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Annual Trail Cam Photo, Video, and Photo Contest ****March 1, 2, & 3 at the Dixie Deer Classic

Categories:

- Trail Cam Pictures – Wildlife and Most Unique .Judging will be on quality of picture, animals, and scenery. Deadline on entry is noon March 2, 2013 at the Classic. Winners to be announced March 3rd
- Videos – Largest deer taken on Film. Best video/story. Must be a bow hunt. Judging will be on video quality, deer size, story and uniqueness. Five minutes max on entry. Content may be edited for quality, etc. Deadline on entry is Feb 15, 2013 (postmarked). Winners announced March 1, 2013. All video entries must be mailed in - no exceptions.
- Photos – Wildlife Photo (Bow Hunting Related photos taken in NC) and Trophy Photo (animal and bowhunter).. Judging will be on picture quality. Deadline on entry is noon March 2, 2013 at the Classic. Winners to be announced March 3, 2013

People's Choice award will be given in the trail cam & photo contest

Rules:

- All pictures and video must be shot in North Carolina.
- All pictures and video may be shown at the Dixie Deer Classic, NCBA reserves the right to not show material deemed unsuitable for public viewing.
- All pictures and videos shall have the category written on the back and the proper box checked on the "entry application" where applicable
- Pictures and Video can be cross entered in categories but must have all categories listed on entry form and picture/DVD.
- All pictures need to be a minimum of 5"x7" max 16" x 20".
- Pictures must be mounted on a stiff backing/matting prepared for hanging and display. All pictures should have name, address, and phone number printed on back. A copy of picture is recommended. NCBA will attempt to return picture if desired. Self addressed envelope with adequate postage must be included/ provided with any entries the contestant wants returned.
- All video should be in DVD format with name, address and phone number on printed on DVD. A copy of DVD is recommended. NCBA will attempt to return picture if desired. Self addressed envelope with adequate postage must be included/ provided with any entries the contestant wants returned.
- Judging will be done by an impartial panel of judges. The judge's decision is final.
- All photos must be brought to the NCBA booth and entered for judging no later than noon on March 2, 2013. Booth will be located next to the 3-D Archery Tournament in the Dorton Arena. Or mailed in postmarked no later than Feb 15, 2013.
- NCBA executive officers are not eligible to participate in the contest.

Prizes:

Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. A first place People's Choice Award will be given in the trail cam & photo contests. Ribbons will be available for pickup at the NCBA booth on March 3rd or mailed to winners.



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The North Carolina Bowhunters Association, Inc.

The North Carolina Bowhunters Association, Inc. is a fraternal, non-profit organization of bow hunters. Its main purpose is to help combat anti-hunting groups in an effort to preserve your hunting heritage, to assist the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and in general help the cause of bow hunters in North Carolina.

North Carolina Bowhunter Magazine is published four times a year. We invite letters to the editor, comments, pictures, articles, stories, and bow hunting tips. Photographs should be as clean and sharp as possible. When sending photos via e-mail set the resolution as high as you can. Any items that you wish to be returned must be sent with a self-addressed stamped envelope. We reserve the right to refuse material we believe not suitable for publication. (E-mail submissions to kevindancy3@aol.com).

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NCBA also supports the ideals of:

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**ON THE
COVER**

*Cole R. Miller; Sep-
tember 23, 2012; His
first bowkill deer from
Orange County.*

The loss of bowhunting would be the first step in losing all hunting.
Support the North Carolina Bowhunters Association -- it supports you.

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Wanted: NCBA Wildlife District Reps (WDR) and Local Chapter Coordinators (LCC)

We always welcome and are in need of members who are interested in getting involved in our association. We invite members to consider joining our ranks as either a WDR or LCC member.

Being a WDR (or LCC) is a very good way to get involved with your association at the grass roots level. You can do as much or as little as you want to do, or can do. But, there are a few basic things we ask that you try to do as your time and schedule permits. What you do beyond that is up to each individual to make that decision.

On occasion, someone asks what the duties of a NCBA WDR or LCC Rep are. We have written up a brief list of duties and job description for these positions that are listed below. Anyone interested in joining our Legislative Committee in this capacity should give me (Ramon Bell) or Tommy Kimball, NCBA Legislative Chairman, a call. My phones are: 336-643-4455 (Home); 336-402-0691 (Cell). Tommy can be reached at 704-202-6595 (Cell), or 704-636-0488.

Thank You...for Bowhunting,

Ramon N. Bell

President/NC Bowhunters Association

Job Description: NCBA Wildlife District Representative (WDR); and Local Chapter Coordinator (LCC)

The NCBA Wildlife District Representative (WDR) position really doesn't involve a lot of time and work. The duties of the Local Chapter Coordinator (LCC), or Local Chapter Rep (LCR) as is often referred to, are much the same, except the LCC deals primarily with members of the local chapter club he/she belongs to, as well as the general hunting public as the occasion arises.

Here's a short list of duties and obligations involved with being a NCBA WDR (or LCC) Representative:

1. Attend the WRC Public Input Meetings in September. There's one in each wildlife district. Take notes on comments made from the audience by other sportsmen/women and send an e-mail report to us that evening or next

day with anything of importance to NCBA.

2. Help monitor bills in the N.C. Legislature. (This can be done "online.") Notify the NCBA Legislative Chairman and President of any new legislation you hear about; or report the current status of existing bills to E.C. officers.
3. On occasion, you may be asked to randomly contact NCBA members in your district and ask them questions about their opinion on various issues. You will be supplied with a roster of NCBA members in your district when necessary, or upon request.
4. Talk to hunters and sportsmen/women about NCBA anytime the occasion arises. Be a good ambassador for bowhunting and NCBA whenever and wherever the occasion and opportunity arises. If someone has a misconception about NCBA and what we stand for and what we are working to accomplish, do your best to explain our position on any issues they may be concerned with.
5. NCBA WDR and LCC members have the same status as "Associate Council" members in the NCBA. Thus, they have voting privileges at our Executive Council meetings on all issues brought before the E.C. in matters of general business. WDR's and LCC's from each local chapter club should make an effort to attend E.C. meetings when possible, especially the January meeting, as this is the most important E.C. meeting each year. If the designated LCC from a local chapter club cannot attend an E.C. meeting, a temporary substitute LCC may attend in his/her place. It is our hope that every club has someone who attends all E.C. meetings to represent them.

It is a good idea that all NCBA officers/ reps, and NCBA members, read our constitution and bylaws at least once a year so we all will be well versed in it's content. Many people are also interested in our record system and BCRS program as well as the insurance benefits for individual members and clubs. Familiarize yourself with our Bylaws; Record System, BCRS program, NCBA insurance benefits and all NCBA programs, so you can talk about them with confidence. (Remember that we may only give a general overview of the BCRS program and how it works. We cannot disclose the identity of any of our BCRS clients.)

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- 10.00 YEF Charles Regenthal
- 35.00 LAF Andy Smith
- 600.00 LAF Southern Trophy Hunters
- 10.00 LAF Ryen Ford
- 5.00 YEF Pam & Robert Brookman
- 10.00 BDF Richard Perez

Donations for Sonya Graham Memorial:

- Jane & Glenn Allen -- \$50
- Bill Bare -- \$25
- Helen & Michael Ingold -- \$40
- Ramon Bell -- \$10
- Larry & Sandra McKenzie -- \$25
- McKenzie Sports Products -- \$25
- Shirley & John Napier -- \$30 (asked that this be used for YEF)

NCBA Activities & Events

October 13-21 2012: NCBA Hunt at Butner Game lands. Big Buck/Doe contest Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

January 26, 2013: NCBA Rabbit hunt.

January 27, 2013: NCBA Executive Council Meeting at Guilford Bowhunters Clubhouse in McLeansville, NC .

March 2, 2013: 27th Annual NCBA Awards Banquet; Kerr-Scott Building; NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC.

March 1-3, 2013: Dixie Deer Classic, NC State Fairgrounds; Raleigh, NC.

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This issue of NC Bowhunter Magazine takes you hunting near and far afield; from Western North Carolina to western Colorado; and on that note I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some encouraging news for bowhunters from the city of Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

In October, the Reedsburg City Council voted to amend a local ordinance that prohibited the *"the throwing within city limits of any object, arrow, stone, snowball, or other missile or projectile."* The council wanted that word "arrow" struck down from the statute in order to allow bowhunting. You have to give Reedsburg's civic leaders credit for acting wisely and decisively on behalf of sportsmen.

What makes this even more interesting is the fact that while they were at it, the Council decided to also strike the word "snowball" from the list of prohibited missiles. Which makes a lot of sense.

Because as every reader of this magazine knows, on the list of fun things to do, a good old-fashioned snowball fight is way up there near the top. It might even qualify as #2. Right under Bowhunting.



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President's Page



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Deer Hunting Proposals: The one buck limit is the best option that will help improve the quality of bucks for ALL hunters on ALL properties, public and private, in North Carolina. And it won't cost the WRC or anyone, anything to do it. In fact, it will make money for the WRC by selling more hunting licenses and help stimulate the state's economy at the same time, as many hunters may stay home to hunt instead of spending money for licenses and travel to other states.

Everyone should know that our WRC is not interested in doing anything that will improve the quality of our bucks, even though their own surveys have shown time and again that 82% of N.C. hunters would like to see better quality bucks, and that, in their own words; "A lack of better quality bucks is a 'barrier' to recruiting more hunters."

Mid-western states aren't known for big bucks because they grow a lot of corn, or because the deer's genetics are far superior to North Carolina's deer. They do have a different sub-specie of whitetail deer that is genetically larger in body and antler size. But, they have a lot of huge bucks for two

basic reasons:

1- All these states, like Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, have a **one buck** rule, and they vigorously enforce it.

2- Most of these states, restrict, or do not allow gun hunting until the peak of the whitetail rut is over.

Some allow limited muzzle-loader hunting or shotgun slug hunting during the rut. This helps reduce the long-range, almost certain killing capability of high powered rifles. The purpose of all this is to protect the young, immature buck population instead of killing up to 80% of them every year like we do in N.C. It affords the yearling bucks a chance to grow, mature and survive for 2½, 3½ years, or more.

Some hunters (and commissioners) think individual hunters should decide which deer they want to shoot, and that quality deer management should be left up to individual hunters, clubs and landowners. We believe this is a good idea too, but we still believe we need a statewide one buck tag limit that will help maximize the growth potential of bucks for **everyone on all lands**. All hunters, given the chance, would prefer to

shoot a larger buck if the opportunity presented itself. In most areas of N.C., we can harvest unlimited does. Even though they would only be able to legally shoot one buck each year, those who claim to be "meat hunters," can fill their freezers with venison by shooting more does, and still shoot any buck they choose. If we are going to be successful in recruiting more hunters, eventually, we will have to go to a one buck limit to maintain the quality and numbers of the bucks, and retain increased hunter numbers too!

With the legalization of crossbows in N.C. several years ago, it has given **ALL** hunters another weapon option. Crossbows are easier to master and have longer effective ranges than compound bows in the hands of the average hunter. We (NCBA) opposed the legalization of crossbows during archery only (bow) season, but not during any firearms seasons. We were not successful in keeping them out of bow seasons. But the fact remains that they are more accurate and effective, with a moderate amount of practice, than compound bows are for the average bowhunter.

Reducing buck tags will also result in more doe deer being harvested, which is what we need, and the NCWRC wants this too! It won't stop anyone from shooting a spike buck, or any other buck they choose to shoot, if that is what they want to do.

Depredation Permits: On another note, the new proposed regulations H19 & H20 will allow people to shoot deer, bear and turkey without a depreda-

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The News Page

Association Bylaws Change Put to Vote

A BALLOT to vote on a revision to the bylaws, Article VI-Elections, is on page 30 in the Fall Issue of the NCBA Magazine. Please clip or copy it and return it to the Secretary.

NCBA Calls for Petition Signers

A Petition pertaining to NCBA's proposal to request that NCWRC consider reducing the number of buck tags is available online at www.ncbowhunter.com now. NCBA urges members to act now by printing, signing and returning the petition to the NCWRC, and to enlist others to and mail the petition as well.

WRC Gets a Bear Proposal

NCBA submitted a proposal to the NCWRC asking them to consider legalizing the use of bear scents and lures for stand/still hunting for bear. You can add this in the comments section of the WRC's proposals on their website at www.ncwildlife.org

Deer Donation Registry Update

NCBA says the Deer Donation Registry that the association initiated about 3 years ago is working, but hunters need to be made more aware of it. Hunters can use the Registry to pass on unneeded venison to people and group ministries who can use and who need it. The Registry is also a way to clear out freezers to make room for the new year's deer harvest.

Individuals who sign up for the registry are practically guaranteed to receive venison donations if they put BCRS hunters on a piece of property to hunt. Some of the most desirable properties are small, two to five acre lots.

For details, visit www.ncbowhunter.com and click on the "BCRS" and the "Deer Donation Registry" links.

To sign up for the "Deer Donation Registry, individuals can email their name, a contact phone number, and the County of residence to the North Carolina Bowhunters Association at: president@ncbowhunter.com, or they can mail this information to: NCBA Deer Donation Registry ; 7796 NC Hwy 68 N ; Stokesdale, NC 27357.

Hunting property referrals can be emailed to BCRS Chairman, Dennis McClure, at: bcrs@ncbowhunter.com.

Call him Bowhunter

GQ Magazine revealed in October the Secret Service codename in use for Paul Ryan throughout the 2012 presidential campaign: "Bowhunter."

Codename for Ryan's wife, Janna: "Buttercup." Mitt Romney: "Javelin," after the American Motors vehicle in production during his father's term as chief executive. Obama: "Renegade." Wife Michelle: "Renaissance." Joe Biden: "Celtic." Wife Jill: "Capri."

Florida F&W offers Archery Education

Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission rolled out a bowhunting education weekend in October. Held at a private range in Miami Gardens, the course instructed students on how to handle a bow and arrow, and included hands-on experience at the range.

Youth Membership Has Them Covered

NCBA Members' children (under 18 years of age and living at home with the member) may join NCBA for of \$15 a year. The main benefit is that members children will be covered under the NCBA's \$100,000 insurance policy. The new youth member discount rate matches the package already available to members' spouses.

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You doing your part?

With some research, I found some astonishing statistics.

All told, sportsmen spent somewhere around \$80 billion. How big is that - it supports about 1M jobs.

Nationally, this is estimated to generate around \$25 billion in taxes alone through sales of licenses, sporting goods, motel rooms, rentals, food, ammunition, bait, etc.

This comes to about \$2000 per hunter per year. Bowhunters alone nationally spend around \$700M.

How many hunters are there? Somewhere around 1 in 7 people do some type of hunting or fishing. 7 in 10 people approve of hunting.

Only 10% do not support hunting in any form and feel it should be illegal.

Surprisingly, 8 in 10 hunters vote.

Nationally, around \$240M is paid into Federal excise taxes. Ever hear of Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act? Where does the money go: restoration, refuges, etc.

Sportsmen support more jobs than all the people in the US military services. One article pointed out that we generate 1% of the US economy.

How do we rate?

NC hunters generate almost \$2 billion dollars in economic impact to our state, ranking around 13th nationally.

NC has around 1M sportsmen - hunters and fisherman. Surprisingly, North Carolina and Illinois have almost identical stats. I'll leave it to someone else to make comparisons with other states.

NC has 1.25M deer, Illinois has 755,000. IL deer are larger and have more field crops to feed on but crops are seasonal. By the actual harvest reports, you are 50% more likely to take a deer

in IL than in NC. Other state stats:

- 10M people in NC, 13M in IL.
- 19,000 deer crashes in NC, 18,000 in IL.
- 175,00 deer harvested in NC, 181,000 in IL.
- 114 hunting days in NC, 107 in IL.
- 277,000 resident hunters in NC, 260,000 in IL
- 10% non-resident hunters in NC, 20% in IL.
- 2 or 4 bucks in NC, 1 buck in IL.
- 19 commissioners on the NC Wildlife Resource Commission - all are political appointees, IL has a 10 member Natural Resources Advisory Board - all are political appointees
- Illinois Gun 2012 seasons:
 - Youth Firearm Deer Season - 10/6/2012 to 10/7/2012
 - First Firearm Deer Season - 11/16/2012 to 11/18/2012
 - First Muzzleloader Deer Season - 11/29/2012 to 12/2/2012
 - Second Firearm Deer Season - 11/29/2012 to 12/2/2012
 - Second Muzzleloader Deer Season - 12/7/2012 to 12/9/2012

IL has a very limited gun season - shotgun or muzzleloader only. What, only 12 days of separated gun seasons for adults compared to about 90 days continuous in parts of NC? Only 3 days for firearms in the late part of the rut in Illinois.

It appears that it is barely worth owning a firearm to hunt for deer in IL. Also in Illinois, don't get caught performing deer drives during archery season or using dogs anytime

to run deer. The one exception in IL is you are allowed to use a dog to track wounded deer.

Illinois really manages their deer for trophies.

NC non-resident \$60 (6 day \$40) plus \$40 big game which includes any type of legal method of taking, IL Non-resident Archery Only tag \$410.00 plus \$15 habitat stamp. NC could really use some of this extra license money. If we had more trophy deer, then the out-of-state money from higher license fees could help support the NC WRC. (260,000 * 20% * \$315 = \$16,900,000 is spent on just non-resident licenses in IL. Add food, motel, fuel, etc. WOW!!! The NC WRC could really use just a portion of that added revenue and so could the rest of NC.)

I heard a recent rumor the NC WRC is looking to stop the phone reporting system because at \$42,000 per year, it costs too much.

For Pope and Young trophy deer, IL ranks #1. In opinion surveys, NC rarely ever has a mention.

Draw your own conclusions for why we don't have similar bucks as in Illinois?

Hope you have a successful season!

Fully Drawn by Mark Dubowski



Alberta, Canada, 2012, one Moose, 235 Black Flies.

President's Message

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tion permit... day and night... year around.. if approved. Statutory law already allows it, and these laws should be reviewed too! The only requirement will be that it has to be reported to the WRC. This has the potential to set us back a full century in wildlife management to the days when uncontrolled market hunting of deer, buffalo, elk and antelope almost wiped out these species from North America. Anyone who thinks this cannot happen again is sorely mistaken! Let's hope that the commissioners do not approve these proposed regulations, and that state legislators will review and repeal these laws as well..

Currently, landowners and farmers shoot deer in the paunch (gut) with a small caliber weapon, usually a .22 rifle. This does not dispatch the animal in a quick, ethical and humane manner. The animal runs off to a secluded spot to die a slow, agonizing death. I am not an animal rights activist, but this simply is not right to condone or allow this practice to continue! The WRC should encourage (or require) landowners to make a due and diligent effort to retrieve the carcasses, or allow others to do so, as much as possible. I believe there are local church ministries, community service groups, scout troops, individuals and even hunting clubs that would take this on as a public service project to provide the meat to needy families or for their own use. It is a shame that this practice is condoned and allowed to continue without trying to salvage as much of the venison as possible. Every deer that is not recovered would produce about 50

pounds of venison that would yield 200 - ¼ lb. ground healthy, low-fat venison burgers. This practice is unacceptable to the legitimate hunting community. It should not be condoned or tolerated by the NCWRC, our state legislators or the citizens of North Carolina.

Bear Hunting Proposals: At one committee meeting last year, we asked that "scents" (or "lures") be legalized for bear hunting. This year, NCBA again asked for an early bear season and for the legalization of bear scents and/or lures.

It seemed that there was some sentiment among the commissioners to consider allowing limited bear baiting under some conditions. We still believe that this (baiting) should be considered in the future under certain controlled and limited conditions. But, in the meantime, the use of scents (lures) for bear hunting may provide still/stand hunters the opportunity to successfully hunt black bears in North Carolina who do not have access to clubs (groups) that successfully hunt bears with dogs and the aid of corn pile baiting.

We (NCBA) and others have asked for an earlier bear season too, that would allow still/stand hunters to hunt bears before farmers harvested crops from their fields. We would like to see an "archery only" bear season for at least a week. An early bear season for stand/still hunters would be appreciated by most **all** hunters. Many hunters can't afford to pay a guide, or join costly bear hunting clubs and groups that hunt bears with dogs later when the bear seasons are currently open.



An Acorn Year

By: Phillip D. Ring

This is an 'acorn year' in North Carolina. It means hard hunting. I have experienced low deer movement in acorn years.

The last few hunts I noticed little deer movement so I decided to change the game a bit. I knew of a cut-over with some white oaks left as 'line tress'. In about 30 minutes a Loc On stand was in place.

The next day (September 28, 2012), brought about a tenth of an inch of rain. I was excited because I felt that whatever scent I left in the area hanging the stand was washed out. I got in the stand at about 5:50 P.M.

About 20 minutes later I heard a deer eating white oak acorns, but I couldn't see it. In a little while I saw a horn so I stood up and got ready. Out stepped this 8-point!!! My heart about leaped out of my chest. I kept telling myself 'be calm, watch the animal'. Soon he stepped behind a small tree. I started to draw, but he moved. I let up and waited for my next chance. He started to move again and I started to draw again. Again he stopped. Then suddenly he hopped around as if he was alarmed. As he was hopping, I drew. He stopped in a shooting lane I had cleared the day before. The 'Slick Trick' did the trick. A heart shot at 25 yards sent the buck in a full run for a short 35 yards. The rest is history.

Equipment used: Hoyt Viper 32; Full Metal Jacket arrows; Slick Trick Magnum 100 gr. Broadheads; Red Head camo; Silent Slide safety belt.

NOTE: Phil Ring's very symmetrical Typical 4x4 will be his fourth Stokes County P&Y Whitetail buck. I think it will net score 130+ or so. Phil says the buck weighed 250 lbs. (Ramon Bell, P&Y measurer)

Membership Chairman



*Jamie
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Here we are again with another year just about behind us. It's amazing how time flies! I hope all of you have had a great summer and now are concentrating on your venison quest!!

This year has been without a doubt a challenging year with the circumstances our President has faced and has made many of us appreciate all the hard work and time he has invested in our organization. Please continue to pray for him and Maria and the family as well as he continues his uphill climb to restored health.

One thing to mention this at this time is that at the September EC meeting, it was voted to allow NCBA member's children under the age of 18 to join NCBA as regular members and be covered by

our insurance policy for \$15, which is half of the cost of our annual rate of \$30. NCBA Members kids will still be eligible for all annual contests. But this gives a avenue for them to be also eligible for BCRS properties (where allowed), and have the insurance coverage like the regular member adults do.

Remember that just over the horizon, we will be back in Raleigh for the DDC so keep up with the upcoming events that most of you should get by email. It will be here before we know it. As said before, If there are any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to email or call me. Have a safe and successful hunting season!!

Until next issue.

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On election years we all look forward to fall, we know it won't be long till it's over.

Politics seems to be front and center ever where you look. Politics and wildlife. In my opinion they only go together when it's in favor of wildlife.

Teddy Roosevelt knew how to use politics to benefit wildlife. As a sportsman and President he changed laws that saved a nations wildlife resource that well could have been exterminated. A lot has changed since the early 1900's, concerning wildlife. We know so much more about the science of wildlife, its needs, its diseases and history. One thing we sportsman must not forget is our role in Teddy's vision we played. Our money, our regulated management is responsible for saving not only wildlife but millions of acres of habitat.

When we see politics making changes that benefit private concerns and harm our wildlife we as sportsman must be the first to speak out. Our state's wildlife biologist and law enforcement must know we support them on and above the politics of the day.

Unfortunately the trend in many states including ours is that decisions are being made for the benefit of stakeholders instead of wildlife. NCBA maybe just a bowhunting association, but we also know we cannot survive for future generations if the game we pursue is not managed properly. We are watching, we are talking and we will be heard. If you only get one thing out of your yearly membership it is a voice. This voice is at every Wildlife Resource Commission Meeting, most WRC District Meetings

and if needed in the capital building in Raleigh.

Your voice can and will make a difference for the future of wildlife and bowhunting in NC.

Jan.1st I will be starting the volunteer sign-up for the Dixie Deer Classic, and annual NCBA Banquet. This year's dates are is March 1-3 with the banquet being on the 2nd. We have some new volunteer requirements that will be listed the NCBA web site or I can send a copy if you request one. At this time we have positions at archery alley Mickey Strader, 3-d shoot Ron Hayes, booths, banquet, scoring booth Joey Thompson and food service. Contact myself or one of the lead coordinators listed above to sign up.

Please set your calendars to attend. DDC is one of oldest and largest hunting shows in the country. Bring your bow to the 3-d shoot. Bring your deer head to be scored and entered into the yearly DDC contest. Enjoy a day at the trade show and Sat. night come to the NCBA Banquet and Awards ceremony. There will be some wonderful opportunities to win hunts and pick up some great gear and gifts at the silent auction. Last year's meal at the banquet was excellent and these folks are cooking again this year. So be looking in the magazine for contact info. for reservations. Feel free to give me a call or e-mail for any questions or info. you might need. Also don't forget to enter those photos, trail cam photos and videos in this year's contest.

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Opening Day with Faith

“Faith” is the 2013 Tradgang.com left hand passaround bow that is sent to several tradgang members who hunt with it and then post up their hunting stories on the website forum. At the end of the season the bows (Hope - right handed, Faith - left handed) are auctioned off during the annual TradGang St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital benefit auction.

by Bud Blalock

Faith arrived in NC on Tuesday, September 4th. I was out back shooting when the postal carrier came driving up. I quickly unpacked her and strung her up. I had prepared some 2216s and bought some 2219s from a fellow tradganger to try out on this year’s beefier recurve (poundage-wise, mind you), and the 2219s arrived with Faith.

After several attempts to get a good tune I thought I’d give my GT Trad 55/75s a try. With a little a nock adjustment with the new double string nocks I had tied I was able to get prompt and pleasing results. Then the broadhead tune came in, and that settled in nicely too.

I shot Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday came and I had to work, but I did manage to get in a five minute or so session before leaving. My last two shots at 12 yards were within about one to two inches of where I was looking. I stopped and let those two shots burn in my mind and left for work.

The NC deer opener was today, Saturday the 8th at 30 minutes before official sunrise. I had checked the sunrise table online and it was reported to be at 0656am EDT. That meant an 0626am buzzer opener. I had hoped to get in my stand before 0545am, but road construction delayed that by 15 minutes. I still managed to get settled and the Thermacell rolling by 0600.

Acorns were dropping all around. The humidity was so thick I could feel the moisture as I inhaled with each breath. Rain looked imminent. The new moon fuzzed the misty morning. I still heard acorns dropping, but thought I heard rustling of leaves as well, even in the damp carpet that underplayed the canopy.

My heart began racing a bit, thinking of what I hoped would be the cause of these sounds I was hearing.

As daylight began to slowly take over through the cloud cover I noticed an image coming down the trail that I had used to get to my stand. I had sprayed vanilla flavoring on my boots; an idea taken from my TradGang readings. I think the vanilla worked. The image appeared to be a doe walking ever so cautiously but still with determination in her step. She went past to my right at about eight yards but I still could not pick a spot as she closed the distance. As

go. After what seemed like 30 minutes, which was really like one minute, the nose backed up. I lost sight of it but could hear its close steps. My heart was now thumping like a message drum. I knew it was going to give me away. I could actually hear it beating audibly. I tried breathing to calm down. In my attempts to control my breathing I saw movement of the first deer. It was heading away from me and I had no shot. If I moved I feared the one behind me would see me and end my hopes. The lead deer went about ten more feet away from me and stopped.



light still became brighter I hoped for the best and that she’d stay nearby. A second sound of rustling then came from behind me. She was not alone.

I looked down and to my right and I caught the nose of a deer sniffing around. It was about five feet to my right side and back about five feet. I was 12 feet above it in my homemade treated wood ladder stand. I froze. I thought I’d surely get busted and off to the races they’d

The area where I was hunting was on my father’s land. He owns only 12 acres and is surrounded by occupied country homes. A woman began talking to her kids from a home about 200 yards way. The sound carried like she was closer than that. She sounded only 50 yards or so away. The lead deer had also heard her clearly and appeared to be confused and alarmed. These deer are used to nearby humans,

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but are just as wary as open forest deer when they feel danger is near. This deer was obviously concerned. After a few minutes, maybe 7 or so, it turned and began walking back up the trail it had come down. This was bringing it back towards me and would present a 7-8 yard shot if it stayed the course. It did.

By this time the daylight had brightened things up enough that as it came back I could see it was a young buck still in velvet. He walked along the same footsteps in which he arrived and unbelievably stopped broadside and looked back away from me towards the direction of the woman. This was my time to draw. But I thought about the second deer and hesitated.

What happened next I really can't say exactly. I remembered thinking that if I could just get the arrow back I could get a release before I got busted. Then the buck turned back towards the trail ahead and I thought I had lost my opportunity. As soon as I thought this he reached down to scratch his front leg with his nose, or vice versa, but I drew and released.

I remember the draw, but not the release.

I remember arching my back to straight, while still seated, but nothing of the arrow flight or where it hit. I remember looking hard at the lower chest near the heart, but not if he dropped or not upon my release. The next thing I can consciously remember was the sound of hair being cut and him exploding away from the hit. He crashed through the woods with authority. I heard him run towards the road and hoping I'd hear a crash before he got that far. I heard a soft crash, but then it all got silent again. The second deer was still just behind my stand when I shot. It ran in the opposite direction of the hit deer, but did so as silently as it could.

I left the stand and went back to the house. I waited for 30 minutes and returned to find the blood soaked arrow behind where the buck had stood. Needless to say I was stoked! I knew I'd find blood immediately, but was soon jarred into reality by no blood trail. I knew the way he'd run, so I headed in that direction. I soon found blood, about 20 yards from the hit, but not the copious amounts I had envisioned.

The blood trail was sparse. I soon gave up trying to look for specks, but did see some here and there. Some had bubbles, which were encouraging. I focused on heading towards the area where I had

heard that final soft crash.

After about a 40 yard walk I found him. I walked up to him and touched his mouth area. He was already stiff. He died a relatively swift and humane death thanks to the Magnus two blade and the sharpening skills I've read about over and over on this site until I finally figured out how to get'em shaving sharp. I got his lung tips and a touch of liver. Most of his blood was internal and into his lungs. The hit was high and angled down and back. Not exactly where I had intended, but with equal results.

As I was dragging him out I stopped to retrieve some dropped gear. I turned back and saw this. I thought it was a pretty cool sight with the sunrise glowing through the wooded plot so I snapped a shot and called it day.

Authors Note:

Thank you Terry Green for the opportunity to have Faith in September, this site (tradgang.com), and for what you and your helpers do for St. Jude. Thank you Hill Country/Kenny Yoder for a magnificent bow. And thank you Lord for a successful opening day with Faith.

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Rocky Mountain Elk

by Bob Hooven

The majestic mountain views surrounding the last few road miles to the cabin began to erase the memory of the 1900 grueling miles we had just driven.

We stopped only for gas and an occasional sandwich. Now the anticipation of the hunt was almost a reality. Upon arrival at Dunton County in southwestern Colorado, it didn't take us long to unload our gear, change clothes, and mount the ATVs. We would go our separate ways to explore and listen for the bugle of the bull elk. This evening wouldn't be spent on long hikes as we needed some time to adjust to the new 8,500 to 11,000 foot altitude.

There were six of us on this hunt, traveling in two separate vehicles. We would be hunting in the San Juan National Forest unit 71. Our arrival date was Friday September 7th and departure was planned for Saturday September 15th.

Saturday morning began our first, dawn till dark, day of hunting in the high country. We would try all of our skills

and techniques to locate, sight, and get within bow range of a bull elk. Being in good physical shape can't be over emphasized. Those steep mountains, low oxygen, and fallen trees would test me over and over again. During the next five days I tried everything I knew including bugling, cow calling, setting up ambushes at water holes and well used trails, to just hiking the mountain sides.

The sixth day started, as usual, before daybreak. But it would be different because a bull elk would be heading my way. A 40 minute ATV ride to the top of a nearby mesa would put me within range of a bugling bull. As I descended the mountain to close the gap, the bull just kept getting farther away until he was out of hearing. Now, it was almost lunch time so I decided to hike back up to the ATV before eating.

I was about half way back when I heard the sounds of sticks breaking above me. I immediately nocked an arrow. Seconds later a cow elk ran down through the timber, with her tongue hanging out, and stopped within ten yards of me. She

slowly turned away and continued down the mountain. About the time it dawned on me that something was chasing her, I heard more limbs breaking above me.

I came to full draw with no target in sight. I only had to wait a couple of seconds before this bull came running and lunging past. There was no time to think it over or size him up. The predator mentality was taking over my response.

I triggered the release and the Muzzy broadhead thrust forward as the bull lunged toward me. As the arrow entered forward of the shoulder, I thought that I would never retrieve this big animal.

To my surprise, the blood trail revealed a fatal wound that folded him up 150 yards farther down the mountain. What a day and what a hunt. Oh yes, now the real work would begin. However, I met another hunter that was camped at the trail head that was willing to help me quarter and pack out the 5x5.

This hunt will surely qualify to check off one on my bucket list.

Records Chairman



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The anticipation for opening day of bow season, it's like Christmas morning to an eight year old, we count the days leading up to it and can't sleep the night before. It's hard to explain the feeling of sitting in the tree you picked out a month prior knowing any minute he may show up and make it all worthwhile. We do all the scouting, planning, hanging stands, tuning broadheads, and practicing with our bows. The experience from the years before and taking things for granted tells us everything is perfect including the wind that hits your face as it blows towards the trail you walked in on. As the sun rises you hear footsteps from your left as the adrenaline runs through your body. The next minute you will need to lift the bow from the hanger and lean to clear the bottom cam of your bow from the stand without being detected, draw your bow before you settle your top pin on the 19 yard target that still has no clue of your presence. Slowly without a noise you lift your bow; you turn your body and clear the stand with the bow as you pull 60 pounds back as slow as possible adding weight to the left side of the stand and IT BREAKS! Take a minute and think about this. There are only 2 things that will happen, you are either hanging high by a harness talking to God or you are hitting the ground at a rate of speed that will change your entire life permanently. This is all determined by the harness you used or didn't use. It's a cheap fix that will affect you and your family forever. We have lost TWO fellow bow hunters already this year from falling. The mentality that it won't happen to me isn't acceptable anymore. Please spread the word and strap yourself in.

New State Records: This year has been good to many of our members from the woods to the water. Turkey season brought Michael Smith in range of a Huge Rockingham Gobbler

that surpassed the Record by ½ inch measuring 16 0/16. Bowfishing has claimed numerous spots; Cole Carr took a Tilapia weighing in at 4 lb-12 oz. breaking the old record by over 2 pounds. Cole Miller took his place in the youth male category when he arrowed a 27 lb-10 oz Southern Ray on a trip he won at our NCBA Awards Banquet donated by Hummingbird Bowyer, Ben Graham and then again when he harvested common carp at 27 lb-5 oz.. Salt water also gave Josh Hether his shot at a massive Southern Ray weighing in at 140 pounds becoming our State Record and the BAA World Record .Cole Miller has also harvested a Youth Record Tilapia, Catfish, and Sucker. Many animals that we accept into the Records System are legal animals to harvest with bow and arrow but are still unofficial categories. We will maintain records on them but they are not eligible for NCBA annual awards. The 4 species of fish that are official categories are Common Carp, Grass Carp, Bowfin, and Longnose Gar. Congratulations to each of you and the others who are having an awesome year with the stick and string.

Southern Trophy Hunters Big Buck Expo and Measuring Deer:

This year's STH Greensboro show was a rewarding show for me and many areas for the NCBA. Registering deer to be measured at our booth we signed up 13 new members, making new friends as we told stories about hunting. We measured the best quality deer we have ever seen from the Greensboro show most ranging from 135-173 inches. We also added \$73 to our land acquisition fund and gained an Official Measurer. We had an awesome group of measurers that made the show go smooth and I want to thank them all. It was a blessing to have P&Y measurer Clair Luce there to help along with Ryan Miller, Scott Strong, Mark Headen, Tommy Kimball,

John Mark Trexler, Cole Carr, and New Official Measurer, Lee Leisure. The NCBA booth was operated by Jamie Brady, Rhiannon Brady, Amanda Carr, and Crystal Hughes for the 3 day event, Thank you all for your help and support.

Dixie Deer Classic

We are making plans earlier this year to make things easier for the DDC and Awards Banquet. This year I need everything finalized early so others can run the measuring/awards as planned. The list of measurers is already underway and if you are planning to volunteer this year please let me know. We are reserved at the same hotel as last year but with a few less rooms so please plan early. I will take care of everything needed as usual but will miss this year's DDC after accepting an invitation from P&Y to be a panel measurer in Fort Worth, Texas the same weekend. I hate that I will miss my friends and the event this year but I have faith that someone will take pictures for me. The Banquet and the DDC measuring will be in the hands of David Allen, Doug Clayton, Steve Fox, and Clair Luce. If there is anything needed they will have it covered. I hope everyone makes plans to attend the NCBA Awards Banquet and honor our members and officers for their hard work.

Special Thanks

Last year we needed a special award built that had to be unique, beautiful, and perfect for the recipient. The Golden Arrow Award isn't given every year, maybe once every three or four. Last year our very own NCBA President was given the award after suffering a stroke as most of you know. I contacted some of our custom arrow builders that are extremely well known for the amazing talent they have. Bill Stroupe was asked to build the arrow for the award and it is the most beautiful arrow I have ever seen. We asked Jim Jordan if he could Knapp an Arrowhead to mount on Bill's arrow. Jim donates arrowhead necklaces and custom arrows to the NCBA Silent Auction each year. Both Bill and Jim said they would be honored to build the Golden Arrow. Jim mailed the head to Bill and within a day he mailed the finished arrow to me. When I opened the box I couldn't believe the arrow I had in my hand. I want to personally say "Thank You" to Jim Jordan and Bill Stroupe for the outstanding award they created this past year.

Until Next Time



GO ALONEOR STAY AT HOME

By: Randy R. Mabe

One of my “dream bow hunts” has long been a spot and stalk mule deer hunt set upon the rugged landscape of one of our beautiful western states. So, this year when I was invited to go with two friends on a DIY hunt in eastern Wyoming, I jumped at the chance. After applying for the tag in March, I had to wait until June to find out the results of the draw. Although previous years had resulted in a 100% success rate for applicants, I was still anxious until the results appeared on line and I saw that I had drawn a tag.

The hunt had been scheduled to begin on opening day, September 1, 2012 with everyone arriving in Wyoming two days prior. This would allow time to acquire supplies, set up camp and do some preseason scouting. A vacation was planned to allow for 12 days of hunting, giving us a great amount of time to take a nice mulie with the bow.

My two hunting buddies had been on several mule deer hunts in this area, but it would be my first spot and stalk bowhunt for the gray ghost in this unit. Being confident of us all drawing tags, I had begun preparations for the hunt months in advance. Knowing I would be hunting each day alone, I reviewed operation of my GPS, had my bow tuned up at the pro shop, inventoried my hunting gear and began reading everything I could find about spot and stalk mule deer hunting with a bow. I also watched any TV show or video I could find about mule deer hunting.

Along with this I began a rigorous exercise routine and began practicing with my bow for hours each week, shooting out to 70 yards. I did all my practicing using practice broadheads that represented the actual broadheads I would use on the hunt. All was looking great, and then the phone call came.

One of my hunting partners called and the conversation began with this sentence: “Hey Man, I’ve got bad news...we didn’t get a tag.” I couldn’t believe it! I asked what happened and he told me the Wyoming Department of Wildlife had decided to cut back on the number of mule deer tags because of the severe drought and wildfires that had hammered the eastern part of the state this year. He told me they had tried to get an antelope tag, but they also were sold out because of cut backs. After trying everything, my friends were unable to acquire any type of tag applicable to the unit we had planned to hunt. As we finished our conversation, reality set in and I knew I was faced with a question, “Do I go alone or stay at home?”

When a planned hunt goes from 3 people down to a solo hunter, a lot of questions arise. Logistics, finances, the camaraderie and the work load all come into play when deciding on going alone. After a couple of days making phone calls, working out some details and weighing out decisions, I decided to make the hunt alone and go at it aggressively.

I flew into Denver on August 30th, rented a 4x4 vehicle and drove 4 hours to Douglas, Wyoming. I spent the night there, purchased supplies for about 5 days and drove on to the ranch the following morning. After being shown the boundaries of my (huge) hunting area, I found a small area of cottonwood trees and set up camp. With a few hours of daylight left, I scouted the area with the use of my binoculars and saw a few mule deer does. Soon the sun was setting on the vast prairie and it was time to eat a little supper, get some rest and be ready for opening day.

My first night in camp was a very restless one. The wind blew hard against the tent walls and coyotes howling under a full moon, sounded like they were within 50 yards of camp. My wind up alarm clock went off at 3:45 am, waking me from a light sleep. The first thing I put on was my Buckmaster headlamp and under the green glow cast inside the dark tent, I began dressing in my Mossy Oak camo. Next I reached for my snake boots and shook them upside down just in case any crawling creature had camped out inside of them. Yep, there’s rattlesnakes living around the small patches of sage that grows on the Wyoming prairie. And I didn’t care to encounter one inside or outside my hunting boots. And, don’t forget about the cactus that waits for the opportunity to stick you anywhere it can. I carried camouflaged knee pads inside my

backpack and they were a life saver for making a stalk across the open plains.

Eating a light breakfast while making the 20 minute drive to my parking spot, I reviewed my mental plan for the first days' hunt. I was going to make about a 45 minute hike to a mound of land that rose up in the open prairie and spend time glassing the surrounding area for a buck worthy of a stalk.

Sitting in the dark on top of the little mountain for about 30 minutes gave me time to position a cushion between my bottom side and the rocky hillside, set up my spotting scope and ready my binoculars for a possible long set. I had read stories about mule deer hunters spending hours glassing, looking for a buck to show. I was also aware that the 90 degree temperatures plaguing the Wyoming prairie was going to drive the mule deer to shady bedding areas before the sun had a chance to rise very high in the beautiful blue western sky.

As the skies turned from dark to a light gray, my first sighting was a group of elk including one 5 x 6 bull and 8 cows feeding about 700 yards in front of me. On both sides of the mound I sat on were many antelope feeding amidst the scattered sage. I thought at any minute I would hear the thunderous hooves of a thousand buffalo come charging over the hills with a band of Indians shooting arrows from the back of wild ponies. That vision may have come from reading too many Louis Lamour books, but the landscape sure fit the bill for such a western painting.

Thirty minutes after light I saw my first mule deer buck which joined the herd of elk as they fed over a small green bench. My spotting scope proved this buck to be smaller than what I wished to pursue so I continued to glass. Moving to the eastern side of the mound I glassed across a thousand yards of open prairie looking for movement. The rising sun made it difficult to see clearly and as I thought I saw a deer size figure out about 800 yards, I had to make sure with my spotting scope.

Through the sun's glare it was impossible to see details of the bucks rack, but one thing was obvious. The

buck had an impressively high rack and I was ready to make my first attempt at stalking a Wyoming mule deer.

The sun was feeling warmer on my skin as I began my slow stalk that took me in a wide arch to the left of the buck. My decision to go left was based on the fact that a deep canyon lay to my left and the rising temperature would encourage the buck to head that way looking for a cool bedding spot. Bent over and making myself as small as possible, I walked slowly, stopping occasionally to glass the buck's movement while hoping to cut him off before he made it to the canyon's shade. Luckily the high rack became more visible as the Wyoming gray ghost began a lazy walk in my direction.

Within two hundred yards of the canyon, I began crawling on hands and knees glad to be wearing the knee pads as I picked my way through small clumps of cactus. Using my



range finder I kept tabs on the distance between myself and the buck. At 90 yards my heart was beating fast as I imagined myself getting within bow range of this beautiful buck. But, as I made my next move to inch closer, the buck jerked his head erect and stared a hole through me. There was no cover to hide behind except the sage brush that stood about 10 inches high. I froze with my head looking down hoping my camouflage would pull me through this difficult situation and the wind would continue to hit me in the face.

I waited for the buck to bring my first

stalk to an abrupt end, but amazingly he went back to feeding after a long stare. I didn't move but let him feed by me, hopefully forgetting about the object lying on the open ground a short distance to his left. As the buck moved away from me I began crawling again. The dry landscape crunched as my shaking right hand supported my body and I slid the bow forward with my left hand. After another short crawl, the buck raised his head and looked back at me again. I knew I had pushed it to the limit and would be lucky to ever draw my bow. When the buck turned and began walking away I quickly came to my knees, ranged the distance at 61 yards and drew my Mathews bow.

The white wrap on the arrow shaft disappeared in the bucks' left flank and the arrow exited the opposite side passing through the liver. The buck ran about 10 yards then walked 500 yards across the dry plains before disappearing into the dark canyon. I

walked to the arrow and confirmed the hit then sat down to collect my thoughts. I decided to wait 45 minutes before looking for sign of the buck.

It was 8:30 am when I made the shot. At 10:30 am I found the buck bedded against the opposite side of the winding canyon 250 yards north of where he entered it. Using my binoculars I spotted one side of the bucks' rack before fully exposing my body. Now I had to back out and make a hike to the other side of the canyon and try for a shot straight down on the bedded buck. One hour later I was placing my boots as softly



as possible on the rocky dry ledge overlooking the buck bedded 15 yards straight down. Drawing my bow and bending my body for the most acute downward shot I've ever taken, the arrow struck the deer behind the left shoulder and the buck exploded out of his bed and down the narrow canyon out of sight. Again I sat down and waited as the adrenalin drained from my body and fatigue sat in. I felt good about the shot, but waited another 30 minutes

before moving in the bucks' direction. One hundred and twenty-five yards down the canyon I found the beautiful velvet racked mule deer lying beneath one of only a few pine trees found growing in the rocky landscape.

I could not believe this hunt had come together as it did. I thanked the Lord for my wonderful success and thought about my understanding wife as I sat there holding the bucks high rack. It had been only 52 hours since I left my home in North Carolina and one of the biggest decisions about making this hunt happen had been, "go alone....or stay at home."

Equipment used on this hunt: Mathews Z7 Extreme bow, Scott release, Montana

Black Gold sights, QAD rest, V Force Victory arrows, Rage 2 bladed broadheads, Zeiss binoculars, Nikon's Archers Choice range finder, Garmin GPS, Primos backpack, Nikon spotting scope, Cabela's Alaskan Guide tent, Cabela's snake boots, Mossy Oak camo, Canon Power Shot sx 120 camera.

NOTE: Randy's typical muley buck was missing the right G1 (Brow) and the left G4. I judged the score from the photo at about 130 P&Y net. If it had not been missing the G1 & G4, it would challenge the P&Y 145 minimum score for record book entry... Ramon Bell (P&Y Measurer)



Blood Tracking Program



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The Big Decision: Choosing a Puppy

In this issue I am very excited to discuss the topic of puppies. I am a sucker for the little paws, floppy ears and wagging tail of a puppy, but most of all a puppy is the beginning of your best hunting dog! In the next few months I myself will be acquiring my next hunting prospect. I have chosen to go with a Deutsch Drahthaar. I have had several people ask me why I chose this breed of dog and that brings me to the topic of this article.

Every person will have different wants and needs from their puppy. In this article I will use myself as an example on choosing the right breed/puppy based on your needs and wants. I currently have two Dachshunds I use for tracking and could not be happier with their performance.

I have also run into a few issues that lead me in to choosing a larger dog to add to my tracking team. In North Carolina we deal with several poisonous snakes. The snakes are not too big of a problem until you head more towards the Eastern part of the state. This is where I ran in

to my first problem. We hunt in an area with copperheads, rattlesnakes, cottonmouths and coral snakes. Not a good situation for any dog much less a dog with 4" legs! Larger dogs stand a much better chance of survival if bitten because of their size.

My next issue is the heat we deal with in early archery season. Because dogs do not sweat they are prone to overheating. Again larger dogs tolerate heat better than a smaller dog but all precautions should be taken while working your puppy/dog in warm weather.

My last problem is terrain. My Dachshunds do awesome when tracking in Central North Carolina and even the Western part of the state is ideal because of the hardwoods, fields and thickets. But in the Eastern part of the state you start to run in to swamps, lowlands and very dense undergrowth. I personally felt that a Deutsch Drahthaar is much more suited to this type of terrain due to their long legs, swimming ability and all around genetic makeup.

Environment and terrain were very important when choosing the needs for my next tracking prospect but in the Drahthaar breed my wants were also covered such as the dogs appearance, ability to point and retrieve for bird hunting and the energy level of these dogs is high. The list in the next column is a quick guideline to consider when choosing your pup.

Puppy Picking Checklist

1. Hunting/Tracking Desire
2. Scent Ability
3. Trainability
4. Courage
5. Physical Strength
6. Genetic Background

Try to choose a breeder who keeps track of the puppy's personalities as they grow. This will allow you to ask questions to help pick the pup that best suits you.

Make a list of the wants and needs from your next hunting prospect and try to match a breed of dog to your list based on breed characteristics. You would definitely not want a high energy retrieving breed if you live in an apartment, care nothing for retrieving sports, and want a pal to kick back and watch TV with after hunting. You will be in for a rude awakening!

In summary, be sure to evaluate your lifestyle and what you will require and want from your next hunting dog. Take your time to research several breeds that suit you along with quality breeders for your final breed choice.

Most breeds will have a group or club that you can contact to get information from and these can also be very helpful when training your new puppy.

A puppy is the beginning of many hunting stories to come – choose wisely!

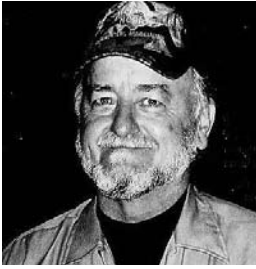
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Associate Council's Corner



Hillbilly Jim Jordan

A poem by Jeff Eberbaugh

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Jim "Old Hillbilly" Jordan

Scalded Dog

He was scalded in the night in the light of the moon
When across the four lane he trailed a coon
Squashed on the pavement by a semi truck
A purebred Redbone, only a pup.
No West Virginian could eat his own hound
So we held a little service and put him in the ground.
The truck driver said he couldn't see for the fog
He was doggone sorry for squashin' that dog.
So we called off the hunt and shed a few tears
And went back to the pickup and finished our beers.
It hurts a feller deep, clean into his socks
To have to go home with an empty dog box..

Legislative Chairman



Tommy Kimball

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By the time you receive this issue of our magazine you probably are in the full hunting mood. As I write this article now in September I look at the thermometer and it is setting on 85 degrees. It is hard to get excited about getting eaten alive by the mosquito, bitten by red bugs and the pesky gnats. Tomorrow they are calling for hi in the mid 50's so my excitement is on the rise to spend as much time in the woods.

The NCWRC submitted Hunting and Fishing proposals at public hearings in September. We sent out several eBulletins asking our members and all hunters to oppose two of their proposals. Those were #H19 and #H20 which dealt with depredation permits.

Even though current state law allows landowners to shoot deer that are damaging their property now, without a permit, these proposals will remove all requirements and restrictions for obtain

ing depredation permits. Deer and bear in the act of damaging property could be shot without a permit, year around, day or night, even with artificial lights. This will give everyone, illegal hunters, poachers, road hunters and trespassers a "free ticket" to kill our game.

I feel that this is one of the worst things that can be done to open up the door for wasteful killing. The NCWRC are asking for this change yet they will not let the bow hunter have a permitted season to deal with depredation being caused by these deer and bear. Does this also mean that the wild turkey and any other game animal be killed whenever you see one scratching in your garden or flower bed?

We also sent out to the membership a proposed petition for hunters to sign that would change the allotted buck tags from 2 to 1 in Central and Western wildlife districts, and from 4 to 2 in Eastern

wildlife districts. If this is not adopted, a second proposal is to require that the 2nd (3rd or 4th) bucks be required to have a minimum outside spread of 14 inches, or approximate "ear width" spread. (NO antler restrictions for the first buck harvested.) I have not had a full report from these individuals who took time to do this but here in Rowan County, it was very overwhelming and very obvious that this is what deer hunters here wanted.

I have received a few e-mails and some phone calls from some members that did not go along with this. As I explained to those who called or e-mailed that we knew that this may not be what everyone wanted but that 80% of all hunters wanted some type of restriction and quality deer herd management implemented.

Well I have got a few broadheads to sharpen and placed in the quiver so I will be ready for tomorrow. I want to wish all you bow hunters a great season what ever your quarry may be.

So shoot straight and aim at your killing spot placement.

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NCBA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

We solicit requests from YOU, our members, to submit your thoughts on what should be considered for our legislative agenda. We continue to solicit your comments and input about these, or other issues.

NOTE: The items listed below have been approved for our Legislative Agenda. This is the list of issues based upon YOUR input. (*NOTE: ALL items are subject to discussion and revision as time and circumstances change.) NCBA Executive Council members will continue to review any further comments from YOU, the NCBA membership. Any issues that cannot be fully agreed upon will remain on the “tentative” list for further and future discussion.

It is the Legislative Chairman, Committee, and all EC Officers duty to represent NCBA with this list, as approved by the majority of the NCBA Executive Council.

We Oppose: NCBA “Constitution & Bylaws” sets forth our position on these two issues.

1. OPPOSE legalization of “Crossbows” and “string-locking” devices or any apparatus that will HOLD a bow at partial or full draw, during any “Archery Only” deer seasons, except for truly legitimate handicapped, physically challenged hunters.
2. OPPOSE legalization of the POD, or any “Poison-Type Arrow.”

We Recommend, Support or Oppose:

1. RECOMMEND and SUPPORT establishing a uniform schedule for opening dates of firearms deer seasons. In order to preserve, protect and proliferate the quality of our buck population, and the quality of deer hunting itself, firearms seasons (including muzzleloaders), deer firearms seasons should not open earlier than the second Saturday in November in and west of Granville, Durham, Chatham, Lee Moore, Montgomery Stanly and Anson counties; and, not earlier than the third Saturday in October in counties in and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Hoke and Richmond. (Exception being the existing one week October muzzleloader season in the Western Deer Season.) We have no opposition to extending deer firearms seasons later into the winter months.
2. RECOMMEND and SUPPORT the adoption of a “Quality Deer Management Program.” We favor adopting a regulation that would place antler restrictions based upon “Greatest Antler Width.” Antlers must appear to be at least as wide as the outside “ear-to-ear” spread. Hunters would be allowed to harvest ONE buck each year that did not meet this minimum requirement. Minimum “points” per side is not desirable because: (1) It can be difficult or impossible to count points under varying light and other hunting conditions; (2) Many immature “yearling” bucks can have 3 or 4 points on one side. Antler spread is the best indicator of the age of a buck and can better be determined under most hunting conditions. (1/17/2010)
3. SUPPORT (and Recommend) that the NCWRC create a “Wildlife Anti-Poacher” program. Many other state wildlife agencies have created and support monetarily their own “Anti-Poacher” and “Operation Game Thief” type programs. (This program has grown to the proportions that it will be only a matter of time before NCBA can no longer afford to support it.)
4. SUPPORT establishment of an archery season for black bear in eastern N.C. to run concurrent with archery deer season; or, allow “Incidental Opportunity” harvest of ONE black bear by bowhunters during any archery season.
5. SUPPORT a “Post-Season” bowhunting season for whitetail deer, especially does, in all sections of the state to help better control and manage deer populations; and to help achieve a lower “buck to doe” ratio in the whitetail deer population.
6. WE ENCOURAGE better deer management on gamelands in the Western area of the state (District 9). Our members there suggest establishment of a 2 DEER limit, one of which must be a “Trophy” buck. Antler restrictions should be implemented to define “Trophy Buck” qualifications. (See SUPPORT No. 3 above.)
7. SUPPORT creation of “Hunter Recognition Program” similar to WRC’s “Angler Recognition Program” to recognize hunter successes. (NOTE: NCBA already has a statewide network of official measurers willing to assist with this program. Also, most WRC biologists are already B&C and P&Y certified.)
8. SUPPORT legislation or WRC programs designed to help recruit more youths, women and hunters of all ages into the sport of hunting, and bowhunting in particular.
9. SUPPORT the implementation of a “Draw System” for all “Draw Hunts”, with “Preference Points” given to unsuccessful applicants each year. This will assure that everyone who applies for “Draw Hunts” will be drawn for the hunt in a fair and equitable manner. *Rev: 7/23/2011*

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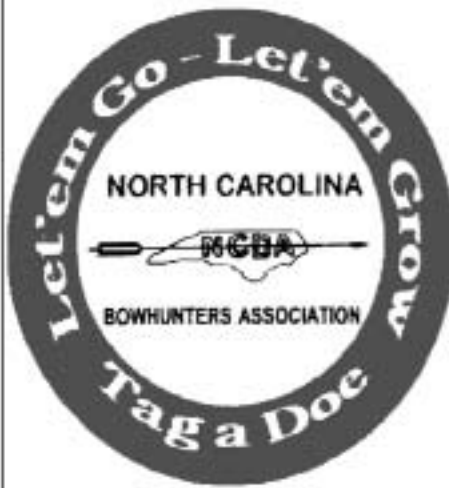
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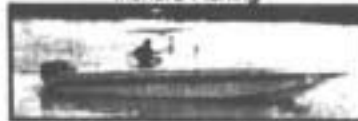
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**PROPOSED REVISION OF
BYLAWS: ARTICLE VI**

These are FINAL proposed revisions to the bylaws of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association. These revisions deal with adding one clause to ARTICLE VI.

*This proposal adds a clause to ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS. The wording of the proposed revised, new clause is listed below under ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS are in **BOLD italicized print and underlined**:*

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Preceding the annual meeting (Convention) in "even" years, nominations for elected officers shall be submitted for persons wishing to run for elected office. Nominations must be received no later than July 1st (in every "odd" year) preceding the biennial election. Nominations for officers may be received by the Secretary, either in writing, or verbally, at a scheduled Executive Council meeting, no later than July 1st. Nominations for officers may also be sent via U.S. Mail or hand-delivered to the Secretary. FAXed or other electronic (Email) nominations will not be accepted.

If necessary, a "Primary Ballot" shall be printed in the summer issue of the N.C. Bowhunter Magazine and it shall be returned to the Secretary no later than September 15th. The primary BALLOTS shall be counted by the Secretary and one other member of the Executive Council. The two people with the most votes for each Office shall be the nominees. In case of ties for second for any office, all nominees shall be listed on the final ballot.

"Write-In" BALLOTS are not permitted and will not be counted in the primary BALLOT or final election BALLOT.

After the determination of the final two nominees, election ballots shall be sent to the membership and returned to the Secretary before the beginning of the annual meeting (Convention) on Saturday. All ballots must be returned to the Secretary via U.S. Mail, or in person, by the individual voting member, in a sealed envelope with the members name and (return) address on the outside of the envelope. FAXED or electronic (email) BALLOTS will NOT be allowed. The word BALLOT shall also appear on the outside FRONT of each envelope returned. Ballots must be mailed or hand delivered in time to reach the Secretary the day before the annual convention. The Secretary shall verify that ALL ballots are valid by checking the names against a current roster to verify active NCBA membership and to assure that no ballots are counted more than once. Ballots will NOT be accepted the day of the convention when ballots are counted. (NO EXCEPTIONS.) The election ballots shall be opened and counted at the annual meeting (Convention) by the Executive Council members present, or their designees, to determine the new officers. Counting of ballots will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday. A majority of votes shall determine the outcome of each. In case of ties, a majority of votes by the members present at the annual meeting (Convention) shall break the tie. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the annual Awards Banquet that evening and new officers will be installed at that time.

**Guidelines for the 2012
Annual NCBA**

Executive Council Awards

Guidelines for our annual awards as determined by the NCBA Executive Council, have been formulated and finalized. Please read them carefully to see if you or anyone you know would fit any of the categories listed. You may submit your own nomination and resume or do one for someone else. The awards are for you, the members of the NCBA. If you know of someone who deserves recognition but may feel uncomfortable submitting their own resume, please don't hesitate to contact one of the council members. NOTE: For the year 2012, we ask that nominations & resumes be mailed, emailed or hand-delivered so that the President or any Executive Council member receive them no later than January 15, 2013.

BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Bowhunter of the Year Award is designed to recognize special efforts or accomplishments by a NCBA member in the field of bowhunting. A new nomination ballot went into effect January 1, 2011. REFER to the NCBA website for interactive copies of this form.

1. Nominations may be submitted to any member of the Executive Council using the standard form for these awards no later than January 15th.
2. Nominations may be submitted by any member including the nominee. The person submitting the nomination and resume is responsible for the credibility and accuracy of its contents.
3. The nomination, which will encompass the preceding year from January 1st thru December 31st, must outline the hunting skills or accomplishments of the hunter.

Some things which may be considered, but not limited to, are: Time spent in pursuit of game; Knowledge of the game and its habits; Physical effort put forth;

Preparation for the hunt; Woodsmanship; Ethics; Type of game pursued; Variety of game pursued. (See new guidelines on our website.)

NOTE: Monetary cost and expenses incurred may NOT be mentioned in the resume or considered by the E.C. in naming the award winner.

4. The winner of this year's award will be chosen by using of the new nomination and scoring system. (See new guidelines on our website.)

5. The recipient of this award will be recognized at an annual awards banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the Executive Council.

6. The recipient of this award is limited to NCBA membership.

FEMALE BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Same guidelines apply for these three as for BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR,

BALLOT

To vote:

1. Mark an "X" in Boxes "Yes" or "No" for the proposed revision to Article VI below:

Article VI: ADD clause to "ELECTIONS" Yes No

2. Clip this page or photocopy this page to create your ballot.
3. Print your name and return address (legibly) on the outside of your envelope, or the ballot is Void.
4. Print the word "BALLOT" below your return address.
5. Mail your ballot by U.S.P.S. mail so it reaches the Secretary no later than January 27, 2013, or hand deliver to the Secretary no later than 2:00 P.M. on January 27, 2013 at the regularly scheduled E.C. Meeting.

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YOUTH MALE BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR AWARD, YOUTH FEMALE BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

For **YOUTH** awards, nominees must have been under the age of 16 on the date any animal was harvested, or for any journal entries to be considered. The youth or his/her parent/guardian must also have been an active member of NCBA on the date of harvest.

NCBA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD: The purpose of the Presidential Award is to recognize the special efforts or contribution of a single person or group who's actions have best benefitted the purpose and causes of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association.

1. A resume of the person or groups action and how it has benefitted NCBA must be submitted by the January EC meeting, preceding the Annual Awards Banquet.
2. The resume shall encompass the activities or contribution during a period from January 1st through December 31st of the year preceding the Awards Banquet.
3. All resumes shall be submitted to the President by the January EC meeting. ONE winner will be chosen by the President. If no resumes are submitted, the President may choose someone to receive the award and it will be announced at the EC awards banquet on Saturday night.
4. Recipients shall be recognized by NCBA at an Awards Banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the President.
5. The recipient shall be recognized by NCBA at an Awards Banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the President.
6. This award is "optional" and will be given at the discretion of the President.
7. The recipient(s) of this award is **NOT** limited to NCBA membership.

LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD: The purpose of this award is to recognize the special efforts of a local chapter club in promoting bowhunting and furthering the cause of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association. A new nomination ballot went into effect January 1, 2011. REFER to the NCBA website for interactive copies of this form.

1. A resume of club activities during the period of January 1st through December 31st must be submitted to the Executive Council by the January EC meeting of the following year, preceding the Annual Awards Banquet utilizing the new format for selecting the winner of this award.
2. Categories may include but are not limited to: Promoting Bowhunting; Educating Bowhunters; Community Service; Conservation; Money Raising Projects; Bowhunter Defense; Membership Recruitment.. (The new nomination format went into effect January 1, 2011 and must be utilized for this award.)
3. All nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Council no later than January 15th. The winner will be chosen using the new nomination and scoring system adopted for this award, which can be found on the NCBA's website.)
4. The recipient of this award will be recognized at an Annual Awards Banquet and

receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the Executive Council.

5. The recipient of this award is limited to NCBA local chapter club membership.
MOST ACTIVE NEW LOCAL CHAPTER AWARD: The purpose of this award is to recognize a new local chapter club and their efforts to promote Bowhunting and further the cause of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association.

1. A resume of the clubs activities during the past three years, but not to exceed 36 months, must be submitted to the Executive Council no later than the January EC meeting preceding the Annual Awards Banquet utilizing the new format for selecting the winner of this award.
 2. Categories may include but are not limited to: (Same as for LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR, item #2 above.)
 3. The winner will be chosen using the new nomination and scoring system which can be found on the NCBA's website.
 4. The recipient of this award will be recognized at an Annual Awards Banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the Executive Council.
 5. The recipient of this award is limited to NCBA local chapter club membership.
- OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS:** The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding services, contribution, or commitment to NCBA by an individual, club or group.

1. Members of the Executive Council shall provide nominees, and a reason for the nomination for this award and the winners will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Executive Council. Nominations must be made no later than the January EC meeting preceding the Annual Awards Banquet.
2. The recipients of this award are **NOT** limited to NCBA membership.
3. The recipient of this award will be recognized at an Annual Awards Banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the Executive Council.

"NCBA BYRD BUILT GOLDEN ARROW AWARD": The "NCBA Golden Arrow Award" was founded by Kenneth Byrd of "Byrd Built Custom Arrows" in 1996. Nominations are submitted to the NCBA Executive Council each year and the winner is determined by majority vote of the council. The award is given to a bowhunter who has been "*Physically Challenged*" and faces physical adversities which would normally prevent him/her from participating in the sport of Bowhunting. The recipient may, in fact, NOT be able to bowhunt any more! In many cases, the recipient has (legitimately) qualified for the special cross-bow permit, but has chosen to continue to shoot either a traditional or conventional (compound) bow. The recipient of this award is limited to NCBA membership. Nominations should be submitted to the NCBA President each year no later than January 15th of the previous year's award.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

The secretary shall present any LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP applications received during the previous calendar year to the Executive

Council no later than the January EC meeting, preceding the Annual Awards Banquet. Applications will be read aloud and reviewed by the Executive Council. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP applications will be voted upon by the Executive Council. Final approval by a majority vote of the Executive Council is required.

NCBA "BOWHUNTER HALL OF FAME": NOMINATIONS may come from any active NCBA member in "Good Standing" and must be received by the president or any member of the Executive Committee no later than the January EC meeting in order to be considered for acceptance into the "Hall" each year. Nominations must be accompanied by an essay, resume and any other documentation available which would help justify consideration and acceptance of the nominee. There is **NO** time limitation for documentation of information in the resume. The nomination must also be signed by at least three other NCBA members upon being submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. The recipient of this award is limited to NCBA membership.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE "HALL OF FAME": There shall be three "classes" or categorical requirements for membership. These are: "*Pioneering*", "*Service*" and "*Bowhunting Accomplishments*." Nominees must satisfy the requirements of at least "**one**" of these "classes" to be considered for acceptance.

AWARDS will be presented to new inductees into the "HALL" at the Annual NCBA Awards Banquet, if possible. These awards may take the form of a certificate or plaque, as deemed appropriate by the Executive Council. The design and wording shall be standardized and approved by the Executive Council.

OUTSIDE AWARDS

(FOR NON-NCBA MEMBERS)

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD, N.C. BIOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD, WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD, N.C. LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: (These are optional awards which may be given at the discretion of the Executive Council) The purpose of these awards is to recognize the outstanding service or contribution to NCBA and Bowhunting in North Carolina by a single individual or each of these four groups.

1. Members of the Executive Council shall provide nominees and a reason for the nomination by the January EC meeting.
2. The resume should encompass the preceding years accomplishments beginning December 1st of the previous year through November 30th of the current year, prior to the upcoming NCBA Annual Awards Banquet.
3. The winner(s) shall be chosen by a simple majority vote by the Executive Council.
4. The recipient of these awards will be recognized by NCBA at the Saturday night Annual Awards Banquet and receive a plaque or other concession which will be decided by the Executive Council.

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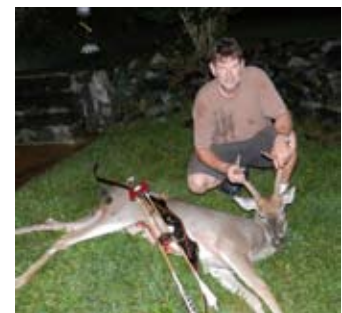
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