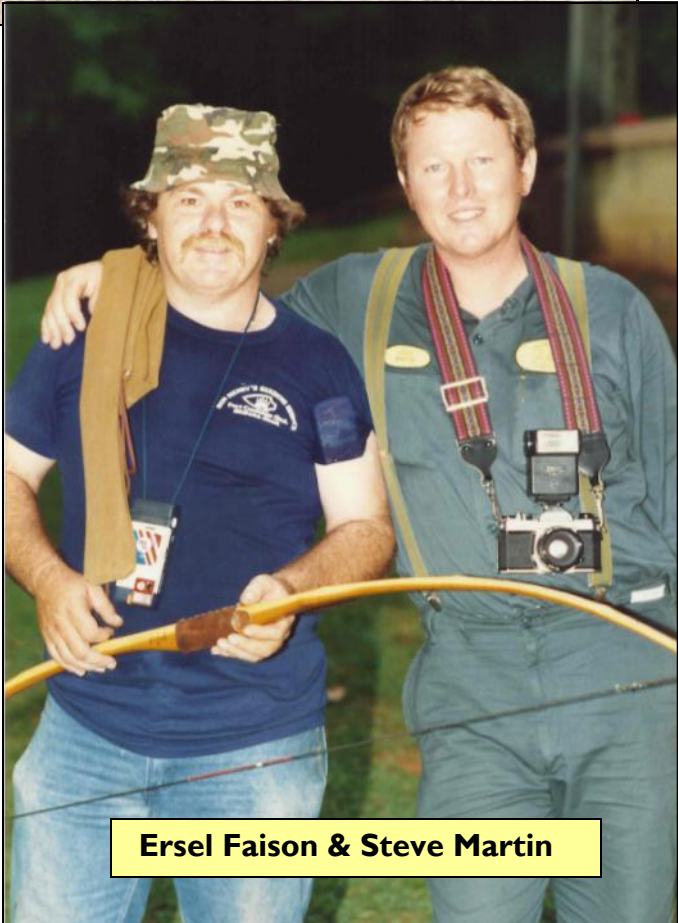
Herb Reynolds



Phil Cuberston



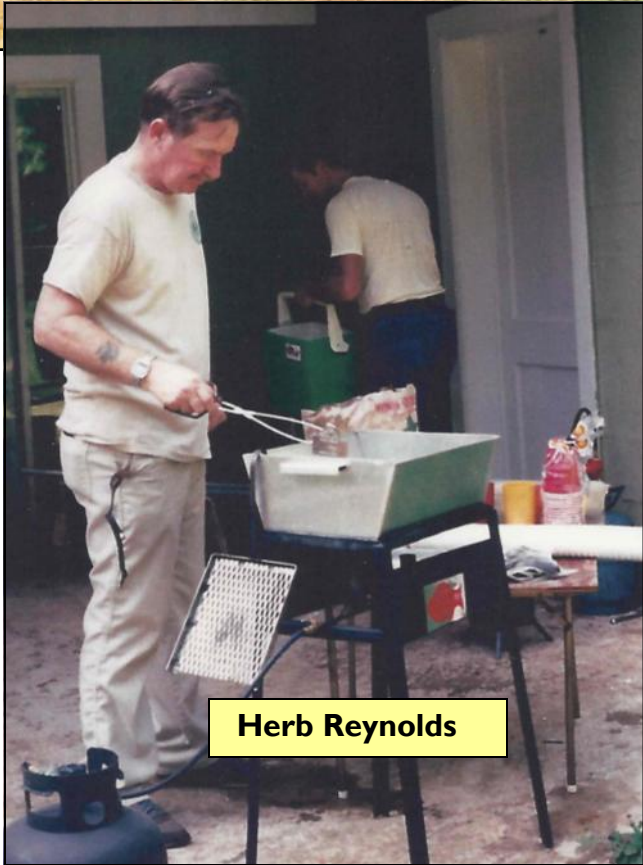
Monty Browning



Ersel Faison & Steve Martin



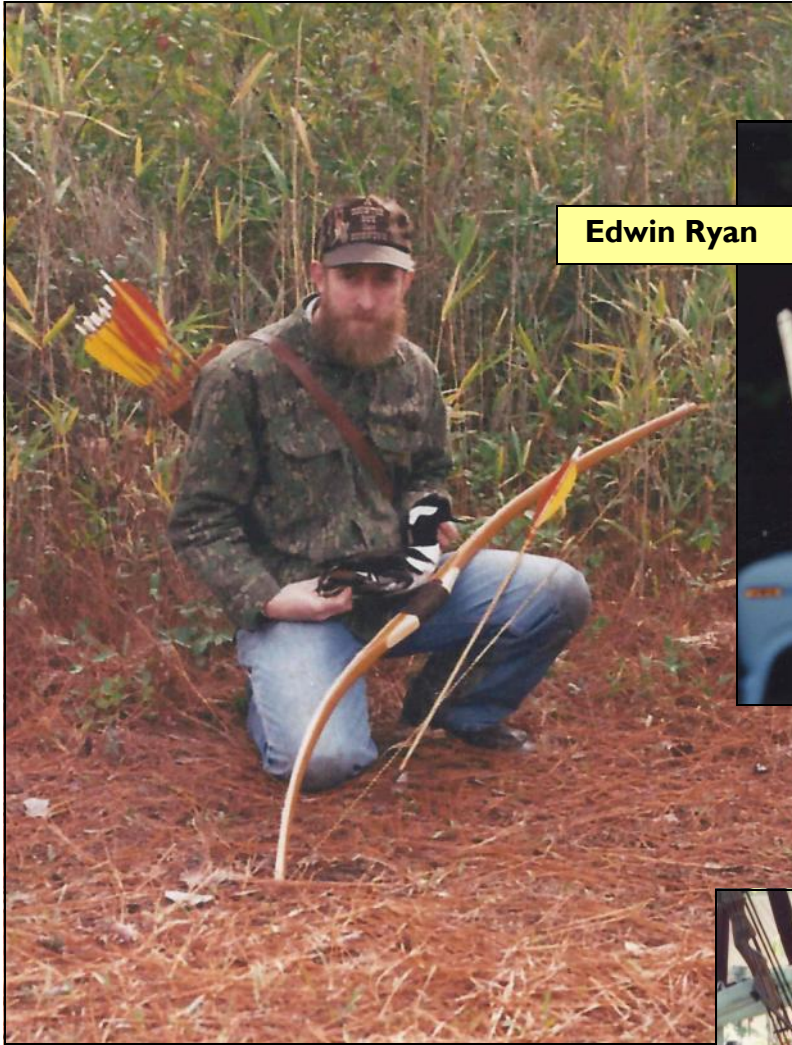
Club Shoot Group Photo



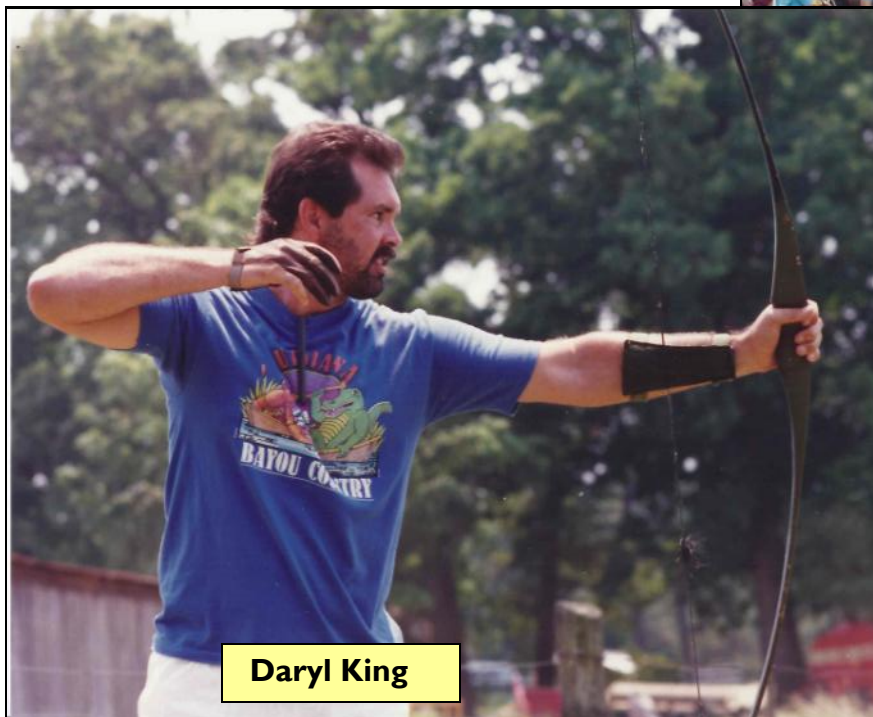
Herb Reynolds



Larry Long

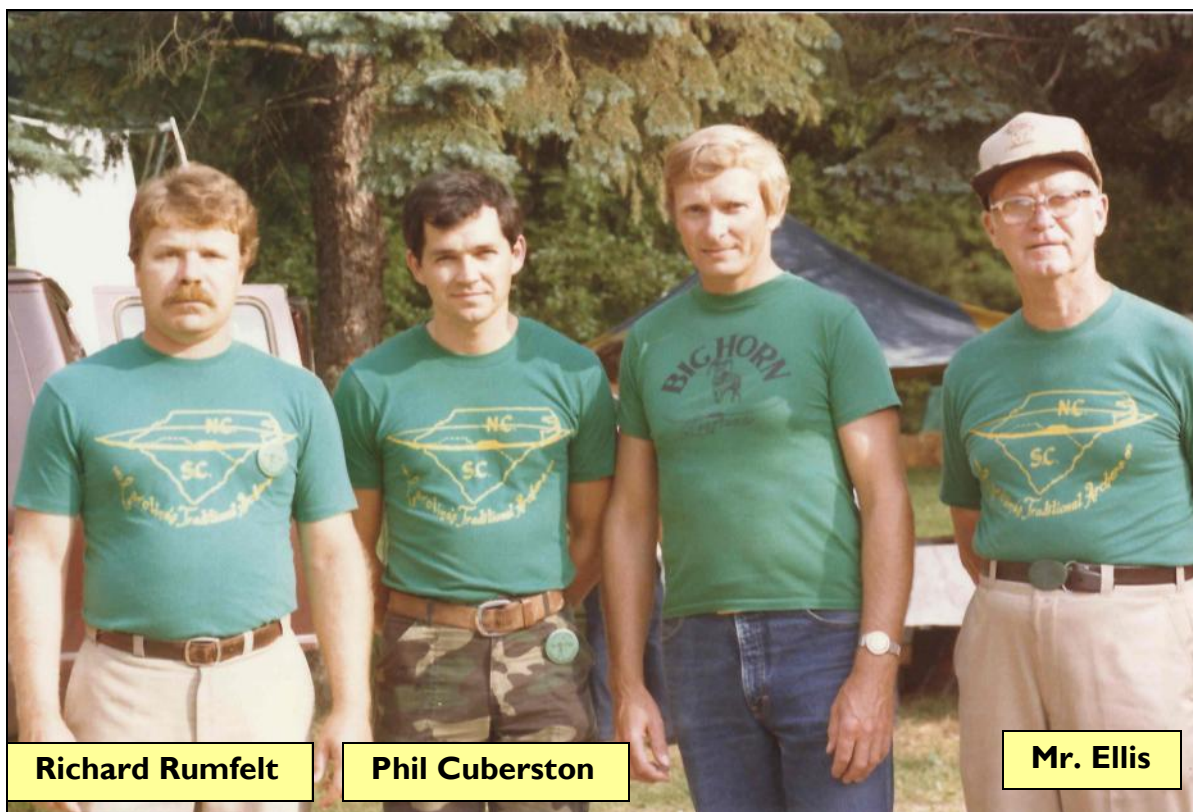


Edwin Ryan



Daryl King





Richard Rumfelt

Phil Cuberston

Mr. Ellis



Club Shoot Group Photo

CTA Members Vote on Logo Background

Those of you who have been to our monthly club shoots this spring and summer know that we've had members vote on their favorite background color for our CTA logo at the registration table. Here's the vote tally:



A. **5 votes**



B. **9 votes**



C. **14 votes**



D. **1 vote**



E. **5 votes**



F. **10 votes**

As you can see, the winner is C. We will still use the CTA logo without a colored background as well, but when displaying the logo on a non-white background (such as a photograph, like the cover of this newsletter for example) having a background color is helpful.



C. Pantone Color 5767 C
CMYK(30,12,66,36)

Primitive Skills on Display at June Club Shoot



Photos by Drew Sumrell



You may be surprised to learn that during the Victorian Period, (1840's to 1900) field archery was a very popular sport with the ladies! Strict dress codes and societal mores of the time prevented women from participating in most of the sports that men enjoyed. Unlike other sports, archery did not require a change of dress.

Equipment typically consisted of yew or lemonwood longbows, pine-shafted arrows with hardwood footings, and fletching of turkey or peacock feathers. Nocks were often made of horn, as were occasionally the points, although steel points were more common.

At right is the gold medal winner of the 1908 London Olympics in women's archery, Sybil "Queenie" Fenton Newall. Age fifty-three when she won the medal, she remains the oldest gold medal Olympian record-holder to this day!



October Club Hunt - Oct. 17-19

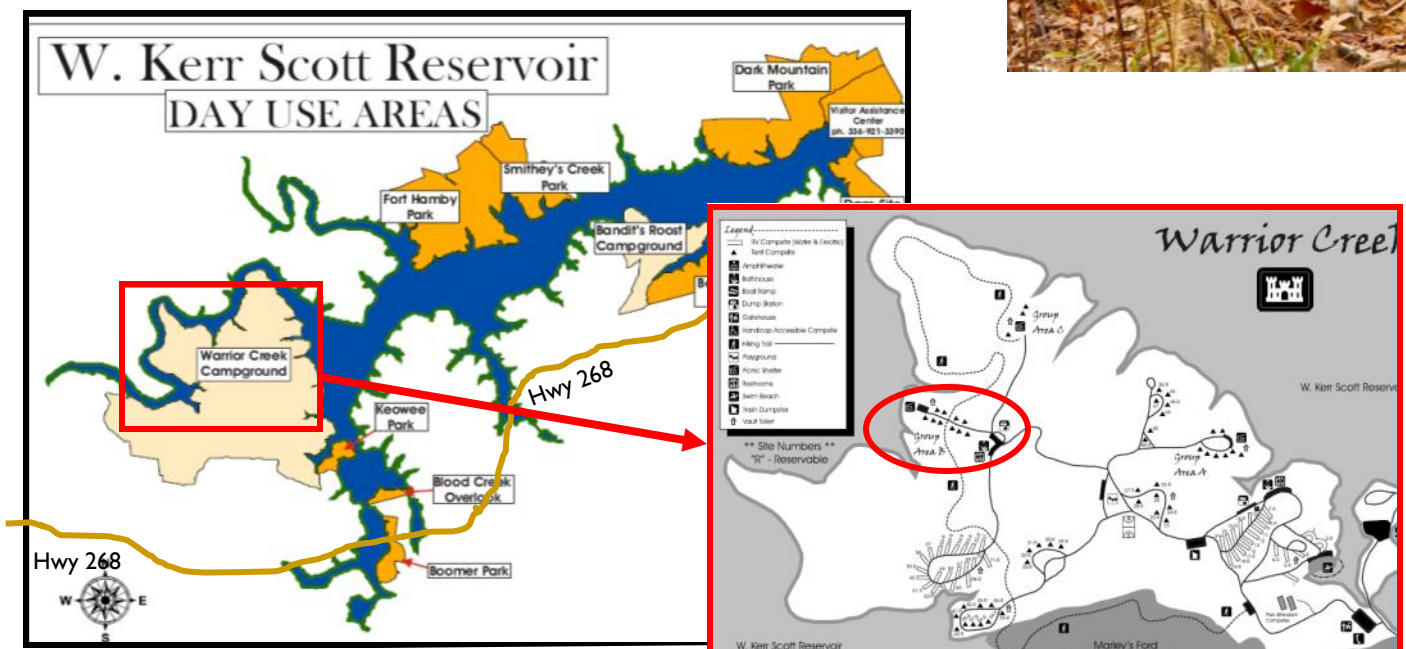
Where: W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wildlife Management Areas

Camping: Set -up October 16 after 2:00pm, Warrior Creek Campground, Group Site B

Special Note

- This is a member only event, no guests.
- This hunt is for traditional bow hunting only.
- Hunters must possess a valid NC Hunting License.
- All W. Kerr Scott Park regulations apply.
- Hot showers and restrooms will be available.
- The campground is closed to all other visitors and there will be no trash collection. All trash accumulated during your stay must go with you.

Contact Tony Lail by email tlail659@yahoo.com or call him at (704) 462-1070 on October 14th for the gate code to enter the campground.



Photos of Interest

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Does flinging arrows make you want a cigarette? Nah, me neither...but apparently some tobacco company marketing executives 60-70 years ago thought so! Here's some old magazine ads for Chesterfield cigarettes, using archery as a prop.

Hitting the Mark

HOWARD HILL, World Champion Field Archer, can flick the ash off your Chesterfield with a single shot.

And Chesterfield's right combination of the world's best cigarette tobaccos hits the mark every time for what smokers want in a cigarette...

- They're milder refreshingly milder
- They taste better you'll enjoy every one
- They Satisfy the blend can't be copied

Chesterfield

...the RIGHT COMBINATION of the world's best cigarette tobaccos... they're Milder and TASTE BETTER

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Aim for the Best

CHESTERFIELD

Right here is the cigarette with high score for REAL MILDNESS, BETTER TASTE and COOLER SMOKING. Chesterfield's right combination of the world's best cigarette tobaccos is winning more and more smokers like yourself. Try them...you can't buy a better cigarette *They Satisfy*

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Chesterfields

...they double your smoking pleasure

Good things are good because of their ingredients. Chesterfields are made from the best ingredients a cigarette can have...mild, ripe homo-grown and aromatic Turkish tobaccos, cut into long even strands, rolled in pure cigarette paper, and made just right for smoking.

Millions of smokers say, "Chesterfield's milder, better taste gives me more pleasure."

They Satisfy...millions

Copyright 1955, LIZARD & MILES TOBACCO CO.

Have an interesting traditional archery related picture to share?

Send it to Joe at jhenz@theCTA.org.

Here's an interesting cigarette ad, using a comic-strip style endorsement from Enid Duecker. She was a "trick archer" in the 1940's from West Virginia.

Editor's note:
Do **NOT** try
this at
home!!!

MISS ROBIN HOOD

IT'S LOVELY ENID DUECKER—WORLD'S CHAMPION PROFESSIONAL WOMAN ARCHER—GIVING ANOTHER OF HER THRILLING EXHIBITIONS OF TRICK SHOOTING WITH BOW AND ARROWS!

ZING!

A MOVING TARGET—AT 50 FEET! ANOTHER PERFECT SHOT FOR ENID DUECKER!

NOW I'LL PUT AN ARROW THROUGH A BALLOON THAT MY ASSISTANT WILL HOLD IN HER MOUTH

AREN'T YOU NERVOUS, MISS MARTIN?

NOT A BIT! I'VE SEEN MISS DUECKER WIN ONE TOURNAMENT AFTER ANOTHER. SHE'S A REAL SHARPSHOOTER!

POP!!

WHAT SHOOTING!

YES—BUT WAIT TILL YOU SEE HER NEXT STUNT!

NOW—USING A 46-POUND LONG BOW—MISS DUECKER WILL HIT THE RUBBER-BALLOON BULL'S-EYE OF THIS TARGET—FROM UP THERE IN THE BALCONY—75 YARDS AWAY!

THIS WILL BE TOUGH! THE STAGE LIGHTS ARE SO BRIGHT—IT'S HARD TO SIGHT THE TARGET!

BULL'S-EYE! NOW YOU SEE WHY THEY CALL ENID DUECKER 'MISS ROBIN HOOD'!

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU DO IT, MISS DUECKER. IT MUST TAKE LOTS OF PRACTICE—AND EXPERIENCE!

HAVE A CAMEL, MISS DUECKER?

THANKS! I ALWAYS SMOKE CAMELS—AND YOU CAN CHALK THAT UP TO EXPERIENCE TOO!

MORE PEOPLE ARE SMOKING

Camels

THAN EVER BEFORE

YOUR "T-ZONE" WILL TELL YOU...
T for Taste... T for Throat...
that's your proving ground for any cigarette. See if Camels don't suit your "T-Zone" to a "T."

EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER... IN ARCHERY... AND IN CHOOSING A CIGARETTE! I'VE TRIED ALL BRANDS—AND IT'S CAMELS FOR ME!

Enid Duecker

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, REXBURGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Photos Video of Interest



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Carolina Camera 6/21/13 pt.1

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Carolina Camera 6/21/13 pt.2

06:14

Our very own CTA Member and well-known local bowyer Bill Stroupe got his five minutes of fame on the June 21st airing of Carolina Camera! To watch the video, [click here](#). Then click on Pt 2. (After one minute devoted to a quilt display in Belmont, they'll switch over to their interview with Bill.)

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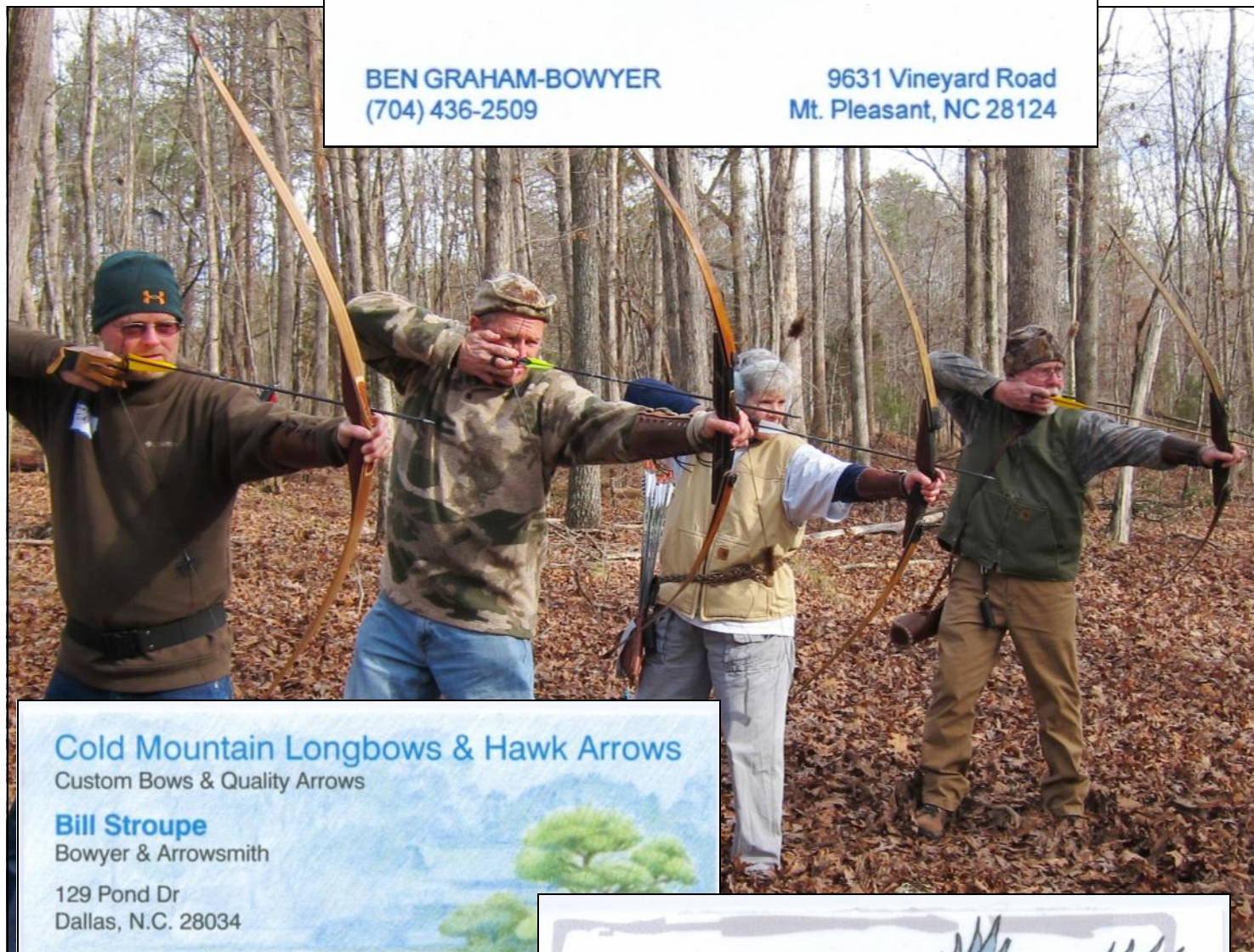




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About our Club Shoots

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 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

