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# BOWHUNTER

Magazine

The Official Publication of the  
North Carolina Bowhunters Association



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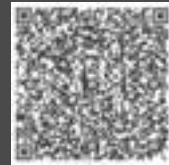
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The North Carolina Bowhunters Association, Inc. is a fraternal, non-profit organization of bow hunters. NCBA's main purpose is to help combat anti-hunting groups in an effort to preserve your hunting heritage; to assist the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and in general, help the cause of the North Carolina bowhunter. The NCBA remains a strong, viable entity fighting for bow hunting rights with a membership that is active and committed. We solicit requests from our membership and urge you to submit your thoughts on what should be considered for our legislative agenda. NCBA Executive Council meetings are held at the Guilford Bowhunters Clubhouse, and all members in good-standing are invited to participate in all discussions.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT | andy.n.smith@gmail.com



CWD & You

Well, apparently there is a lot of political pressure for the WRC to do something about allowing the transfer of cervids from other farms outside of North Carolina. I can make an assumption as to the connections this is coming from since I have been fielding calls about why the NCBA is so opposed to deer farms. I'll say it again, the NCBA is not against deer farms. Deer farms can do as they please about allowing people to shoot fenced animals, about breeding better deer, whatever. What I do not want to see is the introduction of any CWD infected animals, not just deer,

into our state. From what I have read and researched, there is not a 100% effective CWD test for live animals. So even a 1% margin of error is too great a risk!! Once CWD is found in an area, the WRC has dictated that several rules will kick in.

- No baiting within 20 miles of the CWD site.
- Mandatory testing of harvested deer for CWD will be required.
- Hunting seasons will be liberalized for sample collection and herd reduction.

Baiting of deer has become a benefit for many hunters. Some will not use bait. But, if you are in a CWD area, that privilege will be gone. Also, every deer taken will have to be tested for CWD. That becomes a burden for both the hunter and the WRC – not to mention the impact it will have on the Wildlife Officers in the state. Guess who ultimately pays that expenses? Here is the part I understand but detest – herd reduction. If CWD comes to your area, you may be able to kill all the deer you want. We already have a very liberal limit of 6 deer and you can buy all the additional

tags you want for \$10 for 2 doe deer. Most people do not shoot 6 deer and do not have the freezer space for that many. With a liberal limit, you could likely shoot all the potentially infected deer you would want. Personally, I don't want any deer that I think might be infected by this horrible disease. So the 'benefit' of having CWD in an area is greatly outweighed by the negative impact. I can see only one possible outcome here and it is not good for the wildlife or the hunters. Since no one can handle so many deer, I can visualize all the excess deer laying in the woods or fields wasting away – shot because of the potential to be diseased. The negative impact, both political and reputation, against the WRC will far outweigh any controversy it has ever seen if they allow deer farms to import deer into the state and just one is infected. NC will join the list of infected states and, I assume, there will then be a liberalization of the import rules. Ask yourself, is it worth the chance to allow a small set of individuals to be able to import a potentially fatal and horrific disease into the state? I really hope the WRC can push back the political pressure and save our deer herd from this potential catastrophe.

Andy N. Smith, President/NCBA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT | oldsouthadv@yahoo.com



Creation of an early archery bear season has been on the NCBA Legislative agenda for 20+ years. We were told that the WRC couldn't do this for several reasons. One was that they couldn't show favoritism to any specific, or special interest group. That seems reasonable. However special laws were passed that allowed for the use of

non-processed food as bait for hunters using dogs. There was an outcry from many hunters as to the fair and equitable nature of this law to all hunters. For several years, the revision of bear hunting regulations has continued to be a hot topic among the hunting and non-hunting communities.

This year, the issue seems to have been resolved. As I finish typing this message, we have an open bear season in all Piedmont counties that runs through January 1st, and the first two weeks are during the archery season. At this writing, I haven't heard of a bear being taken, and it may not happen! But, if the opportunity presents itself, at least the bowhunter will be able to take advantage of it. Personally, I feel good, and

am a bit proud of the fact that NCBA not only played a part in this happening... we were asked to help support this new law by some members of the NCWRC. We did, and it was adopted.

For the present, I am wearing several different hats in the NCBA organization. Some by choice, and another because there was a job to be done and I volunteered to try to do it. It has always been one of the most difficult positions in our organization to fill, and to keep filled. It is the editor's position. The only part of it I cannot do is to create the final digital product that goes to the printer. We are sub-contracting this out to someone who has done this for us in the past and is very familiar with what we need and how to put all the information together. It still takes a lot of time, pre-planning and organization of the material to come up with the final product you hold in your hands and read. Your officers and volunteers put in a lot of work in

## MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT | continued

getting their information together for publication in our magazine. This is just the tip of the iceberg compared to the work they do to make NCBA function. Go read the job descriptions of each EC officer as outlined in our bylaws. Being an EC Officer is much more than just wearing a title on a shirt! It requires a great deal of work, dedication and personal commitment to get the job done, and done right! I don't know how we functioned without a Program Chairman! The quality of our Banquet has greatly improved under David Whitmire's supervision. The Records Chairman position has been streamlined under Joey Thompson's term with the aid of Lee Matthews creating the database for keeping all our records entries at our fingertips. Steve

Fox has taken on a tremendous job in carrying this to the next level by working toward digitizing our Record Book entries so anyone can access them from our webpage. Instead of printing and trying to sell a Record Book, the goal is to keep an online up-to-date record of all entries that can be accessed by anyone with internet access for a small nominal fee that will be used to pay for services, software and supplies. We can burn a CD of all records on any given date, but, the way our system is set up now, our records change every time a new score-sheet is entered. And, we enter ALL score-sheets that are submitted to us, whether they meet NCBA Trophy Class Minimums or not! Why? Because we keep all entries for our annual contests in the system too,

and there are NO minimum score requirements! So, if you enter everything you take with bow & arrow, YOU will be able to go to our database and pull up a complete record of ALL your bowkills, read and print them out at any time you wish. Did you know that you can do that now with every animal you check in with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission? Yes, and you can even print out a customized certificate for any deer, bear or turkey you check in.

For Bowhunting,

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR | editor@ncbowhunter.com



This is my first message as editor of your NC Bowhunter magazine. I don't know how long I will continue to serve as editor? Many things can happen that could affect this, as I have already found out when I was your president.

After my first official issue (Summer-2014), I received some feedback about the content and appearance of the Summer issue. Some good; Some just constructive criticism. Please keep in mind that all of us are volunteers, not paid professionals. I'm sure there are those among us who are qualified and capable of doing a better job than I. Don't be shy! Step up and volunteer and the job is yours far as I'm concerned. My product won't be as attractive as previous issues. My main concerns are listed below:

**#1-** Do my best to get the magazine out on time and within our budget. It is the life-blood of NCBA. Our members expect to get it on time, and our officers require we get our money's worth for what we pay for it.

**#2-** Include all the basic and current information our members need to keep them informed about what NCBA is doing to represent all bowhunters of NC.

**#3-** Try to please (and appease) those who take time to send in articles and photos for publication in our magazine. (This is not always easy or possible to do!)

I will begin by reviewing what the editor needs to be able to publish your submissions.

First, email them to: **editor@ncbowhunter.com**. If I don't acknowledge receipt of them, send them again and ask for acknowledgement that we received it.

There's a number of reasons why your articles and photos may not appear in our magazine. First, we print ONLY articles about bowhunting and bowhunting kills. Sometime, like the recent summer issue, we have an overwhelming number of photos submitted. This was mainly because of the salt water "BASH". We had many

photos of members who had **NEVER** submitted photos before, and we try to give as many some exposure as possible. With about one thousand members, there's no way we could publish everyone's photos and articles IF all submitted them! We may begin publishing more pics on our webpage album and on our facebook page if this trend continues! Remember that YOU can POST your bowhunting photos on our FB page anytime!

We had four full pages of color photos, but still didn't have enough room to publish ALL the photos we had. I tried to publish a variety of pics of as many different members as possible, specially those who had never been featured before. Some pics I have that weren't used may appear in future issues of the mag in spaces where we have room for them!

Other photos were not used because they were poor quality; (Fuzzy or under-exposed.). If it is a photo of a state record entry and that's the ONLY photo available, it may not appear in the magazine for this reason, but we may use it on the webpage or facebook page because print/photo quality isn't as important there. Here's some tips you can use to get better quality photos that will make them more likely to be published in our magazine.

- Use camera with minimum 8 mega-pixel capacity.
- Always use the "FLASH" on your camera! Manually activate it even in bright daylight.



It will help eliminate facial shadows, sharpen up outlines and enhance color contrast.

- Take several photos holding your camera in horizontal (Landscape) and vertical (Portrait) position. If it is a good photo, suitable to use on the cover, we usually need a vertical photo. We use both for articles and photo spreads on inside pages. This past issue, we didn't have enough horizontal (Landscape) photos and couldn't publish some we wanted to use for that reason.

Digital film is cheap! Take many photos. Look closely at what you've taken and keep the best ones to send us.

- Make sure there's a clean, unobstructed background.

Clean blood from the mouth and face. Stuff the tongue back in the mouth. Lay your bow across the front of the animal, covering up entrance/exit wounds and the open body cavity if field dressed.

- Position the animal on the ground with his legs and feet folded up underneath and belly down. Position yourself centered behind it. Hold the head up by the neck and jaw with your hands behind the animal. Don't hold it by the rack, unless it is an extremely large rack.

Turn the head/rack in several different angles making sure to show all points on the rack and the spread.

- Remove sun glasses and tilt your cap back a bit so your face can be easily seen and recognized, and say "CHEESE!"

At least, show a pleasant smile or expression on your face.

I'm sure there's many of you that know more about photography than me. Send in your photo tips and we'll try to publish them with credit given to you.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE BCRS CHAIRMAN | bcrs@ncbowhunter.com**



Hope you are all doing well and having a good hunting season so far. At the last EC meeting we held a BCRS Committee meeting and discussed a couple of items. First item resulted from my request to get some help on managing the BCRS program as I don't have the time and energy to devote to managing it all by myself. After some discussions with Andy and others we came up with splitting duties into two sections. One would be to manage the BCRS membership and the other would be to deal with the property owners, contracts, etc. I will be glad to continue handling the membership

side of this and John Thompson has volunteered to take on the property management part of BCRS. Next, we are looking into the possibility of getting other BCRS members designated as Coordinators for East, West and Central parts of the state to assist with making BCRS Program presentations to land owners, Home Owners Associations Boards, etc. We will assist in putting together presentations as needed. Ideally, this should be the member(s) who will serve as the BCRS Hunt Coordinator for the agreement when it is approved and accepted. Any BCRS members interested in serving as future Hunt Coordinators, please contact me. That is all for now. If you have thoughts or comments on program issues or improvements please share them with me. Thanks.

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# BABINC



Stephen Stamer with Level #1 Certificate



Jim Beetham (85) & grandson, Zach Lange (15) completed Levels #1 & #2 on 9/21/2014.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Maj. Richard “Eric” Burkett – participated in the INVICTUS GAMES in London Sep10-14. Middle of October was to go to Argentina for the Pan World Archery competition. And in December has been invited to shoot in Thailand. Please keep him in your prayers as he participates and is hoping to make his Paralympic archery dreams a reality.

**Health:** Jim Fortune; Wayne Smith; Mary Darlene Tarlton (Jerry Rushing’s daughter); Glen Halter

Operations: James E. Atkins – right hip replacement Oct 7 and around Thanksgiving will under go a complete double knee replacement

Jim Jordan – Hip Replacement operation; Oct 27

**Deaths:** William FRANK Brown III – Sep 29 – Forsyth Archery C/C member

Gail Hayes (Ron’s wife and stepmother to Lee Hayes) – Sep 5

Jim Fortune (76); 11-5-2014; Jim was a member of Gooch’s Mill Archery Club, and secretary/treasurer of the club for 12 years (2002-2014).

Please remember these NCBA members and all of those serving in the Military.

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336-562-5789

### Big Buck Archery Club

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336-573-3536

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910-245-1640

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### Cape Fear Bowhunters

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910-399-3441

### Carolina Traditional Archers

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704-435-0265  
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Advance  
336-940-3250

### Fishing Creek Archery Club

Wilson  
252-289-5095

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336-757-2557

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**29<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Convention, Banquet  
& Dixie Deer Classic 3-D Shoot**

**Kerr-Scott Building at NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC  
February 28, 2015**

**3D Shoot: Fri.- 9 am - 8 pm; Sat.- 9 am – 4 pm; Sun.- 9 am – 3 pm**

**NOTE: 3-D Shoot will close at 4 pm Saturday to set up for NCBA Banquet at 6 pm**

**Admission to DDC: \$12 per person for entire weekend; Under 12 – "Free"  
Exhibits / Vendors / Displays / Dixie Deer Classic 3-D Shoot / Seminars / Concessions**

**NEW: NCBA "Trail Cam Photo, Video, and Photo Contest" (See website for rules)**

## **NCBA 2015 AWARDS BANQUET:**

**Saturday Night - February 28<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. until! Meal at 6:30 p.m.**

**Banquet Tickets-By Reservation ONLY!**

**COST: Adults: \$25; Under 12: "Free"; \$10 Cover Charge w/out meal (at door)**

**Banquet Reservations & Hunt Raffle Tickets:**

**Contact: Deann Stone (919) 477-7184; Email: [stoney45@nc.rr.com](mailto:stoney45@nc.rr.com)**

## **Premium Raffle Ticket Packages: \$100 each ...**

**CHECK our WEBSITE after January 15 for current info on Banquet Hunts !**

**NCBA Awards Banquet - General Information: call: 336-643-4455**

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We are up to 55 students in the BABINC Program. We still have 40 mentors, and still need more! Twelve students have completed Level #1; 10 have

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Help recruit another bowhunter into our sport and into NCBA today.

Ramon Bell, BABINC Chairman  
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MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDS CHAIRMAN | stevefox4570@yahoo.com



Hello Everyone,  
I hope you are having a great season. We have had some very nice deer taken so far. The hunting has been a little slow due to the amount of food they have,

but the RUT is coming.

I would like to congratulate Alden Harr for the first groundhog taken by a youth

female. Her new state record groundhog scored 6 7/16".from Forsyth county.

I know it is still a few months away

but I would like to encourage everyone to attend our NCBA Awards Banquet at the DDC on March 2nd. It's worth going just to see the smiles on kids' faces and to hear them tell their stories.

Please be safe and enjoy the rest of the season.

Get Someone involved in the outdoors  
Steve

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM LARRY LONG

I was sitting at the NCBA banquet having fun back in March, when they announced a card raffle for a compound bow. When asked about buying a card for a chance to win, I declined saying "It was not my kind of bow." The next card raffle was for an \$800.00 certificate toward a Hummingbird recurve or longbow. Everyone laughed at me when I bought two chances to win saying, "this is a real bow. I won! Ben Graham builds one of the finest longbow or recurve available in the market today. This fantastically talented bowmaker has quietly, for many years, put his money in donations to the NCBA, where it helps us the most. He has donated bows, arrows, other equipment, his time, exceptional talent, and love for this sport time and time again. A few weeks ago, I picked up the recurve bow Ben built for me. It was everything I asked for and more. It was a dull finished hunting bow for better camo, ultra-smooth, quiet, and very fast! I would like to say "Thank you Ben Graham for not only building me an excellent bow, but for all you have and continue to do to support the NCBA and this sport we all love!"

Larry Long,  
NCBA Life Member

## NC Bear Seasons - 2014-2015

by Ramon Bell

Page #47 in the NCWRC Regulations Digest shows dates for Bear Season in ALL NC Counties this year. The season runs longer than I had previously thought in the Piedmont Counties and other counties that did not have a Bear Season last year. There are nine (9) different bear seasons this year. Some begin as early as October 13, and run to January 1, 2015. Should you see a bear while hunting this year, it may be taken, even if it is standing in a pile of corn or any natural food that has NOT been processed....and, as long as it is NOT eating the food (BAIT) at

the time you shoot it! This applies the first 6 days in Coastal and Mountain counties, and the entire season in Piedmont counties that have bear seasons concurrent with the gun deer season. Hunters MUST possess a Bear tag to legally take a bear! The Bear tags (E-Stamps) must be purchased separately as they do NOT come with the Big Game Report Cards as they have in past years. Tags cost \$10 plus a \$2 processing fee if purchased at service agent location. They are free for people holding a Lifetime Sportsman license purchased prior to July 1, 2014, if obtained directly from the Wildlife Resources Commission office or online. Also read other restrictions on pages 2, 45 & 46.



The NCBA has Heavy Hearts as we have news of a tragic hunting fatality within our state. On Thursday night September 18, North Carolina had a fellow hunter to lose his life while doing what we all love, enjoying archery season. Transylvania County resident and hunter, 58 year old George Harley Case Jr. lost his life after being hit by a crossbow bolt that was shot from his friend's crossbow. It happened at dark when Mr. Case walked towards his friend and was mistaken for a deer. I spoke to Capt. Kevin Creasman of the Transylvania Sheriff's Dept the next day and he stated they were less than 15 yards of each other when the accident occurred. No matter the events and faults of that night, the end result is we lost a fellow hunter who we share the woods with. Please continue to pray for all parties and families involved.

We have no regulations in place besides the Hunter Orange that we wear while hunting during the muzzle loader/firearm season. For your own safety, the call from a cell phone, a text message to your friend that you are getting down at quitting time is an option. When I get near my friend I usually whistle once and wait for his whistle response. What if you don't know anyone else is in the woods, a small light to let other hunters know your presence and location. We all have a responsibility to our families and loved ones to return home safe. Be Careful, Hunt Safe, Be sure of your target and be smart about your actions before taking any shot.

As the months fall off 2014 we are al-

ready ahead of the game for 2015 with plans being made for the Dixie Deer Classic. This year the DDC is a little early starting Feb 27- March 1 and we have several small improvements that we are tweaking to make things benefit everyone we hope. The 3D shoot will have bleachers for shooter and spectators to sit and watch from. We will have the Pop-Up targets again and should have more shooters so you better be ready for some competition. We plan to recognize the Award Winners better and shorten the banquet in other areas without adding time to our night. I hope you can come out and enjoy all that the NCBA is doing and support us over the weekend and attend our Awards Banquet. Fred Eichler will be at the DDC plus the girls from Dressed to Kill

All measurers that are planning on making the DDC this year, we are starting the list again and ask that everyone send their plans to attend to Steve Fox and myself as I will help him this year. Steve and Doug Clayton will be the "Go to Guys" of the scoring booth and the Awards for the annual contest. We will be staying at the Days Inn on Wake Forest again this year and the list has to be turned in by February 15.

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Saltwater Bash at Emerald Isle ; this has been a huge success the last 2 years, June 2015 will be the 3rd Annual Saltwater Bash and we have once again made plans to make it better. If you like to bowfish and eat seafood you don't need to miss it. We talked about moving it to August but the high water temps when I went down had the rays in deep water and I never saw the first one. I was on the boat with Capt Dale Collins of Fish or Die Charters and after his advice I do believe for the youth to be there and have a good time with plenty of opportunity, June will be the best choice. I hope you can plan to attend and make it bigger than last year. We will be eating what we shoot plus having our Low Country Boil again, and

all the fixings. We are also having a shirt designed with a very cool Stingray Skelton on the back and some prizes. We have a 2015 model Bow from DropTine Archery in Advance NC that we are raffling to raise money for the event.

Bows and Rabbits... Guilford Bowhunters has put together a Rabbit hunt and have been hosting it for several years now. After the deer season is out and rabbit season is still kicking they have a hunt with the traditional equipment while running the dogs to stir up some action in January. It's set for Saturday January 25 so mark your calendar and watch for more details on our facebook and e-bulletins. You can sign up for our e-bulletins on our web at [ncbowhunter.com](http://ncbowhunter.com).

NCBA Harvests, if you have an animal that needs to be scored please don't hesitate to contact Steve Fox or myself. The deadline for entries to be received is January 31. In order to meet the deadline make plans to contact a measurer much earlier so that schedules can be made and the paperwork can be mailed. I look forward to seeing you at the Awards banquet.

I want to thank everyone that has helped out with all the events this year. We do many things each year to bring everyone together. Many of our members never get the recognition they deserve or aren't near us when we say Thanks. During the year we have our Rabbit hunt in January, The DDC and NCBA Awards Banquet in March, Fresh water bowfishing tournament in May, Saltwater Bash in June, Picnic in August, our Youth Day and one week annual Butner hunt both in October. From the cooks feeding us and the ones cleaning up and doing the dishes, to the ones writing hunting stories, selling or buying a raffle ticket, our instructors teaching classes across the state, the chapter clubs and bow shops for keeping us all going, the ones measuring so our youth can get an award, the ones setting booths at our events, and the ones getting the ice so our drinks are cold, I want to thank the ones who introduced a youth to the bow & arrow along with each and every member of the NCBA for your support and help in 2014.

Joey Thompson





**Grandma's Apron**  
Submitted by "Hill-billy" Jim Jordan

Well folks, friends and fellow NCBA members, I'm sure you know by now

Spring and Summer is history. Where did it go? I've heard all my life that the older you get, the time flies by faster and you can't tie an anchor to it and slow it down at all. So, you had BIG plans for the Spring and Summer, and never got to fulfill those plans. Guess what? Too late! I hope you got to do at least PART of your plans. By the time you get to read my little "Tid-Bit", Fall will be over and Winter will be in full blast with her cold winds blowing, snow flying and all that good stuff that goes along with winter weather.

Back to the Spring, Summer and Fall plans! I had high hopes of being able to do some turkey hunting and some groundhog hunting in the Spring and Summer, but so much for high hopes! I also had planned a black powder hunt for elk in New

Mexico. As I said earlier, "So much for high hopes and big plans." I was mowing my yard the first week in April, trying to get things caught up so I would be able to get into the turkey woods when the turkey season opened up on April 12th. My luck would have it's way —"BAD." While mowing on a little hillside, having to brace myself on the lawn mower as I mowed, I felt a sharp pain in my right groin area. Thinking I had pulled a groin muscle, I hopped and struggled around through April and May, and on up into the month of June. With the problem not getting any better, I finally go to my doctor. The orthopedic doctor does all his examining and lets mr know I need a right hip replacement. As my luck goes, at times "bad", I was unable to get surgery scheduled until November 17. But, some other unlucky person scheduled for surgery cancelled their appointment for October, so I got moved up into their date, which is October 27th.

Well, with all this going on, I had to cancel out on my "BIG" plans for the muzzle-loader hunt in New Mexico. Things look as though my deer hunting in N.C. will be limited also. Maybe next year things will work out better, at least, I hope so!

May everyone's deer season be blessed with a large deer head for the wall! I ran across a little something recently that I would like to pass onto you that we're lucky to see, and be around Grandma and her old apron. This is to honor Grandma's of days gone by, and those Grandmas of today who still tie the "Old Apron" around her waist, and put out the most wonderful table covered with the tastiest "grub" you have ever put in your mouth. I don't know who the author of this little piece of material is, but they must've known my Grandma also! The title of this is "Grandma's Apron. Read and reminisce:

Shoot a Straight Arrow,  
"Hillbilly" Jim Jordan, Associate Councilman

**"GRANDMA'S APRON"**

THE PRINCIPAL USE OF GRANDMA'S APRON WAS TO PROTECT THE DRESS UNDERNEATH, BUT ALONG WITH THAT, IT SERVED AS A POT HOLDER FOR REMOVING HOT PANS FROM THE OVEN. IT WAS WONDERFUL FOR DRYING CHILDREN'S TEARS, AND ON OCCASION WAS EVEN USED FOR CLEANING OUT DIRTY EARS. FROM THE CHICKEN COOP, THE APRON WAS USED FOR CARRYING EGGS, FLUSBY CHICKS, AND SOMETIMES HALF-HATCHED EGGS TO BE FINISHED IN THE WARMING OVEN WHEN COMPANY CAME. THOSE APRONS WERE IDEAL HIDING PLACES FOR SHY KIDS AND WHEN THE WEATHER WAS COLD, GRANDMA WRAPPED IT AROUND HER ARMS. THOSE BIG OLD APRONS WIPED MANY A PERSPIRING BROW, BENT OVER THE HOT WOOD-STOVE, CHIPS AND KINDLING WOOD WERE BROUGHT INTO THE KITCHEN IN THAT APRON FROM THE GARDEN, IT CARRIED ALL SORTS OF VEGETABLES, AFTER THE PEAS HAD BEEN SHELLED, IT CARRIED OUT THE HULLS. IN THE FALL, THE APRON WAS USED TO BRING IN APPLES THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE TREES. WHEN UNEXPECTED COMPANY DROVE UP THE ROAD, IT WAS SURPRISING HOW MUCH FURNITURE THAT OLD APRON COULD DUST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. WHEN DINNER WAS READY, GRANDMA WALKED OUT ONTO THE PORCH, WAVED HER APRON, AND THE MEN KNEW IT WAS TIME TO COME IN FROM THE FIELDS TO DINNER. IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE SOMEONE INVENTS SOMETHING THAT WILL REPLACE THAT 'OLD-TIME APRON' THAT SERVED SO MANY WORTH-WHILE PURPOSES. REMEMBER, GRANDMA USED TO SET HER HOT BAKED APPLE PIES ON THE WINDOW SILL TO COOL, HER GRANDDAUGHTERS SET THEIRS ON THE WINDOW SILL TO THAW. THEY WOULD GO CRAZY NOW TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY GERMS WERE ON THAT APRON. I DON'T THINK I EVER GAUGHT ANYTHING FROM THAT OLD APRON ...EXCEPT LOVE.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN | [avery@citcom.net](mailto:avery@citcom.net)



It feels mighty good to set in the stand once again this fall. I usually don't get to use a tag in the early season. This year, a year and half old spike came in a little too close and at a perfect angle. I have watched a few fawns, and came close to getting an arrow away on a med. doe already this early season. All this combined was more than I could handle. It still amazes me how excited I get when it all comes together.

Last year's Pope & Young Kansas buck was my largest to date, but no less exciting was this seasons spike broadside at 13yds. God I love this stuff! The rush of a well placed arrow.

As fall turns into winter, we start to focus again on the NCBA banquet and Dixie

Deer Classic weekend. Again this year we will host the 3-D tournament in the Kerr Scott Building, Feb. 27, 28, and March 1st. The banquet will be Saturday, February 28th, 6 until about 10 pm We try to have a little something for everyone. But we also keep in mind; historically it has been all about honoring those hunters and animals that have scored the highest across the State. To those that may have a closet full of the yearly plaques, I hope it still is an honor. To those who just got their first, congratulations. It is still a big deal to harvest a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place animal or fish across this great state we live in. If you haven't been to a banquet or it's been awhile, please join us. It's one evening that you can celebrate bowhunting in NC with fellowship and a good meal. As a matter of fact, with all that is going on, it really makes for a great weekend. The DDC and banquet is by far the largest gathering in this State of hunters and Bowhunters. It's just not an event it's a lifestyle, come celebrate the lifestyle with us this year! Good luck to all this fall. I hope each and every one of you has an awesome season with your bows. I hope each of you get to taste the excitement of a well placed arrow, for

that's what it's all about and then share that experience with others.

Shoot straight and may your blood trails be short..

David Whitmire

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# My Best to Date

by: Sean Conley

It started a year ago at last year's NCBA Butner Hunt member dinner. There was a "Premium Hunt" ticket raffled off and we were lucky enough to win it.

The night of the banquet at the Dixie Deer Classic I put in for a couple of different hunts and was lucky enough to get drawn for a weeklong bow hunt with Brett and Bridgett Homer at Backwoods White-tail Outfitters in Ipava, Illinois!

After speaking with Brett several times over the course of the year we planned our dates for the first full week of October in the early archery season. Several days in the backyard with Shannon and Patrick shooting, shooting and shooting. We all were really looking forward to the beginning of the season.

The Homers went above and beyond making sure I had all the needed license, permit, and tag information to apply in plenty of time. Pre-hunt emails sent out by Brett really get you into the right mindset to have any and all equipment, checked, tuned, and packed ready for your hunt.

So jumping forward to October, I arrived at camp on Saturday afternoon and after Brett returned from taking other hunters to their respective leases, I was taken to mine and quickly got in my stand for the first evenings hunt. I saw a total of six antlerless deer the first evening with all but two having come within bow range. Arriving back at camp to call the wife and kids, repack equipment for the next hunt, shower and get some much needed sleep after the long drive by myself. Driving by myself is what gave me the idea to start doing my Facebook videos along the way and during a couple actual hunts. Brett was confident that the buck I actually ended up taking or two others running that farm would be seen and present an opportunity. Brett had three different bucks using the farm I hunted from his fleet of cameras.

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Day two was no different, all antlerless deer, some within close range and always fun to watch. I even got to see my first doe fight with two Momma does seeing who could slap one another around the field edge.

Day three started with no deer sightings in the morning sit. Brett contacted me via cell phone and needed me to walk the property with the aerial map he sent me in the last set of emails. It had pre hung stand sites, listed deer travel routes and their normal entrance and exit routes on and off the property. I was able to easily find the other stand sets in the event we needed to make a quick change of plans. Returning to the lodge for a quick bite and shower to cool off after trekking almost the entire hunting lease we talked strategy for the evening hunt. I climbed into a different ladder overlooking an old salt lick the farmer had started decades ago for his horses, with an ancient Honey Locust tree that was neighbored by two massive red and white oak

trees. All three mast trees just happened to be dropping their crop. It didn't hurt that the pasture/food plot surrounding me was sown almost entirely of alfalfa, multiple strains of clover, chicory, and some forage rye grasses! Almost like clockwork at 1803, the first three deer stepped from the shadowed tree line and began feeding in the field. For the next twenty minutes or so they did a great job of being live decoys, for at this time I saw a deer coming across the field from the neighboring farms uncut head high corn field. After it clears a small section of waist high orchard grass I could tell it was a buck! As he got to within approximately 100 yards or so I could tell he was one of the three bucks Brett had sent me trail camera pictures of over the summer. I had dubbed him "Sticker" because of a small fork he had grown on his left G2 and nub on his G3.

"Sticker" walked across the wide open field for a couple of minutes before he reached the deer that came out in the field before him. I was really happy to have ample time to watch him and settle my nerves. He finally got to about 55-60 yards away and out of nowhere did a very short wheeze and broke into a run with his nose to the ground towards the largest doe out of the three, grunting all the while.

All three does broke and ran in different directions. One of which was actually a button buck, ran straight to the small salt lick in front of my stand and began eating Locust pods like a small child slurping spa-

ghetti noodles off a plate into his mouth. "Sticker" watched this deer intently for some unknown reason. As the button buck walked around the large oak trees and was apparently unable to keep a watchful eye on him he turned and walk my way! He walked directly towards a shooting lane, just out in front of the lick. As his head was covered by brush I drew my PSE and began anchoring in for the shot. He was still slowly walking so I mouth grunted at him, he stopped slightly quartering towards me at an even 20 yards. I picked a spot behind the shoulder in his big rib cage. Took up slack on my Tru-Fire release and sent a full length Carbon Express shaft tipped with 100 grain two blade Rage into the deer's side! "Sticker" grunted as he was struck by the shaft and I watched my blue Nocturnalnock glowing brightly as he ran across the field to the opposite tree line. The arrow struck his ribs at an odd angle so I did not obtain a pass through shot. The blood trail didn't start till Brett and I found exactly where he entered the tree line. At that

point it was very easy to follow a massive blood trail right to the deer's side. The animal ran less than 100 yards total.

Upon return to the lodge the buck was weighed and found to be 165 pounds dressed out. Brett quickly scored the rack coming up with approx. 122 inches Gross score. I give Brett real credit. He was measuring the deer while talking to another client on his cell phone.

This was my first experience with an outfitter and I have NOTHING but good things to say about Brett and Bridget Homer's Backwoods Whitetail Guide Service. The terrain in West Central Illinois is simply amazing. There is SO much agriculture in the area; multitudes of waterways, deep dark wooded draws, and all forms of natural browse for the wildlife. It is no wonder Illinois is always being showcased in the hunting magazines and television shows.

In parting I would like to add that any sportsman or woman who thinks going to one of the "Booner" states is coming home with a front page rack for North American

Whitetail should really take a step back, take a big deep breath and realize that 200+ inch bucks DO NOT live behind every tree, corn cob, and white oak tree in these states. Not saying they are not here, but take these hunts for what they are...Hunts, Nothing more, nothing less. Go, have fun, remember why we as hunters take to the woods in the first place! Don't get caught up in the size or score of an animal. The hunt is the trophy!

Take your kids hunting, so you don't have to hunt for your kids! Kids, always use your safety harness and use good sound judgment. I don't want to have to be the Medic that has to treat a hunting accident victim!

Good Luck to ALL our association Brothers and Sisters; and remember those who fight for, have fought for, and most importantly, the ones who gave their lives for the ability to be free and to do the things we enjoy in OUR great nation.

**Sean D. Conley / NCBA Life Member**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BLOOD TRACKING PROGRAM (BTP) CHAIRMAN | [ncba\\_btp@ncbowhunter.com](mailto:ncba_btp@ncbowhunter.com)**



Hunting and Tracking matters. When we are not tracking, we are thinking about tracking. Contact us about our "Train-to-Track" program all year

around. Kirk Vaughan, NCBA Blood Tracking Chairman and his "N.C. Hound on a Rope" team, along with the United Blood Trackers (UBT) sets up booths at events all across the state. Special thanks to archery shops for having us out to share our NCBA Blood Tracking Program with the public.

Learn to train your dog to track and

join our "Train-to-Track" team.

We would like to build a NCBA-BTP Team of blood trackers who could respond to hunters all across the state to help retrieve deer. If you're interested in learning to train your dog to track deer, or any big game animal, contact us anytime and join our team.

Kirk Vaughan, Chairman NCBA BTP Program

## **Tip:**

# **Attract Deer to Within Your Bow Range**

**By: Ramon Bell**

Try using some spray "C'Mere Deer" and some grape, pear or apple Jello (or Kool-Aid). Begin about 100 yards away from your blind/stand and spray a trail to your stand area. Toss pinches of the Jello powder in the air on the way to your stand. STOP about 20 yards from your blind in a shooting lane from your blind. Spray or broadcast the rest of the Jello (Kool-Aid) or C'Mere Deer around that area. Don't

spray or broadcast anything between your stand or blind and this area.

Spray your blind (and your clothing) with a scent free product. Try Febreze "Free-Nature" (NO PERFUME SCENT), or just mix some (Arm & Hammer) baking soda in water and spray everything down with it the night before...including your blind or stand. Go by the DOLLAR Store and pick up a few quart spray bottles to use for the (Arm & Hammer) baking soda.

You can buy the C'Mere Deer in a concentrate and mix up a gallon of it for the same price you pay for a small bottle of their spray and put it in the spray bottles too.

NOW is the time of year to make a mock rub too! All you need is a pocket knife. Scrape some bark from a small sapling until you see bare wood and can smell the fresh sap. This works to attract bucks and does. Get in your stand or blind and be ready!



# Lucky Papa

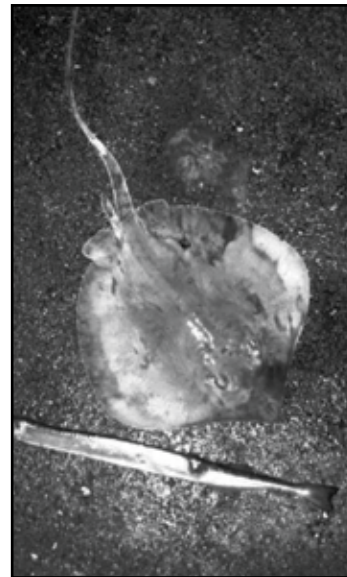
By: Steve Fox

I am very lucky to have two daughters that want to spend time with their father. (Amanda, 20, and Ashlyn, 15). Both of them have always enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In June, we decided to try Bowfishing at the Saltwater Bash at Emerald Isle.. Thanks to Andy Smith we had a place

to stay and a boat to fish from. The first evening we went out to look for Butterfly Rays and to get some practice in before the Saltwater Bash started. It didn't take Ashlyn long to get the hang of it. She took several Southern Rays and a Needle fish. The largest Ray 25 lbs. 11 oz. and the needle fish

7 ounces are both Youth Female State Records. Amanda took a Southern Ray and a Mullet. The Mullet is the Female state Record at 1 lb. 13 oz. Needless to say, they are hooked. We have already made plans to stay for a week next year. Look out fish...here they come!!



## The One that Got Away

by: Aaron Honeycutt

Late in the deer season last year a bowhunter came to me for help locating a buck he had shot. The arrow hit a bit back he thought, but he was certain the hit was lethal. I took my dog AZ and flashlights and we returned to the place he was hunting. We found very little blood and relied on the dog to take us deeper into the woods and across a creek. We found no blood at all after crossing the creek but the dog indicated her excitement so we continued on. After about half a mile I pulled the dog off the trail. I couldn't be absolutely sure that the dog was still on track although I believed she was. We had gone in well over half a mile and found no bed and the blood had quit as far as we could determine. The hunter was in rough shape due to

a cold he was fighting, so I suggested he return in the morning to search out the creek bottom that we had been paralleling. Perhaps the deer would bed at that creek. We left the woods and the hunter returned on his own several days searching the area but found no deer.

Fast forward to August, 2014....A neighbor that I happened to talk to on the weekend told me she had found a deer skull in the creek near her house (same creek). I asked how large? She said pretty big, 9 points. I figured right then that this was probably the buck we searched for back in December. Today I saw that skull and we compared it to trail pictures of the buck the hunter shot with his bow in December... Same deer.

How far is far enough? "IF", that famous word. IF we had gone just a bit farther, would we have recovered the buck that night? Would we have just pushed the deer deeper toward the river? It's so easy now to say we should have waited 6 hours to track but coyotes are in the woods and nobody wants to find the hams eaten off of the deer because of waiting too long to track. Now I wish we had stayed on the deer a little longer but at least we have the skull and we know the outcome of that cold December night.



# Butner Hunt



(1)- Campfire; (2)- A Butner Hunt Camper setup; (3)- John Halso w/winner of "Big Doe Contest.;" (4)- "Pickin N' Grinnin'"; (5)- Ron Hayes wins a Raffle Prize; (6)- JR Stone (Treas.) & John Thompson (Huntmaster); (7)- Joe Nemecc loses a shirt tail.



# The Trophy Room







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(1)- Cole Carr; (2)- Curtis Speller; (3)- Jason Smith; (4)- Cole Miller; (5)- Ryan Kazmierczak & Feral Hog; (6)- Patrick Conley & Leigh Ann Toulson; (7)- Ryan Kazmierczak & Doe; (8)- Ruffy Patterson w/3 BCRS Does; (9)- Bob Hooven w/KS Buck; (10)- Patrick Conley with doe; (11)- Ryan Kazmierczak w/2014 Buck; (12)- Tanner Wood; (13)- Seth Wilmot; (14)-Drew & Alden Harr

# Bur-Mil Fall Festival



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(1)-Allen Sharpe, Andy Smith, Eddie Bridges; (2)- Mickey Strader, Wm. Newton w/ youth; (3)- Alden Harr shows off her Groundhog article in Summer mag.; (4)- Patti Stokes (NW Observer Publisher) w/Ramon Bell; (5)- Pres. Andy Smith "Ponders!"; (6)- Ramon Bell shoots w/Mouth Tab; (7)- NCBA Booth & Guilford BH's archery shoot.



# Book Review



## The Island Within by Richard Nelson

Reviewed by Steve Graf

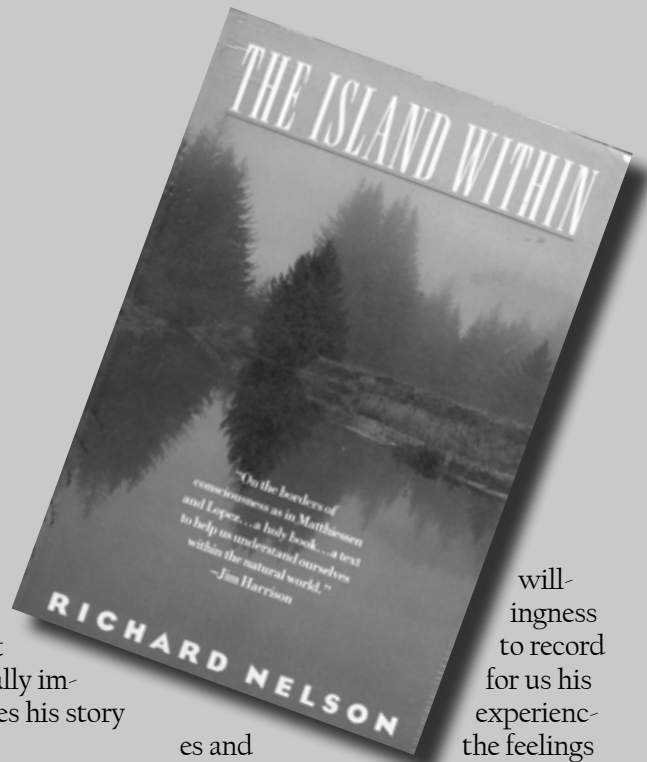
When I started to read this book, I had certain expectations. I thought it was going to be a hunting story in the wilds of Alaska, which I was looking forward to. What it turned out to be, in the end, was something better. My expectations were quickly put away by the end of the first page. In fact, shortly into the book the author reveals that he will never say where his island is. Only that it is somewhere in the Pacific Northwest. I am sure that with some detective work, its location could be determined, but by the end of the book, the reader realizes it just really doesn't matter.

As the author puts it: "... I realized that the particular place I'd chosen was less important than the fact that I'd chosen a place and focused my life around it. Although the island has taken on great significance for me, it's no more inherently beautiful or meaningful than any other place on earth. What makes a place special is the way it buries itself inside the heart, not whether it's flat or rugged, rich or austere, wet or arid, gentle or harsh, warm or cold, wild or tame. Every place, like every person, is elevated by the love and respect shown toward it, and by the way in which its bounty is received." I too have felt this way about where I have lived. The more we live in a place, the more beautiful it becomes to us. By expressing this truth in words, Nelson allows us to accompany him

on his adventure not as a tourist from some deprived other place, but as an equal, from an equally important place. This makes his story almost our story.

There is a fair amount of hunting and fishing in this book. But is not the focus of his writing. As with most naturalist writing it is season based. The book begins during hunting season expressing the feelings of discouragement felt by every hunter who has missed his opportunity: "Grandpa William once told me: 'A good hunter...that's somebody the animals come to. But if you lose your luck with a certain kind of animal - maybe you talk wrong about it or don't treat it with respect - then for a while you won't get any, no matter how hard you try.' I watch the deer bound away into the thicket, soft and silent as a cloud's shadow. And once again the old hunter's words drift through my mind. For several minutes I stand quietly, hoping to find the animal's shape somewhere in the tangle of twigs and boughs. But there is no movement, no shaking branch, no hint of sound. It is as if the moss and forest have soaked the deer up into themselves, taken even the heat of its breath, and nullified its entire existence."

The author hunts with a rifle, but that does not detract from his connection and respect for the island and everything that lives on it. His



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him allow the  
reader to almost feel what it is like  
to spend the night huddled up with  
a favorite dog on a cold, wet, stormy  
island, waiting for the morning.

It's a bad habit to read the end of a book first, but this ending is so good, I just can't help but spoil it by finishing this review with the last paragraph of the book. The book ends once again during hunting season, but this time the outcome is different: "Well soaked and shivering from the rough trip across the strait, we pull into the dark waters of Anchor Bay. Sunset burns on the spindled peak of Antler Mountain. The little house is warm with lights that shimmer on the calm near shore. I see Nita looking from the window and Ethan dashes out to wait by the tide, pitching rocks at the mooring buoy. He strains to see inside the boat, knowing that a hunter who tells his news aloud might offend the animals by sounding boastful. But when he sees the deer his excited voice seems to roll up and down the mountainside. He runs for the house with (his dog), carrying a load of gear and I know he'll burst inside with the news. Ethan, joyous and alive, boy made of deer.



# Wanted: NCBA Wildlife District Reps (WDR) and Local Chapter Reps (LCR)

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 LCR member.

Being a WDR (or LCR) 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 LCR are. We have written up a job description for these positions that are listed below. Anyone interested in joining our Legislative Committee (Team) in this capacity should give Andy Smith, Pres. a call. Andy's phone is: 919-302-2102. Tommy Kimball can be reached at 704-202-6595 (Cell).

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## **Job Description: NCBA Wildlife District Rep (WDR); and Local Chapter Rep (LCR)**

The NCBA Wildlife District Representative (WDR) position really doesn't involve a lot of time and work. The duties of the Local Chapter Rep (LCR) as is often referred to, are much the same, except the LCR 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 LCR) Rep:

Attend the WRC Public Input Meetings in January. There's one in each of 9 wildlife districts. Take notes on comments made from the audience by other sportsmen/women and send an e-mail report to Andy, Tommy & Ramon that

evening or next morning with anything of importance to NCBA.

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.

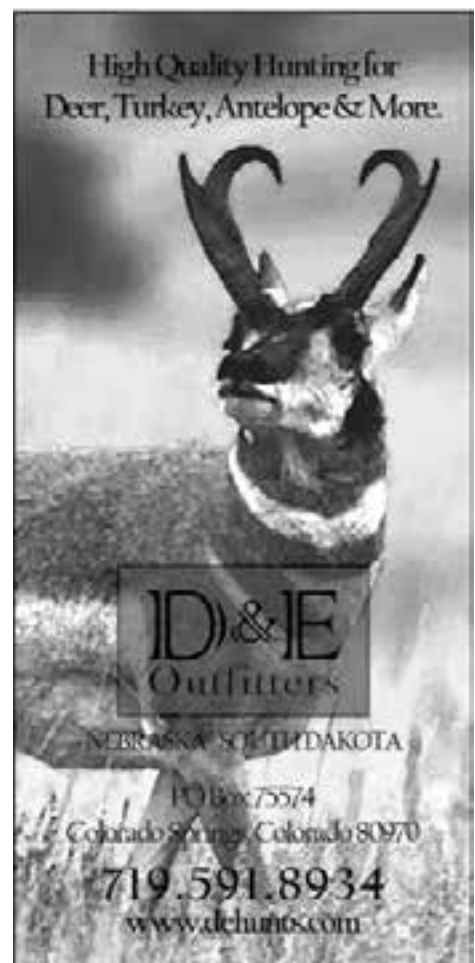
On occasion, you may be asked to randomly contact NCBA members in your district and ask them questions about their opinion on various issues. You will be supplied with a roster of NCBA members in your district when necessary, or upon request.

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, 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.

NCBA WDR and LCR 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 if they are present at the meeting when a vote is taken. WDR's and LCR'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 LCR from a local chapter club cannot attend an E.C. meeting, a temporary substitute LCR 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, BCRS & BABINC programs as well as the insurance benefits for individual members and clubs. Familiarize yourself with our Bylaws; Record System, BCRS & BABINC programs, 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.) Invite people to JOIN NCBA and attend our Banquet & 3D Shoot at the Dixie Deer Classic each year in Raleigh, NC. Wanted: NCBA Wildlife District Reps (WDR) and Local Chapter Coordinators (LCC)



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# My First Deer With A Bow

by Ginger Blake

My love for hunting began when I met my husband, Hal Blake, back in 2010. It was an instant attraction to the sport of deer hunting. There was no other feeling like pulling the trigger on my .243 and seeing a deer hit the dirt. I anticipate rifle season every year and I knew the only thing that could put me in the stand even earlier was to get into archery hunting. My husband warned me that it would be a difficult sport to master, but with determination and practice he thought I would be able to succeed.

Come July of this year, I knew it was time to start shopping for a bow. I wanted a bow that had great reviews and catered more to women. After shooting multiple bows, I decided that the Mathews Jewel was the best fit for me. After ordering my bow, I was able to put my hands on it the second week of August. I knew I had a lot of practice and a very little amount of time to do it before the season began in September.

I was in the back yard almost every day trying to perfect my shot.

In the beginning I was terrible. After a few bruises on my support arm from the string slapping it, and a few broken arrows from going through my back fence, I began to improve significantly. Every day that I practiced my group of arrows would get closer together.

The opening weekend of bow season is when I put my practice to the test. I was extremely nervous because I didn't have my husband there to coach me in the stand like I did when I first picked up a rifle. My hunt began by seeing a few turkeys walking up and down the food plot. Towards the end of my hunt, I saw my first deer, a tall spike. Of course, my husband and I don't shoot younger bucks but being my first deer with a bow, I figured I would try. He walked to the corn pile which was around 29 yards away but was acting nervous because the wind was blowing my scent straight to him. I picked up my bow and put my 30 yard pin right behind the shoulder.



As soon as I pulled the trigger, the buck ducked. I saw my arrow go right over his back. I was discouraged but I knew it would probably take a while for me to connect with a deer.

A few hunts after my first miss, no deer walked into my range to shoot. The third weekend into bow season, I was given another opportunity to connect with a deer when two does walked out. This time I was extremely nervous because I was thinking about the last time I missed. One of the does was about 27 yards away. Since my last deer ducked my arrow, I decided I was going to use my 20 yard pin and aim low on the deer. This time I aimed too low and my arrow went directly under her stomach.

After missing twice, I knew I needed some more practice. So my husband and I went out in the back yard with the range finder and mixed it up a little bit. Instead of shooting at 20 yards with my 20 yard pin, I stepped back to 30 yards and used my 20 yard pin. This would help me understand where my arrow was go-

ing to be positioned on the deer. He also taught me where to aim in case a deer would duck my arrow. I felt like this practice was very important to help me land the next deer.

On Friday, October 10th, 2014, my husband and I headed out to Ivanhoe Hunting Club to try again. He dropped me off at my stand and told me to take my time and remember the basics that we practiced. After getting into the stand around 3:30 and getting situated, it was only a matter of twenty minutes before the turkey's started to walk up and down the plot. Come 4:30 I was already hearing things walking in the woods behind me. Around 5:00, I glanced at the cut over near the corn pile and noticed what appeared to me a button buck walking in. Once he got to the corn pile, I noticed he was actually a broke off spike. I knew he was a younger deer but I felt like the opportunity would only present itself so many times and, being my first deer, I guess my standards were lowered. I let him feed for about 15 minutes to relax and get used to the turkeys which

were also still feeding next to the corn pile. He quartered away and I drew back my bow. He was at 25 yards so I put my 20 yard pin on him and aimed behind the shoulder. I took a deep breath and then pulled the trigger. I immediately heard the “thud” of the arrow hitting him. He turned away from me so I couldn’t see where I hit him. All I was able to see was my fletching’s hanging out of him as he ran back into the cut over and I lost sight of him. I was shaking so badly with excitement; I thought I was going to fall out of the tree. I called my husband while still sitting in the stand. I whispered to him about what happened and he said that we should wait a little bit before we start tracking. After an hour and a half sitting there with anticipation, my husband and father-in-law showed up to help track. The blood trail started off pretty good and we



located my arrow about 20 yards from the corn pile. There was blood all the way to the fletching’s but we

knew we probably didn’t have an exit. The blood trail started to get weaker and I was beginning to think I didn’t make a good shot. We then got back on a good blood trail and my husband told me to look to my left in the broom straw. There laid my deer and I couldn’t contain the excitement. I just about tackled my husband and the happy tears began to flow. There is truly no other feeling like killing a deer with a bow. I have only been hunting for four years but killing a deer with a bow is much different than with a rifle. With my husband and I both in law enforcement, picking up a rifle was like second nature. A bow was a different story.

Bow hunting is now one of my passions and I can’t wait for the next time I can connect with a deer... hopefully something much bigger!



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Blaze Orange Requirements and Recommendations for North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (Oct. 8, 2014) — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission’s Home From The Hunt™ safety campaign is reminding hunters to follow blaze orange requirements and making safety recommendations to others who spend time outdoors.

In North Carolina, hunters are required to wear a cap, hat or an outer garment in blaze orange that is visible from all sides when hunting bear, feral hogs, deer, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, pheasant or quail with a firearm. Hunters also are required to wear blaze orange while hunting with a bow on Sunday during the black powder and gun seasons.

“Wearing blaze orange is an easy and effective step for safety,” said Travis Casper, the state Hunter Education Program coordinator. “Blaze orange, also known as hunter orange, isn’t a color found in nature, making it instantly recognizable as a human presence. It is instantly recognizable and signals caution to the viewer. Going a step farther, in low-light conditions hunters should consider using a flashlight when changing locations.”

The Home From The Hunt™ campaign recommends everyone wear blaze orange when outdoors in areas shared with hunters. Blaze orange clothing stands out against an outdoor background and studies have proven it increases visibility of the wearer in low-light situations. Blaze orange also can be helpful in locating someone lost or injured.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or call 919-707-0031.



# Landon's Ray

by: Andy Smith

I took my 8 year old nephew, Landon Reynolds, bowfishing last year but he was along for the ride since I did not have bow for him. He spotted a flounder I missed and he was so excited.

This year, I took him and his grandfather bowfishing in the sound. Dave has never shot a bow before. I gave Landon a compound bow for Christmas but he has only shot at targets.

The wind had been blowing for days which limited when we could go. We arrived at the ramp and the wind was calm. The flag was hanging down and limp. Not even moving. The moon was full and bright. Water was slick. It was a gorgeous time to be on the water.

We took a short boat ride to a spot I had not tried before, fully expecting the water to be very muddy. We could see a couple feet down but the water was still calm so I thought we might be able to see something.

In just a few minutes, they had both shot at needlefish and small mullets but no contact. Then I saw a movement on Landon's side of the boat and told him there was a ray. He looked down, raised the bow and took the shot acting like he had done it many times before. His string streamed under the boat and I could only see the arrow in the water. It was going away fast but I took a backup shot and connected. So now we had lines off both sides of the boat attached to a sting ray that was going for deeper water.

I grabbed the lines and it took a few seconds to stop losing so much line because it was going away fast, really fast. I started working it back to the boat. Then I saw how big it was. Dave handed me the gaff. I swung under and missed on the first attempt. Second attempt I connected and managed to get the ray to the side of the boat but barely under control. It was splashing water on all of us, but especially Dave who was standing beside the gunwale. He got soaked! I told them to back up as I swung the ray up and into the fish barrel. Both arrows still there, I congratulated Landon on his ray. It was bigger than I expected at over 42 pounds.

So one fish in the boat. Then the wind started blowing again; Really blowing. In

a few minutes it was waves everywhere. A short while later, it was white capping.

We saw one ray that did not give us much of a shot. Dave and Landon tried, but missed. I worked us toward a leeward side of some trees and slow trolled but only seeing mullet. I heard Dave shoot and he told me he had a fish on. He had shot a mullet - one of the hardest of fish to hit. One more missed ray later and we called it a night. The water was getting too rough to be safe.

So Landon was feeling cocky about his shooting prowess, he picked on Dave the rest of the trip. Dave took it all in jest.

I told Landon it will be a long time before he gets one bigger than this one. Dave told me he is hooked. Landon said "Uncle Andy, when can we go again?" One trip and I ruined 2 people.

Smiles all around and a meal of fresh fish was being planned.



I called Landon on his birthday and he told me he wanted a bowfishing trip for his birthday present.

**Landon Reynolds' Southern Ray weighed 42 lb.-12 oz. It was 50 0/8" long (nose to tip of tail), and had a 30 0/8" wingspan.**

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# Bob Hooven gets it done in Kansas... ...Again!

Good morning Ramon,... Hope you're doing good.

I'm in Missouri now. I stayed over night with a friend. Attached is a buck I shot on Friday, (10-31-2014), in Great Bend, KS.

I was hunting on the ground sitting on a portable seat strapped to a tree. My position was high on a dry creek bank with the only puddle of water within a mile just to my left. It was just getting light and I sat down. I heard a twig snap over to my right. Out of the corner of my eye I saw it was a deer. I grabbed my bow, drew, and turned to see a buck had already gotten within 15 yards of me. Visibility was still low but I saw he had a rack. I thought he was the 130" I saw the evening before.

Well after a now or never split second decision, the arrow was on its way. He only made it 50 yds. before folding. Now the game was over. My tag was filled, and the recovery of the meat was about to begin.

Bob Hooven



## TRAIL-CAM PICS

### From NCBA Members...

October is just the best! The deer are changing quickly now- cooler weather and deer that only showed in the night are tripping my cameras in full sunlight. It's an exciting time to sit in a treestand and it's just going to get better! October is just the best! The deer are changing quickly now- cooler weather and deer that only showed in the night are tripping my cameras in full sunlight. It's an exciting time to sit in a treestand and it's just going to get better!...

Aaron Honeycut

Other Pics from:  
Drew Harr  
Tommy Thompson  
Ramon Bell...



# Pink Atkins Arrows 10<sup>th</sup> P&Y Buck in Iowa

My Father in-law is Pink Atkins, He is 81 and is also a Life Time member of The North Carolina Bowhunters Association (NCBA). He has killed his 10<sup>th</sup> Pope and Young Deer, which means for those who do not know what Pope and Young is, it is record book for scoring BIG Deer with bow & arrow...

He shot him with his 38lb. Bow

in Gravity, Iowa this evening. (10-31-2014).

We wanted to share these with you and the NC Bowhunters Association.

Way to go Pink!

Rita Atkins, Kernersville, NC

**NOTE:** Pink Atkins is also a member of the NCBA Bowhunting Hall of Fame. He fell from a

**tree stand in Iowa several years ago and permanently injured his left shoulder. He began shooting a left hand bow with low draw weight so he could continue to bowhunt. He was shooting a 38 lb. (draw weight) bow when he shot this buck.**








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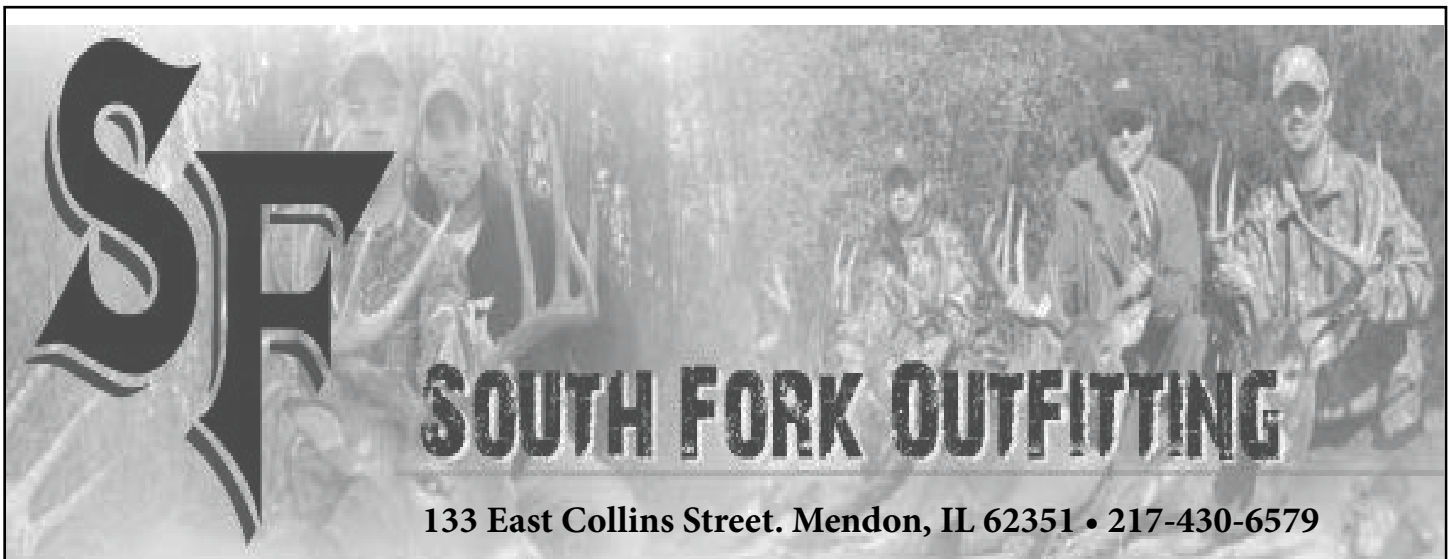
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## Corrections to Summer Magazine



These two photos had errors in the captions in the Summer, 2014 magazine.

Top left is Dale Collins with a Southern Ray.

Top right is Johnny Albright (L) and Steve Greeson with their turkeys.



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**Jan. 25, 2015:** EC Meeting

**Feb. 27-28 & Mar. 1, 2015** is DDC; (NCBA Banquet is Feb. 28, 2015 at 6 pm in Kerr-Scott Building.)

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