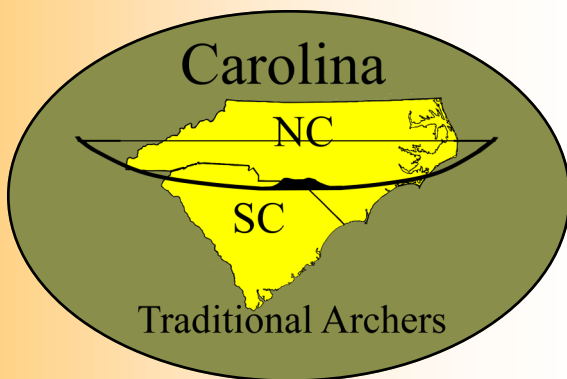
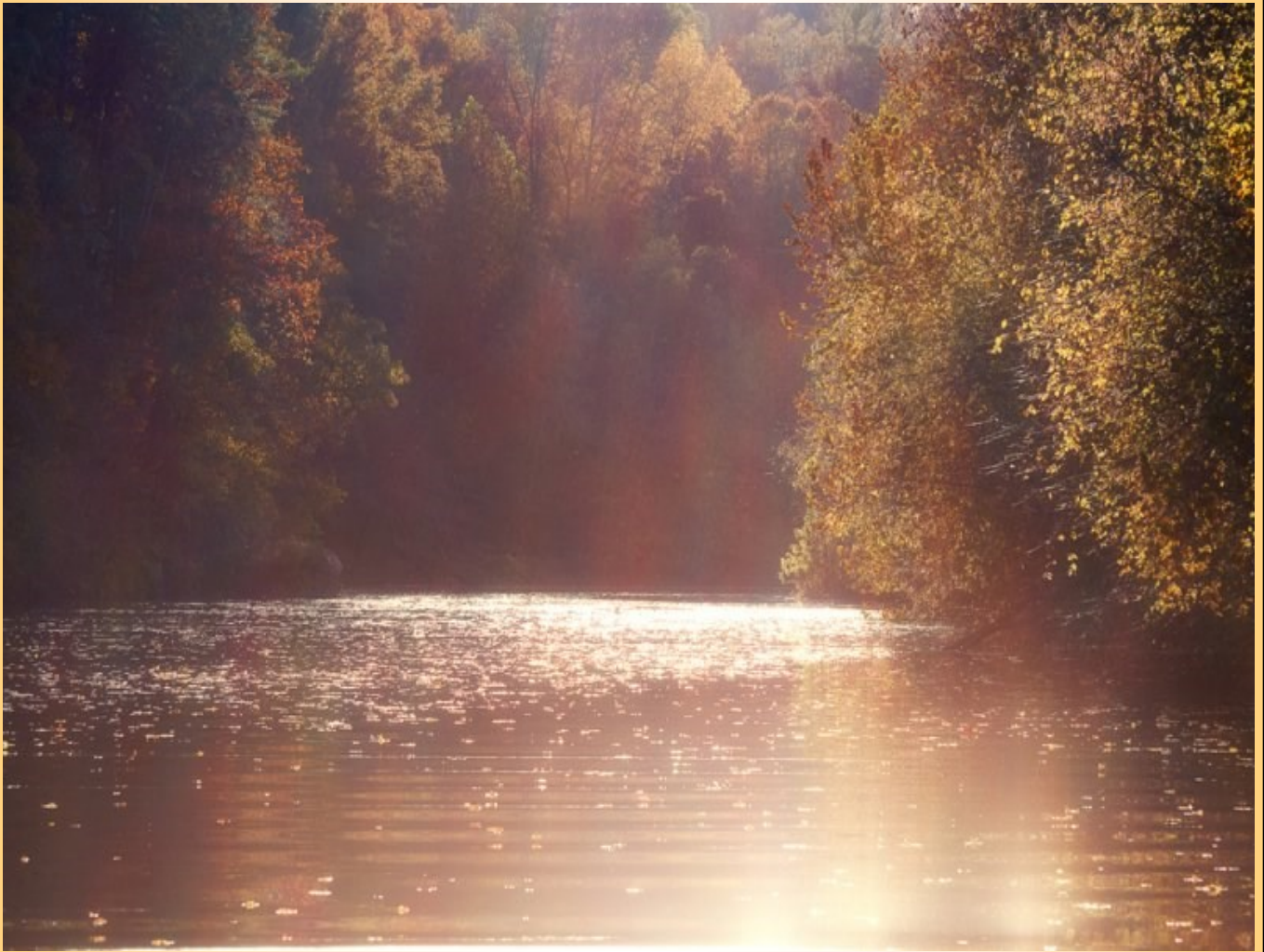


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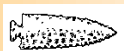
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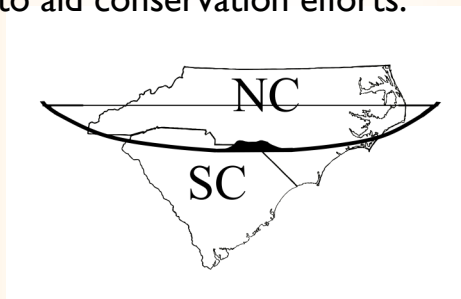
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MISSION STATEMENT



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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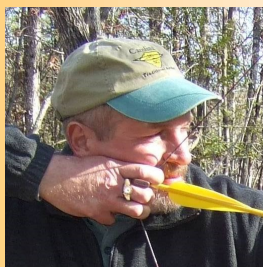
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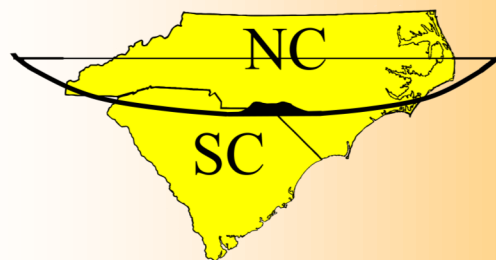
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Letter from the President



Dear CTA Members:

This is my final message to you as president of CTA as I will resign my position effective December 15, 2014.

First and foremost, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving this organization over the past 14 years. I have also been blessed with serving alongside many talented individuals who have contributed greatly to the growth and success of this organization.

The changes that have taken place over the last several years are too numerous to list, but it is safe to say that CTA has evolved into a premier traditional archery organization.

However, there are several achievements that I would like to highlight to stress their importance to the health of our organization. These accomplishments speak to the professionalism of our organization and it's my hope that the current leadership and members continue to value them.

Mission Statement: Our mission statement is not just words, but the guiding force behind our organization. It has kept us focused on what is important; the promotion of traditional archery and bowhunting as well as wildlife conservation.

Constitution & By Laws: The guiding principles of our organization.

Incorporation: CTA is a 501 © 4 Corporation with state and federal tax exemption.

Community Outreach: Over the past several years we have conducted numerous archery clinics for the public, donated archery related books and magazines to local libraries, and made donations to local and national archery organizations. These are the initiatives that not only helped CTA promote traditional archery, but place this organization in a position of prominence.

Conservation Initiatives: Since 2007 our organization has sponsored the planting of over 15 wildlife food plots.

Financial Integrity: Our organization has guidelines with checks and balances that ensure that our financial house is in order.

2015 offers new challenges for CTA with the acquisition of a new facility, but I'm confident that the current leadership and members will face these and prevail.

May your arrows fly true.

Farewell,

Dave Haggist

From the Editor.....

You will see a new section in this issue, *From Days Gone By*. I hope you enjoy it. Any feedback you have (good or bad) is certainly welcome as the goal is a quality and entertaining issue each time. This section may or may not appear in all issues, depending on availability of content.

I know there are several of you out there that make your own bows, so I welcome some material for a new section I am considering, *The Budding Bowyer*. Not being a bow builder myself yet, much of this information would need to be gleaned from the internet, but thought it would be better coming from the membership! If you are not interested in this type information, let me know.

Martin Seeley

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4—Herb Reynolds Memorial Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

February 1—CTA Annual Business Meeting & Pig Pickin' Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

March 1—"Women & Children First" Shoot, (Ladies, Kids under 18 shoot & eat for free), 9am-3pm, Maiden

April 17—NCTAR Workday, 8am-noon, Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro

April 18, 19 & 20—NCTAR 2013, W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkesboro

May 3—Legends of Archery Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

June 7—Primitive Skills Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

July 5—Independence Day Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

August 2—Membership Drive Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

September 6—Whitetail Warm-Up Shoot, 9am-3pm, Maiden

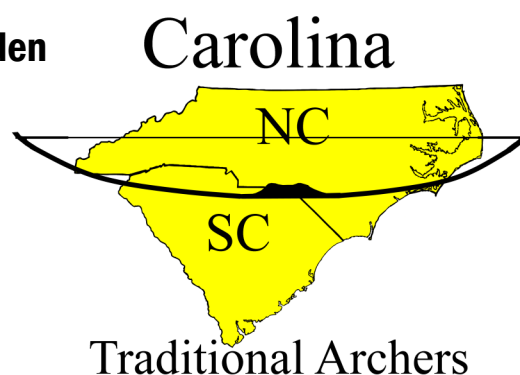
October 4—"Brunch for the Bunch" Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden

October 15-19 —Club Hunt, Kerr Scott

November 1— Coon Shoot, 4pm-10pm, Maiden

November 15 - CTA Workday, 8am-noon

December 6—Club Shoot, 9am-2pm, Maiden



From Days Gone By...

The Adirondack Carry

Up North, the Adirondack Mtns were a deer hunters paradise until maybe 30—40 years ago. Not a bowhunting mecca, but rifle country. Hunting big, big woods without the use of ATVs, I often saw pictures of how the deer were brought out of the woods, many of which were brought out on the back of the successful hunter. I was always intrigued by that method and thought I would share what I found out.

While this method is mostly from a bygone area with the loss of big woods and many using ATVs, my good friend Mark Scott still uses this method. Mark is a bit of a throw-back himself, only using primitive bows and arrows he made himself. In speaking with Mark, he knows this deer carry by 2 names. The Adirondack Carry and the Stevenson Carry. Mark figures that the Adirondack Carry name would have come first then as people moved west, the name was changed, but that is only a guess.

Mark states, “Yes, I carry deer this way based on where I got them. The hard part is loading on your shoulders, but once you are standing, it is pretty easy.”



Photo courtesy of Mark Scott

Adirondack Carry

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Steps to Ready the Deer for Carry

1. I skin up each leg to the knee joints, break off knee joint and remove bone. Don't caught off the hide.
2. Use the hide to tie the opposite legs together (i.e. front left leg to the rear right leg), legs are now crossed.
3. Lay deer on back and you then lay on deer, putting your arms thru the legs like a back pack.
4. Now roll over on knees and stand up!

Note: You should have the deer by a sturdy sapling to help pull yourself up.



Photo courtesy of Mark Scott

Product Review

As many of us do, I have made my own arrows for many years. I do this because I enjoy it and the economic factor as well. Some are plain and others are a little fancier; most turn out pretty decent.

However, it is a pleasure to get arrows made by a professional. This year, I will be heading to the woods with arrows provided from Patrick at Salt Creek Archery. I received half a dozen arrows from Patrick, 3 of which I have used for practice and 3 tipped with broadheads. These are cedar arrows and upon inspection, are very straight. The fit and finish is excellent and their flight is true.

For more information, check them out at www.saltcreekarchery.net or on Facebook: Salt Creek Archery.



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

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).

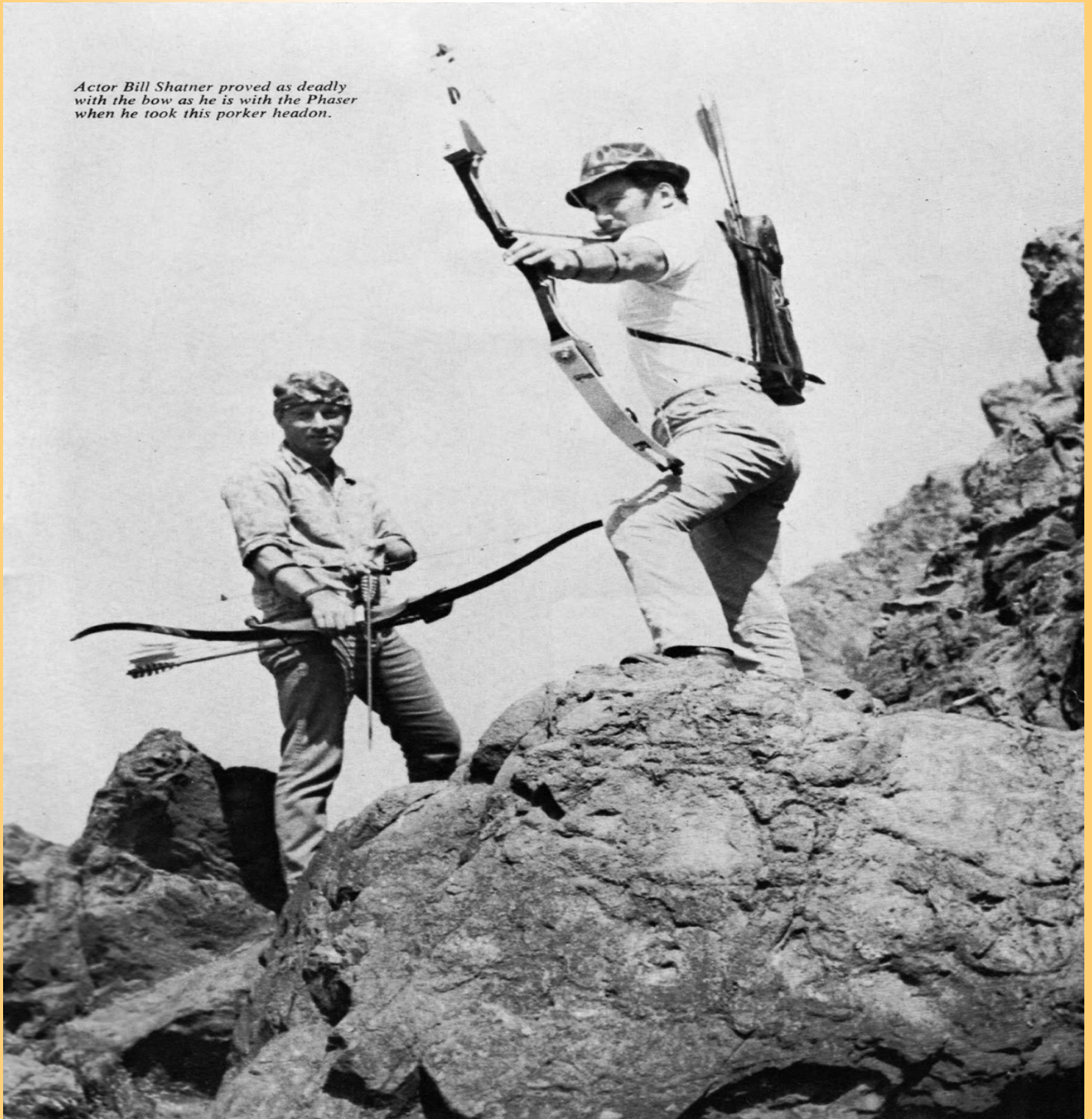
Continue to Bowhunting Club Road (gravel). Look for the club sign. Take left at fork (onto Archers Drive but there's no sign), take road to the very end.

Nearest Address: 2560 Archer Drive, Newton, NC



Archery History — Photos From the Past

Actor Bill Shatner proved as deadly with the bow as he is with the Phaser when he took this porker headon.



From the Kitchen.....

Deer Heart

For those that ever wondered what to do with the deer heart:

- ⇒ First, you must clean the heart—cut off the exposed fat and unroll the heart. Clean out the valves and any webbing that is inside. (While you are cleaning the heart, fry a few strips of bacon—don't cook all the way thru.)
- ⇒ Once the heart is opened and clean, roll the heart in flour mixed your favorite seasonings. You can also just use salt and pepper.
- ⇒ Similar to chicken Cordon-bleu, roll the bacon on the inside of the heart and then close with string or a skewer.
- ⇒ Using the bacon fat left in your frying pan, slightly fry the heart. Be sure to fry all sides.
- ⇒ Lastly, place the heart into the oven and bake it at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes.
- ⇒ If you really love your bacon (and who doesn't?), you can wrap bacon around the outside of the heart as well before placing in the oven. These bacon pieces should be partially cooked prior to placing in the oven.

Check out our newly re-vamped club website when you get a chance! www.theCTA.org



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