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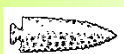
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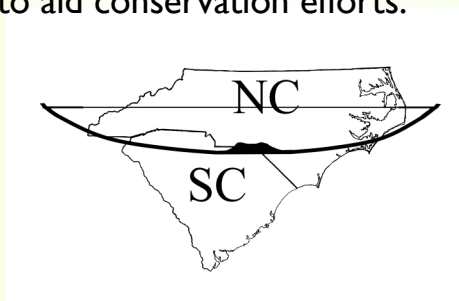
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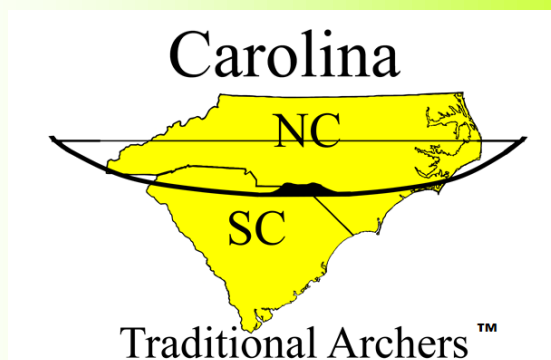
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Cover: Ken Ward and Drew Sumrell– taking the first shots at the new CTA range!



Letter from the President



Members and friends of CTA,

It is with enthusiasm and great excitement that I write this first “Letter from the President” for 2015. It is indeed a time of change and a time of reflection since we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Carolina Traditional Archers this year. That in itself is quite an accomplishment. In addition, we have finalized the acquisition of our new club property located at 6072 Timber Ridge Rd, Conover, NC and now have a permanent home of our own.

So, we stand with one leg on the side of history and the other leg on the side of a potentially bright future for CTA and traditional archery. This new club property belongs to each member and we need the input and support of every member to realize our full potential. That potential is limited only by our dreams and vision of what CTA can become and how the property can be utilized to fulfill our mission.

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When I first joined CTA several years ago, I was in search of a place to shoot and to meet some new people interested in traditional archery. A warm welcome, some new friends, plenty of shooting, educational tips and sharing a meal with others encompassed that first meeting. A lot of CTA’s mission was accomplished with me during that first club shoot. I have had others express a similar experience with CTA shoots and events. Now, with our new club property, we have an opportunity to create a similar experience for many others for years to come. We are off to a great start with the renovation of the property, but there is much work to be done. Every club member has skills, talents, ideas and dreams that can help keep CTA a growing and vibrant archery club for at least another thirty years.....and your efforts are needed and appreciated.

We can already claim numerous accomplishments in 2015, but let us not forget there is much more to achieve. Our new property was a gift, but the roof leaks in a few places, there are no bathrooms with running water or a fully functional kitchen to support our meals. All that will be improved with time and involvement from all our members. It is an exciting point in history for CTA. Please join in, share your dreams, share your ideas, lend a hand with some of the improvements, engage in the camaraderie and education.....with team work we can achieve much and make Herb Reynolds a very proud founder.

Drew Sumrell

From the Editor.....

As always, material and pictures from the membership is appreciated. With new forms of electronic communication now available to our membership that is instantaneous and readily available, I will strive to keep this magazine more than just a re-hash of items already disseminated. New forms of communications are hi-lited later in this issue.

Martin Seeley



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

February 7– Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

March 7 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

April 4 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

May 2 –Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

June 6 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

June 7– Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

July 4 – Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

August 1 –Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

September 5 –Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

October 3– Club Shoot, 9am-3pm, Conover

November 7 – Club Shoot, 9am–3pm

December 5 –Club Shoot, 9am-3pm



CTA Range Update

Have you had a chance to check out the CTA's new range?

Those of you who haven't visited since December or before may remember the overgrown brush, the treacherous parking, and the building in need of more than a little love. Believe me, I was skeptical, too. But after long hours of planning and several weeks of work by some of our incredibly skilled members, I'm thrilled to be able to tell you that we're well on our way to being up and running!

Most recently, improvements have included grading the rough parking area and creating more space around our new trailer. New gravel was laid, trees and brush were cleared, and now there's plenty of space to comfortably park. The trailer was also lowered, so loading and unloading targets is simple. Check out the latest pictures!

As you can see in the top right image, we've also reinstalled the waterproof blue tarp protecting the roof of our indoor range. If you saw the property two months ago, you may remember that it had been blown off, allowing water to leak into the building and preventing easy access through the side door. Thanks to the hard work of the CTA, that tarp isn't going anywhere! And while we still need to replace the roof (that's next on the CTA agenda, along with installing a new entry gate!), for now we're prepared to survive the rainy winter.



CTA Range Update

Cont.....

But don't think we've been neglecting the inside of our new building! Left in disrepair for years, there was plenty of work to be done on the indoor range. Broken windows, trash, and abandoned kitchen appliances were all cleared away, leaving us with a solid cinderblock shell with loads of potential. Allen Wagner led the way in re-building our kitchen. Check out these before and after pictures!

All of that debris is gone, the walls have been cleaned and painted, the drywall repaired and painted, and the boarded window reinforced until we can replace the glass. Some new appliances and a couple of good cooks and we'll be all set to keep everyone fed in between shooting rounds!

There's still plenty of work to do and a lot of time and energy still needed in order to turn this place into the amazing CTA homestead you deserve, but we've already made great strides. Arrows have been fired, there's been plenty of laughter to balance out the toil, and we've begun building relationships with our new neighbors (and, just in case, we've also marked the property with CTA signage and trespassing notices to keep everyone safe and our property secure).

Look for more updates over the coming months, and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns please let one of your board members know! We're looking forward to the coming work day and our next shoot, when we can finally show off all of this progress in person!

Mary Hamner

CTA Board Member



Member Shots



Past President David Haggist was successful on his recent hunt in Blackbeard, GA. This deer was taken with a vintage 1973 Bear Takedown!



Photo courtesy of David Haggist

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 Carolina Traditional Archers Club in Conover, 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!



Archery History

Photos

From the Past



Here is a picture for the ladies.....

From the Kitchen.....

Smoked Cottontail

Since it is small game season, thought a rabbit recipe was in order.

Cut four rabbits up into pieces, just like a chicken. Soak the rabbit in brine for 2 1/2 hours.

⇒ Here are the brine ingredients:

- 6 cups water
- 1 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 1/3 cup oregano
- 6 tbsp salt
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 6 tbsp crushed garlic
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp red pepper flakes

⇒ After soaking in brine for 2 1/2 hours, pat meat dry with towel.

⇒ Lay the pieces of meat on your smoker racks, evenly.

⇒ Smoke-cook for 2-2 1/2 hours at 240 degrees.(The front legs can come out at 2 hours).

⇒ This recipe used about 2 oz of cherry wood, but choice of wood is yours.

⇒ Enjoy!

Methods to stay connected....

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Welcome to the Carolina Traditional Archers!

Founded in 1985, the Carolina Traditional Archers (CTA) is the oldest and largest traditional archery organization in the two Carolinas. Our organization is a 501 (c) 4 corporation that has both state and federal tax exemption. CTA is managed by seven club officers consisting of a president, vice president and five board of directors. Rounding out this management team are three appointed positions; secretary, treasurer, and editor. The organization is guided by a mission statement, by laws, and a standard operating procedure. Each month, CTA hosts a 3D shoot for traditional archery enthusiasts. Participants shoot a 20 target course that consists of foam targets that exactly duplicate game animals placed in realistic hunting settings. A meal is also served. These shoots are open to members and visitors, and first time visitors shoot and eat for free. Click on the Events tab for current shoot / activity information.