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Executive  
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Reports



**Plus** NCBA Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation  
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★ Country music star Colton James presents  
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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.

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

## ON THE COVER

*Teena Koury, NCBA Adult Female Bowhunter of the Year Teena Koury, her dog Jackie, w/ 129 4/8" (5x5) from Person Co. Inset: Colton James presents Richard Burkett with the Gold Arrow Award.*

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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.)



# Membership Services



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Happy Spring to all.

If you are a member of an NCBA chapter club, please renew your NCBA membership through your chapter club so that 1 (one) check can be issued to cover all the chapter club members.

With postage rates continuing to increase you can help me keep this extra expense to a minimum by letting me know when you have an address change. This will also get the mailings to you without delay. And don't forget to let me know of changes in phone numbers and also your e-mail address.

Thank you all for supporting NCBA and volunteering when needed. It is appreciated.

#### Deaths:

Jim Jordan's Mother – January 4, 2013

George "Debo" W. Stanley – January 21, 2013 (Former NCBA/Falls Lake Member)

Bob Arnao's sister – February 4, 2013

LIFE member Mike Jackson – February 10, 2013

Wife of Jim Jordan – March 1, 2013

#### Health:

Ron Hayes (Gooch's Mill President) and wife

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

## EVENTS

**April 28, 2013**

NCBA Executive Council Meeting at  
Guilford Bowhunters Clubhouse in  
McLeansville, NC

**May 17-18, 2013**

NCBA Bowfishing Tournament @  
Jordan Lake - Registration 5 till 9 pm  
Friday. Weigh-in at 1 am and final  
weigh-in at 1 pm Saturday

**June 14-15 2013**

NCBA Saltwater Bowfishing Bash.

**August 4, 2013**

NCBA Picnic

**August 17, 2013**

Youth Education Day at Bur-Mil Park  
in Greensboro.

**September 29, 2013**

NCBA Executive Council Meeting at  
Guilford Bowhunters Clubhouse in  
McLeansville, NC

**October 19-27, 2013**

Butner Hunt



Minette Strader sporting a pair of Bone earrings.



Jamie Brady,  
Memorial  
plaque.



Jack Staley and Ramon Bell.

# Editor



**Mark Dubowski**

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This issue of NC Bowhunter Magazine takes you on hunts in Missouri and North Carolina, outlines the Becoming a Bowhunter in North Carolina initiative, and brings you reports from Executive Council members that includes a message from our new President. Note the call for nominations to the Executive Council from Secretary William Newton below; a nomination form is printed on the next to last page of this , if you'd like to nominate yourself or a friend by mail. Last but not least: throughout the magazine, photos taken at the twenty-seventh annual NCBA Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Read up, and by the way, if you have a hunt story you'd like to share with fellow members, don't hesitate to write. Email (above) or use the street address listed on page 4.

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*Fall issue: October 1*

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# Secretary



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As secretary, I collect the ballots and nominations for officers and bylaw changes. We check and consider whatever is presented to us at the

council meeting applications and resumes as well as other business of the association. The officers and other positions are open for any NCBA member who wishes to apply as outlined in the bylaws. Nomination can be for yourself or another member. (Just be sure they wish to serve if you nominate someone else). If you wish to be active and serve as an officer, please send in a nomination form to me with a resume. We

need to do this now so if there are more than two candidates for any position we need to hold a Primary runoff in

the summer magazine to narrow the field down to two candidates for each position. This will wind up in the fall and/or winter magazine in the ballot form to be returned to me.

The process is simple, but it does have a time line in order to get the ballots in the magazines so you can do your part in electing officers and council members to serve you. I must receive nominations on or before July 1, 2013. "Write in" ballots are not acceptable as passed on the last bylaw amendment by 100% of the votes received.

Looking forward to hearing from you.  
William Newton, Secretary, NCBA

# President's Page



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## Introduction

Hi, I am Andy Smith. I grew up in a mostly fishing community in Carteret County and lived mainly there until 1990 when I went back to college. I graduated Cum Laude in 1992 with a BS in Computer Science. Afterwards, my wife, Bonnie, and I moved around the country, living as far away as California. We settled in Texas for a few years then moved back to NC in 2000.

I currently work for IBM as a Software Engineer. I do not have a traditional office but work from home remotely from the rest of the team. The department I work with is based in California so I also have non-traditional hours for an East Coast employee.

I became involved in the NCBA in 2008 after reaching out to an individual named Ramon Bell. I have been active in the BCRS as a hunt coordinator since then.

In 2011, while at the NCBA Bowfishing Tournament, I talked with Ramon about becoming more active in the organization and he told me to "pick an office and run for it," so I did and in 2012, I was elected as Vice-President. When Ramon had a stroke on January 3rd, the NCBA Executive Council and I worked together to fill in for him until he could resume his position as President.

By the induction ceremony at the 2012 banquet, Ramon was well enough to be inducted as President for his fourth consecutive term. A year later, this January, after much consideration, Ramon decided to resign as President after serving for 7 years. The Executive Council approved my appointment to President at the January 27th meeting.

The transition has been a challenge because Ramon was and continues to be involved in such a wide variety of initiatives to advance the growth of

NCBA and education of future generations of bow hunters. As the transition continues, Ramon is working with the Executive Council and me to ensure we are aware of all initiatives and other associated tasks to move things forward. Everyone who serves on the Executive Council and Associate Council or fills a leadership role has stepped up to make this an already successful year.

Throughout the year, the Executive Council will be discussing new activities that we hope will promote the NCBA and generate interest and volunteer opportunities. During my tenure, my goals are simply to promote the charter of the NCBA, increase membership and member involvement.

## NCBA Volunteers

One of the biggest jobs of the year is managing the Dixie Deer Classic activities and concurrently having the annual NCBA Banquet. A lot has to take place to make both of those activities happen. These two events require over 150 volunteers! As Program Chairman, David Whitmire has been active in the banquet planning and execution.

Another of the crucial tasks, is helping with the quarterly magazine – especially the Spring issue when we have to go through analyzing and reworking the ads. Every issue has new messages, articles, and photos, so the formatting of every magazine changes. Stephen Graf has been helping Mark Dubowski with getting the ads ready for the next issue.

We also would like to have someone help Maria Bell part time with Membership Services. Her role requires a number of separate tasks and currently no one else is familiar with what she does.

NCBA banquet – behind the scenes

I heard from a number of you that you really enjoyed this year's banquet. For those who did not attend, Colton

James provided live entertainment and Austin Murray of Cook Shack Catering provided the meal. Both entertainment and food were excellent!

Don Henderson and Ramon Bell got on their phones after the holidays and started soliciting hunts. We had 25 Premium hunts, 15 Commercial, and 14 Member hunts for the raffle. Well done guys!

Joey Thompson reached out to Robert Brookman of Droptime Archery who agreed to donate a new Bowtech Insanity for the Dixie Deer Classic weekend NCBA raffle.

For the banquet raffle, Bill Howard contacted Ben Selman of Ben Pearson and we received 2 Stealth II compound bows. Ben Graham of Hummingbird Bows gave us a significant credit towards a new handmade Hummingbird bow. David Whitmire acquired a couple more bows including a new Mathews. Wow, there are a lot of bows that have new homes now!

We did use the ping pong balls to raffle off a bow. William and Diane Newton manned the table to sell the numbered balls. All were sold in only a few minutes!

Getting back to the hunts, we had a new procedure for the raffle this year. Buy a premium ticket and you get 10 blue tickets to enter in the hunts that you want. A lot of people were very happy with this change because the people that won the hunts had specifically selected to participate in the drawings for those hunts. Congratulations to those that won!

The surprise of the night was the number of entries for the silent auction. I don't have a count but it covered 2 tables wide the length of the room!! A handmade walking stick from Stephen Graf, a SuperMag Extreme climbing stand from Robert Burns of Buck Yum, handmade arrow by Jim Jordan, framed pictures, scent products, Hunter Safety Systems harnesses, and the list goes on and on ... In addition, the number of door prizes meant that almost everyone left with a door prize. A big, big thanks to Glenn and Donnie Halter for getting most of the silent auction donations.

Oh, and let's not forget that everyone that attended got a free pair of really nice socks donated by Teena Koury, owner of Carolina Hosiery Mills.

Debi Whitmire and Deann Stone, outdid themselves with the table decorations, kids bags, and everything else

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# The News Page

## Pisgah, Nantahala Forestry Plans Underway

2013 is the beginning of the Revision Plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest. A series of public meetings will be held through July on the assessment phase. In August a Plan Development Phase will begin and will continue through Dec. 2015, when the final plan and environmental impact study will be put forth. These forest management plans are revised every fifteen years.

Why is it important for bowhunters to be involved? These two forests encompass more than a million acres, most of which are also North Carolina Game Lands in the eighteen western counties. Historically the forest has held a wide variety of wildlife and game populations. Before the loss of the American chestnut in the early 1900's they may have held the highest populations of all of NC's big game. This habitat switched to early successional from the early 1900's thru to the 1980's, the result of regional logging operations. Since the 1990's limited logging and little or no wildlife habitat improvements have occurred. Although the bear populations seem to have improved (mainly due to the establishment of bear sanctuaries in 1970's) most game has seen a downturn since the last forest revision in 1987, which was amended in 1994. Mistakes were made during those early timber harvest years, allowing pine plantations and soft hardwoods to take over the slower growing mast producing trees in replanted areas. Unfortunately many forest users don't recognize the difference in tree habitats and want to protect all mature trees, thinking much of the forest have never been cut before. We need to create, restore and improve our wildlife habitats in these National Forests. A lot of our existing oak forest is between 80-100 years old, and without active management we will see less oak and less game.

What can we do? Hunters already do more than most of the other user groups in the forest. We pay for the privilege to bowhunt here. That provides for all the benefit of wildlife management. But concerning this revision plan we must make our voices heard. We want, we

need, a strong focus on wildlife habitat and on modern, responsible forestry practices. Voice our opinion by writing to: National Forest in NC, U.S. Forest Service, 160a Zillicoa St., Asheville, NC 28801 (email: [NCplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:NCplanrevision@fs.fed.us)) or calling 828-257-4215. For meeting times and locations go to [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/nfsnc/nprevision](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/nfsnc/nprevision). Take a moment to let them know how important these forests are to you as a sportsman.

We thank the NC Wildlife Resources Commission for its part in putting on some sportsman workshops concerning the revision plan. From the assessment meeting in Brevard I attended, it was evident that the workshops had brought a lot of sportsman out. NCWRC's hands are tied on federal land unless we get our concerns for wildlife habitat in this new revision plan. Hats off as well for the multi-agency bear poaching crackdown (Operation Something Bruin). NCWRC, Georgia DNR, the National Park Service, the US Forest Service and US Fish and Game charged 80 individuals with over 900 wildlife violations. This resulted from a 4 year investigation involving mainly bear and other wildlife violations in the western part of our state.

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*Enforcement Officer Peter Herron from District 6 is NCBA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Mickey Strader, NCBA Youth Ed Co-Chair, presented the award.*

## Deer Camp Opens

The Cape Fear Branch of QDMA announces "Deer Camp," a comprehensive, hands-on field experience designed to kick start the new or novice hunter. The program is open to youths and adults. Cost to attend is limited to out of pocket costs associated with delivery. For dates and details contact: Quality Deer Management Association by calling (919) 552-9449 or (919) 608-3386, or email [qdma@yahoo.com](mailto:qdma@yahoo.com)

## NCBA recognizes WRC Officers at Awards Banquet

The North Carolina Bowhunters Association (NCBA) honored employees of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at their Annual Banquet in the Kerr-Scott Building at the Dixie Deer Classic in Raleigh on March 2, 2013.

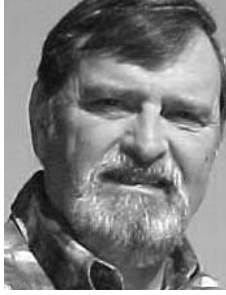
Two officers with the NCWRC were recognized for outstanding service to sportsmen, citizens and to the wildlife resources of the state of North Carolina.

Batts attended numerous meetings with residents of communities and town councils to offer information and advice about the benefits of utilizing bowhunting and other viable options as useful and effective tools to help manage and control the whitetail deer population in their communities.



*Dennis McClure presents the NCBA Biologist of the Year Award to District 3 Biologist Greg Batts.*

# Past President



Ramon Bell

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## NCBA 27th Annual Banquet

The North Carolina Bowhunters Association (NCBA) inducted three people into their "Hall of Fame" after a two year break in inducting anyone at their Annual Banquet in the Kerr-Scott Building at the Dixie Deer Classic in Raleigh on March 2, 2013. "Jerry" Elijah Rushing, Charles "Jack" Smith and Donald "Wayne" Smith are the inductees. All were unanimous choices for inclusion into the "NCBA Hall of Fame."

Two of these were founders of the NCBA, and were long overdue for recognition. Jerry Rushing was the initial "Founder" of the NCBA in 1972. He served as president for the first 3-4 years. Interest in the fledgling association initially ballooned to over 100 members. In an interview with Jerry in October of 2012, Jerry said: "The association grew too fast for us. We just weren't 'smart' enough to know what to do with it!" After a 3 year lull in activity, Jerry asked Jack Smith to take the reins of the association and try to reorganize and salvage it. So, that is what Jack did. Jack regained control of the corporate charter with the N.C. Dept. of State and reactivated it. They re-elected new Executive Council Officers. They re-wrote the bylaws and covenant of the NCBA, and they were on their way. The rest is "History."

Jerry Rushing led a storied life as a young man. He was what came to be known as a "Moonrunner". A movie of that name was made about this. He hauled "Moonshine" for a living for years, driving a modified 1958 Chrysler

300-D with one of the original "Hemi" engines. It was capable of speeds up to 140 mph+, much faster than anything the "Revenooers" had at that time. He named his car "Traveller", after General Robert E. Lee's favorite horse. If any of this sounds familiar, the TV and movie series, "Dukes of Hazard", was modeled after Jerry Rushing's life. Jerry also ran the NASCAR circuit in it's early years from 1950-62. There is much more to this story that can be read on the NCBA webpage under the "History" Link at: [www.ncbowhunter.com](http://www.ncbowhunter.com). Or, just "Google" his name on the internet.

NCWRC officer Peter Herron was honored as the "NCBA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year." Greg Batts was recognized as the "NCBA Biologist of the Year."

John Thompson and Richard Burkett were presented with the "NCBA Gold Arrow Award", and I was honored to be presented the "Fred Bear Award" for Service to NCBA and Bowhunting in North Carolina. Annual Bowhunting Awards were presented to members who had harvested animals and fish in all the different categories for the year 2012. Bill Howard was named the "Adult Male Bowhunter of the Year." Teena Koury won the "Adult Female BH of the Year", and Cole Miller won the "Youth Male BH of the Year." We had no nominations for "Youth Female BH of the Year."

Entertainment was provided by country singer Colton James, who performed several shows at the DDC over the weekend to benefit our "Wounded Warriors."

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they do behind the scene that just seemed to get done. Each table had several take-home items courtesy of Paul McIlhenny, owner of Tabasco.

Between Joey Thompson and Jamie Brady, they assembled all the plaques and annual awards. Joey printed a huge number of certificates as well. While this was happening, Jamie built two new booths and a backdrop for the DDC booths. I heard he put the sealer on them in his living room.

Who can say enough about David Whitmire's many hours on the phone and on the road to put the banquet together. A tremendous thanks again to David and to the many volunteers who work tirelessly year after year to make these events a huge success.

### Some 'C' words to consider

Compromise is far better than Coersion

Culture breeds Community

Coalition averts Crisis

Compassion is good Character

Commitment breeds Credibility

Collaboration by the Collection

All show Cooperation

You ask what this has to do with hunting  
- A LOT

Never hesitate to contact me with ideas  
and suggestions.

"None of us is as good as all of us."

See you in the great outdoors,  
Andy Smith



Left to right: Larry Long, Gene Wensel, Andy Smith, Barry Wensel.

# Banquet



# OPENING DAY

By Lee Hinton    [hinton.leon@yahoo.com](mailto:hinton.leon@yahoo.com)

It was opening morning of NC's turkey season and there was a big gobbler coming my direction. To my disbelief he was in full strut circling around in front of my blind so he could get in front of the decoy. My heart was pounding out of my chest as I knew I must be dreaming: the strutting gobbler was now 20 yards out. He paused and looked at my setup and I blinked my eyes to make sure this was really happening. When I opened my eyes he was on a deliberate path to destroy my decoy.

It all started earlier that morning while I was setting up in a cut hay field that had not been replanted. It was getting light and there were several gobblers sounding off on the adjacent property. While I was setting up in a hurry, one gobbler called at the end of the field about 300 yards away. So I popped up my blind and got settled, then noticed my decoy was maybe a bit close: about 3 yards. Oh, well. Too late to get out. I would just have to wait and see what played out. After he gobbled five or so times, I called softly to let him know I was there. He answered right back, and so did another hunter on the property behind me. He started calling like a madman and the gobbler shut up.

An hour passed with several turkeys gobbling in the distance. Every time I made a call the other hunter would call three or four times, as if trying to out call me. Finally a tom gobbled on the ground in the strip of trees where I had heard the roosted gobbler. I yelled to him and he answered immediately. This was followed by a shotgun blast. It made me nervous and I decided to stay put just to be safe.

At eight o'clock I heard a faint gobble toward my truck. I yelled softly and was answered by a booming gobble and also the other hunter calling wildly. This turkey was within 200 yards inside the wood line, moving back and forth, gobbling as he went. After about five minutes I cut at him with my mouth call and he gobbled six or eight times. The whole time the other hunter was calling while the turkey was gobbling. Even after it was all quiet on the turkey's end, the other hunter still called. I looked out the left side of the blind and the gobbler was in the field. This is where the story really started.

By the time I was able to grab my longbow and draw it, the big tom was between my decoy and the blind. The shot was literally five feet. I was focused where the wing butt meets the body as the gobbler was quartering to me slightly. I visualized the arrow on the big bird's side for a very brief instant and let go. There was one lone turkey feather floating in the





## Opening Day

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air. The big bird flapped his wings a couple of times and trotted off a few yards. I was just about in panic mode. My mind was racing. How could I miss that close? Instinct took over and I knocked another arrow, got on my knees and started to draw and shoot again (I wasn't letting this turkey get away). Just then he stopped around five yards from the blind and turned upside down! I was pumped, to say the least. I flipped my blind over and got to him just in time to see his final kick. This whole time the other hunter was calling madly. I guess he didn't hear my longbow go off.

This was my 1<sup>st</sup> turkey with a longbow and it was many years in coming and lots of close encounters. You know what they say: when it rains it pours.

The second Saturday morning of the turkey season I was with my good friend Todd Herndon on some of his family land in Rockingham County. It was six o'clock and we were in his blind on the edge of a plowed tobacco field, listening to a lone gobbler sound off. This time I had the decoy around eight steps in front of the blind. I called to him softly. He answered and I put the call down.

Todd and I made a bargain at the beginning of the year that he would put me on to some turkeys if I would help him get his first traditional buck. Todd decided to film the hunt.

Shortly after day light, the gobbler flew down about 280-300 yards away in the field. One look at the decoy and the turkey went into full strut. I was thinking there is no way he was going to come all the way across this field. Boy, was I wrong. He was on a mission; a mission to destroy my jake decoy.

Todd was filming all this with his iPhone. That big bird came all the way across the field, circled behind my jake decoy and was fixing to jump on it. When he turned broadside, I focused on his wing butt and my arrow was on its way. The arrow went in all the way to the cresting and the gobbler went crazy jumping up and down, then stopped looked at my decoy, and bulldozed it over like a linebacker. He ran by the blind so close I could almost touch him. Todd found him right off the field edge.

I was in total shock. It all seemed so easy: two mature gobblers with a longbow in one season, but then I remembered I have been trying hard for 3 years to harvest a mature gobbler with a longbow. This time I had some good friends helping.

Here are the stats:

First gobbler, 18.5 lbs, 10.5" beard, 1 1/8" spurs

Second gobbler 20.5lbs, 11.5" beard, 1 1/8" spurs

Bow: Hummingbird Longbow, 3pc. Takedown, 56# @ 28"

Arrows: Beman MFX 400's, Simmons treesharks 2" wide.

Quiver: Eagle Flight 5 arrow model.

## Past President

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Other noted attendees at the banquet were Gene and Barry Wensel and Tom Miranda, along with 200+ members of the best Bowhunting organization in the U.S.A. If you missed it, you missed the best bowhunting show of the year in North Carolina.

The thrill of being able to attend the 27th NCBA Annual Awards Banquet this year after missing it last year was exciting for me. As a NCBA member and bowhunter, I am extremely grateful to our team of leaders and volunteers for the work they put into this years banquet and the entire weekend of activities at the Dixie Deer Classic. It will be impossible for me to recognize everyone for the part they played in making the banquet and entire weekend a resounding success for NCBA and Bowhunting in North Carolina. But, here goes:

David Whitmire: As Program Chairman, even I still have not grasped the extent of the job he did of coordinating all our volunteers to accomplish what we did for the weekend.

Joey Thompson: Even though Joey missed the weekend while serving on the P&Y panel judging in Texas, he did a great job of helping get the scoring room duties lined up for our volunteers beforehand, and working with David in getting room reservations lined up on time. David Allen, Steve Fox, Doug Clayton and all our measurers stepped up and got the job done.

Jamie Brady: Jamie built new booth display backdrops for both of the NCBA booths at the DDC. He also got all the wood plaques fabricated and put together ALL the awards for the banquet. He also put together the info and materials for the memorial ceremony at the banquet.

Andy Smith: Andy stepped up and really took charge as our new president. He wrote up a very detailed and comprehensive banquet program outline. After doing this for 6+ years, I know what is involved, and Andy has set a new "Standard" for getting this job done very well!

Maria Bell: As usual, Maria has been an invaluable resource for providing support for ALL our "Key Volunteers" in providing the duties of their office in the NCBA. ALL the above leaders could not get their job done without her assistance.

JR Stone: As NCBA treasurer for the past 12 years, JR does much more than just write checks. In spite of serious back problems and pain, he does a lot of physical work in front and behind the scenes for NCBA throughout the entire year, all too numerous to list here.

Deann Stone: Aunt Dee took care of banquet dinner and premium raffle reservations again this year, and did a great job of it.

Steve Graf: Steve is another of our volunteers that does a lot for NCBA and our members behind the scenes. He prepares our eBulletins and sends them out. He also prepares many standard forms we use for a variety of functions

throughout the year. He has also assumed the chairmanship of the "Deer Donation Registry".

Ryan Miller: Ryan serves as Parliamentarian for NCBA. He is also on the I.T. Team and makes many of the posts and updates to our webpage. Ryan also put together all the hunt winners packages and wrote the speech he gave for the "Fred Bear Award" he presented to me. Thank you Ryan.

Don Henderson: Don stepped up late in the game this year and took over the Banquet Hunts Raffle solicitation of hunts. It will get better next year with Don in charge of this function.

Other "Key" Volunteers: Mickey Strader; Connie Tysinger; Larry Long; Andy Billingsley, Dennis McClure, Tommy & Carlene Kimball, Joey Anthony, Kristin Rice, Steve & Chris Greeson; Clair & Joann Luce; David Allen; Steve Fox; Doug Clayton; Scott McJunkin, Debi & Taylor Whitmire; Glenn & Donnie Halter; ALL NCBA Official Measurers, 3D Shoot, Archery Alley and Booth Volunteers.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to all who have stepped up to make NCBA one of the best state Bowhunting organizations in America. I feel very much at ease and pleased with our new "TEAM" of leaders and I am very confident that the NCBA will survive and continue to grow while providing the best and most benefits possible for our members.

Ramon Bell, Past President/NCBA



# Becoming a Bowhunter in North Carolina

*A multi-partner education initiative to recruit and retain.*

In 2004, NCBA began a journey toward creating one of the most significant and valuable programs since its creation in 1975... 29 years earlier. This was the approval of the "NCBA Land Acquisition Fund." (LAF) It took a while for the fund to catch on and really begin showing any growth. Eight years later (2012), the fund has grown to almost \$22,000. It continues to grow at the rate of about \$6-7 thousand a year. All donations to the NCBA-LAF is an investment in the future of Bowhunting for youths and adults alike in North Carolina.

It is our plan and intent to organize and staff a bowhunter education program that will accept any individual, youth or adult, who has an interest, but maybe very little knowledge of archery or bowhunting, and train them to hunt with a bow and arrow. They will not only learn how to shoot and hunt, but also to understand our commitment to wildlife conservation, archery safety factors and concerns, but our legacy and history of Bowhunting too. To further ensure their lifetime commitment and participation, the program concludes with a guided hunt on private or public lands. This can be up to three days, or more, if the student wants to invest in the cost of providing for the hunt. The program is called "Becoming a Bowhunter in North Carolina."

One of the primary goals of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is to recruit and retain more people into the sport of hunting. We think a program

such as this will assist them in achieving this goal as well as helping the sport of Bowhunting grow at the same time. We don't think the WRC can accomplish this on their own. They are going to have to partner with other sportsman's groups, like NCBA, NWTF, QDMA and others to achieve these goals. So, it is time we stepped up to do our part. But, the WRC needs to tell us what we can do to help, and be willing to work with us. So, we say to the WRC, "What do you want us to try to do? What can all of us do together that neither of us can do alone?"

NCBA's "Becoming a Bowhunter in N.C." could be our answer to what we can do to help recruit and retain more people into outdoor hunting and fishing activities. Maybe the WRC could initiate a new program to help facilitate more cooperation between the WRC and outdoor hunting and fishing organizations? Call it something like "Partners in the Outdoors." The state of Colorado has created such a program.

NCBA and many bow clubs, archery shops, sporting goods stores, etc., have conducted basic archery introduction programs for youths and adults alike for years like "Archery Alley." However, there has never been a serious combined statewide effort to teach the skills needed to be a successful bow (or gun) hunter. As most of our generation knows, when individuals are taught to shoot a bow in a school, PE class or an archery shop or club, the initial enthusiasm is high.

However, unless there is another family member or friend who bowhunts, this enthusiasm seldom survives. NCBA wants to help and is determined to do its part to help overcome other hurdles with its "Becoming a Bowhunter in N.C." program.

The program is organized into three progressive levels:

Level I- Introduction to Archery.

Level II- Bowhunter Education and 3D Field Training.

Level III- Guided Big Game Hunting.

The program should be organized to simultaneously conduct the three Levels (Phases) of program throughout North Carolina and managed on a regional basis with six geographic regions: Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwestern and Western regions.

This is going to require a good deal of recruiting the right volunteers to staff, organize and administer the program statewide.

## LEVEL I: INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY A-INTRODUCTION

Level I of "Becoming a Bowhunter ( Hereafter referred to as BAB) is in response to youths who are attracted to the sport of archery, and to adults who have that feeling that "I wish I had taken up archery earlier. I love to hunt, but I am not interested in gun hunting any more because it just doesn't offer the challenge and feeling of accomplishment that it once did for me. Also, there are

# Program Chairman



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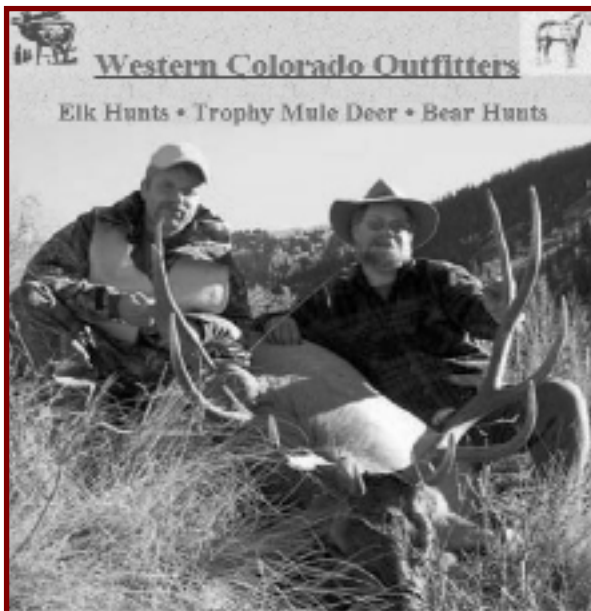
Wow! The 2013, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Banquet has come and gone, along with the hard work we do at the Dixie Deer Classic each year. I want to thank each of the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the NCBA. Not only is the banquet an awards celebration, but both the banquet and the DDC are our largest fund raisers each year. Without the 130 volunteers stepping up each year, to take on the task, we would be not be able to do the work that NCBA does for bowhunting in NC. When you read the logo "Team NCBA" it truly is a team effort to pull off such an eventful weekend. For those who have not been able to attend a banquet, you should try to put it on next years

to do list. Four Bows, where raffled off and a few thousand or so dollars of great gear was on the silent auction. Hunts from Africa, Canada, western states and all around where also raffled off. With music (Colton James) and great food included, it was a night to remember. Also congratulations to the annual award winners and new Hall of Fame inductees for their success and accomplishments. Hey who knows, next year you might be the one heading to Africa with that new bow all won at the 2014 banquet.

A special Thank You to Paul McLenny for his donation of the Tabasco products and covering the cost of our table tops at the banquet. Paul passed away just

a couple weeks before our banquet. He was the CEO of McIlhenny CO, owners of the Tabasco line. I met him maybe three years or so ago; he has a summer home in Cashiers. He approached me about finding a dove field close by for him, for which I did. After some good story swapping, Paul was ready to take up bowhunting. Last summer he brought up a new bow, with all the bells and whistles. We got in a few shooting sessions, and he was dialed in. He never did get to hunt here in NC with his bow, but he did in South Texas. I will share his text to me concerning his bow hunt. My text was, "any luck in South Texas with your bow"? Paul's reply "Shot at a gobbler at dusk, but through branches to no avail. Looked for a doe but none in range. Quail by gun scarce due to drought. "I was so glad he experienced that bow hunt, he was a very accomplished sportsman and appreciated the new challenge of bowhunting. Good bye, for now my friend. Moral: Share your love for bowhunting with those around you, young, old, boy, girl, women or men. You never know who will catch it or a friend you might make from it.

Shoot straight  
and may your blood trails be short.  
David Whitmire



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**Teena Koury  
receives the Adult  
Female Bowhunter  
of the Year Award,  
presented by Crystal  
Hughes.**



**Tom Miranda and  
Andy Billingsley.**



# Missouri

# Bowhunt

## and Midwest Strategies

by Bob Hooven



**When he was about 40 yards away I drew my bow, still not knowing if he would pass in front of me or behind me.**

To my surprise, he put his head down and headed straight toward me through the undergrowth. This was my last day in Missouri before heading back home to North Carolina and this was the buck I'd been hoping to find all week. Would he come close enough

and be at the right angle for me to get a good shot? I'd be leaving tomorrow with a story to tell, but just how would it end?

I thought I left Kansas early enough to arrive in Unionville, Missouri around 11:00 a.m., which would allow me time to get my license and put up two hang-on stands before the evening hunt. I was arriving about an hour later than I planned, so one of the stands would have to wait until the next day. I still had to check in at the local motel, shower, and eat lunch. This Missouri hunt would be the second part of a two week hunt that started the previous week in Kansas where I shot a nice 10 point buck. I began to wonder if I had enough energy and hunting ambition to finish out this week before making the 15 hour trip back to my home. But, for now, it was full steam ahead.

I hunted the first stand, located in a creek bottom, the same evening I arrived. I had been there before, so I knew it was a good travel corridor for bucks. I only had to wait about an hour before I saw the

first buck. He was a nice symmetrical 8 point checking a scrape line. His route took him

too far away to make a good shot. The next morning I hunted it again but didn't see any deer. A couple of days later a different 8 point walked right under me while hunting that same stand. He had a nice basket shaped rack but just wasn't a shooter.

The next day, I put up the other stand in a different area, and hunted it the same evening. There was a lot of deer activity around that stand. I had another 8 point buck walk out in front of me at 20 yards. He just wasn't big enough. I let him pass and he continued on up the hill to give chase to a couple of does.

The activity the rest of the week was about the same. I would see deer every day, some out of range, and some in range yet not big enough. Two days before I planned to leave, I took my stands down immediately after I hunted them. This would allow me to change strategy

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# BCRS Chairman



*Dennis  
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I hope each of you had a chance to attend the 2013 NCBA Banquet. The opportunity to dine with Jerry Rushing (Dukes of Hazard fame), The Wensel Brothers, Tom Miranda, while listening to national recording artist Colton James was an event that I will never forget. A personal highlight for me was Colton James presenting USMC Maj. Richard "Trainwreck" Burkett with the NCBA Golden Arrow Award. I think "tough" is an understatement in describing "Trainwreck". He continues to hunt game that some of us only wish we could harvest in between many, many surgeries to repair his battle-hardened body. If you didn't get the chance to attend, you missed an awesome silent auction and food so good that

it made my tongue wanna knock out my own teeth for more!

With that said, I recently completed my first year as chairman of the BCRS program. I can tell you that I have learned so much from each of you and the clients that I've interacted with throughout the year. I am very grateful for the encouragement I've been given as well as the suggestions to improving our program. You may have noticed several improvements that were made to the program this past hunting season. We recently changed the one-year NCBA membership requirement before becoming eligible to join the BCRS program. We now only ask that all new BCRS members join before May 1st to be considered for hunt opportunities

the following fall. Taking from lessons learned, there are several more improvements you can expect to see in the coming months. One of those improvements will be laminated BCRS picture membership ID cards to better identify our members while on BCRS properties.

Another improvement that I hope becomes apparent this coming season is the new clients we are currently gaining as a result of an advertising campaign launched toward farmers throughout the state this spring. It is important to realize that you can talk about the BCRS program to others. This is the best way for our program to grow. However, for the success of our program, we must respect our clients by not talking about them specifically when telling others about the BCRS program. There is plenty to be said about the safety and effectiveness of bow hunting without disclosing who our clients are. If you know anyone to whom I can send a fact sheet about the program to, please do not hesitate to e-mail me with their contact information. The advantage for you, as the information source, is being given first choice at becoming the hunt coordinator for the property, meaning you manage who, and how many, hunt the property.

Wayne Smith (L) accepts Hall of Fame Award from Jamie Brady.



Ben Graham, Mickey Strader award JR Stone with a Hummingbird Bow..



## Missouri Hunt

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the last day and hunt a different area on the ground using natural cover and cedar limbs for a blind. This style of hunting can be challenging and sometimes very exciting. Some of the areas in the Midwest don't have many trees except near creek bottoms, ravines, or steep hill-sides unsuitable for farming. These areas of cover are natural magnets for deer and other wildlife. My favorite location to set up a natural ground blind is where more than one creek connects and also has several ravines connecting near the same place. This feature is like the spokes on a wheel connecting to a hub. The hub is where I prefer to be, or very close to it, depending on available cover and prevailing wind. Whenever possible, I like to use a ditch or ravine to cover the sound of my approach and exit from my stand.

This strategy has paid off for me several times in the past, as it did the last evening of this hunt. As I approached the dry creek bed, where I planned to set up, I jumped a doe. I didn't think much about it at the time, but I must have separated her from a buck that was keeping a close eye on her. I finally got nestled in between 3 large tree trunks. I cut several red cedar limbs nearby and hung them all around me for cover.

Then I proceeded to range objects around me where I thought a shot might be possible. Little did I know that ranging wouldn't play a significant part in my success that evening.

About an hour later I heard the sounds of a deer running and the sounds were getting closer. I guess that buck had stood it about as long as he could and was determined to find the doe I jumped earlier. As his head and rack came into view, I could see he was a shooter. When he was about 40 yards away I drew my bow, still not knowing if he would pass in front of me or behind me. To my surprise, he put his head down and headed straight toward me through the under-growth. Well, I sure am glad that the trail passed in front of me instead of between my boots. He ran by me at a distance of only 3 yards, receiving a Muzzy broad head right behind his left shoulder as he passed. He stopped at about 35 yards and looked back, not knowing what had taken place.



He then walked away and folded up, out of sight, about 75 yards farther down the trail. I was a little excited to say the least. I gave him about 30 minutes and then went to find him. The blood trail was easy to follow. I was very pleased, with the size of this 9 point buck, as there was no ground shrinkage. The natural ground blind strategy paid off again with excitement and success on the last evening of this week's hunt. I was thankful for this hunting opportunity, good health, and most of all a supportive wife.

Equipment used: Diamond Justice Compound Bow by Bowtech, Easton aluminum arrows tipped with Muzzy MX3 broad heads, Nikon ProStaff 550 range finder, and Scent-Lok coveralls.



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# Banquet



Danny McPherson & Teena Koury.



David Allen sorts out awards before the ceremony.



Lighting candles during the Passed Members Memorial : Andy Smith, Britt Whitmire.



Ramon Bell with Fred Bear Award, presented by Andy Smith.



Colton James performed.  
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Youth Achievement Awards: Left: Cole Miller receives the other one from JR. Above, left to right: Russell Poole and JR present Conrad Manuel one of two Youth Achievement Awards.



This year's Silent Auction earned over \$3400.00.



Left to right: Jerry Rushing; Jack Smith (New Hall of Fame Members) and Ramon Bell, Past President.



Bill Howard (left), accepts Adult Male Bowhunter of the Year Award from Dennis McClure.



Left to right: Jack Smith, David Allen, Jerry Rushing, Andy Smith, Ramon Bell.



Bryan Perry, NC Chapter NWTF, presents \$1000 donation to NCBA, accepted by Andy Smith.



Bob Arnao scores a deer in the DDC scoring area.



# Legislative Chairman



Tommy Kimball

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Turkey season is underway. I continue to be amazed at how many bow hunters are taking turkeys with a bow. For the last many years I continue to hunt with my bow but come up short with a turkey harvest every year. Hopefully this year it will be different. But if by chance anybody out there wants to have a hungry turkey bow hunter with them that is very eager to learn what I am doing wrong please call me. I sure ain't getting any younger.

Oh well there is a lot of wildlife issues on the table that is going to affect us all. All these bills have been introduced and are waiting to be voted on by legislatures.  
House Bill 352  
DISSAPROVE COYOTE HUNTING AT NIGHT: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISSAPROVE THE COYOTE HUNTING RULE ADOPTED BY THE

WILDLIFE RESOURCE COMMISSION. (This was adopted by the NCWC on May 3,2012 but this bill is now being disapproved)

House Bill 360  
SUNDAY HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SUNDAY HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND WITH PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

(This was introduced by the NCWC even though the wildlife Biologist does not recommend this rule change. This will add six or more days to the gun season).

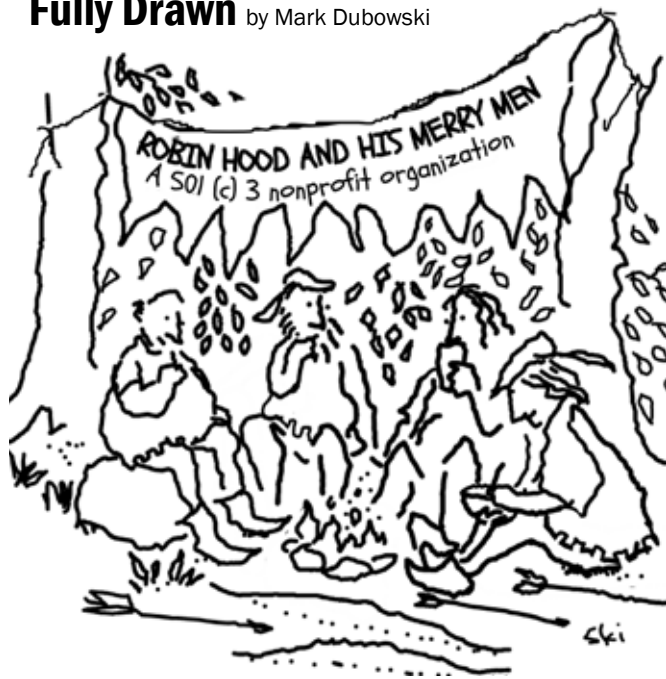
Senate Bill 352  
BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT STAMP THAT MUST BE PROCURED BEFORE TAKING BEAR WITHIN THE STATE AND TO

AMEND THE LAW RESTRICTING THE TAKING OF BEAR WITH BAIT. (Sets the bear stamp fee at \$10. Increases the fee for nonresidents bear hunting license from \$125 to \$225).

All these proposed laws have to be voted on by our elected officials in the House and Senate. We the NCBA as a body does not approve or disapprove of these proposed laws. We do recommend that you as an individual want to approve or disapprove please contact your legislator. There was one more item of interest that was brought up in the last commissioners meeting that we all should be concerned about. This was the Chronic Wasting Disease that has now been found in 3 wild deer in Pennsylvania. They think it can be traced back to a pen raised deer also in the area where these wild deer were found. It seems that this disease is being transmitted from deer farms all over the country. Will North Carolina be next? I hope not because if found here, deer hunting as we know it now, will drastically change. I hope all you turkey hunters get to bag one of those old long beards. Get those pictures into Mark so we can all enjoy your stories and make us who does not kill more envious of your kill. Until the next time shoot straight.

Tommy Kimball  
Legislative Chairman

## Fully Drawn by Mark Dubowski



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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 game lands 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*

# Blood Tracking Program



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## Lesson from a Tracking Dog: Patience!

Spring, it is finally here! I enjoy the cool, crisp mornings of fall and winter hunting days but boy are the warm spring days hard to beat. I have recently picked up my new Deutsch Drahthaar pup and she is currently around 15 weeks old. I have named her "Benelli" and she is from Broadhead Kennels owned by Randy and Karen Mabe. I have started her tracking training and it reminded me of something easily forgotten "Patience". It is so easy to think out a plan, set your training line and anticipate how great the pup will do. What is not so easy is for everything you planned to go in the complete opposite direction!

My plan for our first tracking line was to set a 70 yard blood trail with one 90 degree turn at around the 50 yard mark using 5 ounces of blood and aged at one hour. I placed a deer hide at the end of the line and made sure my wind direction was correct so Benelli would not be down wind of the line. We returned to the line one hour from when I set it. I started Benelli with the "Find It" queue and showed her the simulated hit spot to start. She started with her head down and

seemed very interested at first, but that lasted maybe a minute. To my surprise she decided that leaves, sticks and anything else in sight was way more exciting than what I was asking her to do. With encouragement I would bring her back to the line and try to help her focus on her task. After twenty minutes we finally managed to reach the hide but

mostly due to my assistance. I let her play with the hide and praised her before heading home.

I must admit I was discouraged and took time to analyze what I did wrong. I thought this should have been a good simple line to start on and for her to build confidence. And then it hit me, I was not being patient. I was expecting way too much for such a young pup. You would not expect a child in kindergarten to come home from the first day of school and write their name, say the alphabet and count to ten. As a matter of fact she did pretty well for a first time. She showed excitement about the hide at the end and that meant she enjoyed what we were looking for. That was her first day of tracking kindergarten and we are a long ways to graduating high school!

Being patient while training your dog is very important. Not only does the dog have to learn how to understand what we want, we have to understand what our dog needs. On both parts of the dog and handler it is a matter of learning a new language. We have to speak dog and the dog has to understand English. This will take time, practice and patience. Try to keep things fun for you and your dog and when it starts to get boring, stop!

Spring is a great time to start your tracking training; it is not too hot and

not too cold. Take time to sit down and plan your objectives for each training session. You may even take a notebook to draw your tracking line and mark certain areas that will be challenging for your dog. When you return from running the dog on the line, make notes at those areas on what went well and what needs improvement. This will help you in future training sessions to reference back on what you can work on. Below is an example:



In the above training scenario my goal is Objects1-3.

1. I have applied an extra amount of blood and a piece of bone at this spot. Will my dog pick up on this change and spend more time at this area to alert me?
2. At this creek crossing I had the wounded animal exit the water adjacent to where it entered; will my dog be able to pick up the line when it is not directly across on the opposite side? How does he/she handle the water obstacle?
3. At this area I have taken a rabbit hide and made a drag line across the blood line. Will my dog be distracted by small game animals that have been in the area and crossed our line?

Some of the best lessons learned are by making mistakes, so do not get discouraged when it happens. Learn from the mistakes and celebrate when you or your dog doesn't make any!

Happy Tracking!  
Samantha



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# Becoming a Bowhunter

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those young and older adults, both men and women, who lament that, "I learned to shoot a bow, but I never learned to hunt with it."

One of the key objectives of Level I-BAB is to acquaint and indoctrinate the beginner, who has no knowledge, or a senior with 20+ years of traditional (recurve or longbow) experience, with today's modern archery materials and designs ~ bows, arrows, targets and accessories.

No serious or expensive equipment purchases are required in Level I. The NCBA and program sponsors (partners) have provided the necessary teaching equipment and supplies. The participant (student) must provide only the desire and commitment to learn some of the sport's history, to shoot with some competency, and to practice the safety factors involved.

A secondary objective is to make the beginning archer aware of the importance and effort put into conservation of wildlife and their habitat. Without these management activities and practices in place, there would be NO opportunities to hunt with a bow, rifle, or anything else. Bow hunters are significant and important supporters and contributors to conservation activities and outdoor hunting ethics. We take pride in being leaders in the forefront of wildlife management and conservation efforts.

Level I participants must pass written tests and bow and arrow shooting accuracy and proficiency tests before

they can "graduate" to Level II. Level I graduates should also make a decision as to whether or not they really want to learn to hunt or not, and are willing to put in the time and practice before entering Level II.

There are typically 8-12 hours of instruction in Level I, plus additional indoor shooting practice time, depending upon each individual. There is a \$25 fee for Level I to cover administration and documentation costs.

## B-HISTORY OF THE SPORT

Archery has a fascinating history going back some 5,000 years to the ancient Egyptians. Participants in Level I will learn how the Chinese and Japanese used the bow and arrow, how and why the Assyrians changed from the longbow to the recurve bow in the 1500's, and how the compound bow was conceived and patented in 1969. The history and heritage of the bow and arrow is truly amazing.

## C-EQUIPMENT REVIEW and DEFINING FACTORS

The following equipment will be presented, discussed and demonstrated with an emphasis on safety factors and conditions:

### Bows:

Longbows; Archery Accessories; Recurve Bows; Selecting a Bow; Compound Bows; How bows vary.

### Arrows:

Shafts: Pounds of pull and you; Fletching; Draw Length; Nock; Matching an Arrow; Points; Length and Strength.

## D-LEARNING TO SHOOT THE BOW AND ARROW

The compound bow has been in development for over 40 years and today's beginner models have made learning to shoot much easier and more fun. The "National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is having great success with the single cam Genesis bow built by Mathews. Level I will introduce archery using this same, or similar equipment, using a systematic or technical approach to select and learn to use today's equipment. Below is an overview of the steps in learning to shoot.

1. Determine the shooter's dominant eye. "Right-eyed" person will hold a bow with their left hand. "Left-eyed" person will hold the bow with their right hand.
- 2- Determine bow weight (pull) by pulling the string back to the side of the face and holding it there.
- 3-Measure the draw length when the string is pulled back to the anchor point on the side of the face.
- 4-The draw length will determine the arrow length the individual will be shooting.

Once the proper bow and arrows have been selected (sized to the individual), shooting practice will begin. Teaching the participant how to see the target with both eyes open and how to smoothly pull and release the string.

Safety factors will be stressed on how to shoot from a "firing line" with several other archers and when and how to retrieve arrows from the target. Paying attention and following instructions are considered extremely important in learning to handle and shoot a bow safely.

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# Becoming a Bowhunter

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After a student has learned to approach the shooting line, nock an arrow, draw the bow, aim and release the string, and hit the target consistently at 10-15 yards, they will be introduced to today's archery accessories; what they accomplish, why and how they contribute to becoming a better bowhunter. These accessories include peep sights, string loops, string silencers, various types of arrow rests, bow stabilizers, bow sights and string releases. Choosing accessories will become increasingly important as the student progresses into Level II training.

## E-ADVANCING TO LEVEL II

Level I is the first step to becoming a bowhunter, and it is essential to learn the facts and skills presented. Should the participant (student) decide at the end of Level I that he or she does not want to become a hunter, that is OK. Archery is a fun sport, an Olympic event, and hours spent outdoors on a 3D range can be exciting and satisfying.

However, if you now really want to learn to hunt with a bow, Level II is the next step. This is an important commitment. In Level II, you must select and purchase your own equipment: a bow, arrows and accessories. Although an archery shop may allow you to try out different makes and models in the early stages of Level II, you must learn and practice with your own equipment to become effective enough to pass the shooting tests required to move on to Level III. The Level II instructors will give the students all the help they need to select the proper equipment, sized to each student (participant) specifically. Level II is challenging, exciting and very rewarding.

## LEVEL II: BOWHUNTER ED & 3D ARCHERY FIELD TRAINING

### INTRODUCTION

An archery student entering Level II of NCBA's Becoming a Bowhunter program must have successfully completed all classes in Level I of the program, or if the student has had some experience in shooting a bow and arrow and wants to learn how to hunt with a bow, he or she must take and pass the written Level I Equivalency test to enter Level II.

Level II is specifically aimed at teaching the (IBEP) Bowhunter Education Course,

archery hunting skills, wildlife habitat and conservation, plus wildlife management – all critical to today's bowhunter.

Successful completion of Level II includes the National Bowhunter Education Foundation / North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commissions Today's Bowhunter Course.

To successfully complete Level II, the student must attend all classes, participate in all activities identified by the instructor, show an understanding of how important safety precautions are in handling a bow and arrow, pass the BHEC final examination, and pass the Level II 3D range shooting skills tests.

It is anticipated that many participants will require several sessions of 3D target shooting practice to achieve shooting competency and be able to move on to Level III, which is a licensed hunt for big game animals. Earning the Level III opportunity is the ultimate goal of the NCBA's "Becoming a Bowhunter" program.

### BOWHUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Unit I Introduction to Bow Hunting

Unit II Wildlife Conservation and Management

Unit III Safe and Responsible Bowhunting

Unit IV Know Your Bow and Arrow

Unit V Preparation Before the Hunt

Unit VI Methods of Bowhunting

Unit VII

Shot Placement

Game Recovery

Field Dressing

Unit VIII Outdoor Preparedness

Field Exercises

Range estimation; Shoot / Don't Shoot  
Broadhead Shooting and effective range.

Elevated stand shooting

Blood trailing and marking

Shooting from a blind

The BHE Class should take a minimum of 14 hours to complete; 11 hours in the classroom and 3 hours for field exercises.

Final Examination:

This is a written test to determine if the students have acquired the knowledge necessary to become an ethical, effective bowhunter, who can appreciate the exciting and rewarding opportunity in North Carolina.

### 3D TARGET PRACTICE AND SHOOTING COMPETENCY TESTING

Students (Participants) are expected to practice shooting at 3D targets to develop adequate shooting skills. Shot placement is very important. Just as important is having a thorough knowledge of the anatomy of the big game animals you are hunting. It is imperative to be very familiar with the skeletal structure and location of the vital internal organs of the animal so the arrow will penetrate deeply and hit vital organs that will result in a quick, clean and ethical kill.

In North Carolina, these are primarily whitetail deer, black bear, wild turkey, wild boar and feral hog. Although feral hogs are not a regulated and controlled big game species, they do attain formidable size and present an exciting challenge for bowhunters.

To accomplish these skills requires a lot of PRACTICE. A local 3D archery range that supports the "Becoming a Bowhunter" program is highly recommended. When the student feels ready to take the 3D targets shooting tests, they should notify their instructor and arrange a date and location. These shooting tests may be taken multiple times until the instructor determines the student has adequate shooting skills to move on to Level III.

### EARNING THE LEVEL III OPPORTUNITY

Moving on to a Level III hunt is intended to be a reward for the student's efforts to learn all the essentials to becoming an effective bowhunter. After Level I has presented the fundamentals, Level II is critical in mastering the needed techniques and skills. Possessing knowledge of game animals and their habitat is vital.

Demonstrating adequate skill with a bow and arrow is a must. When a student qualifies for Level III, they have earned the opportunity to hunt and experience "excitement for a lifetime."

## LEVEL III: GUIDED HUNTING INTRODUCTION

Level III is the final phase of the NCBA's "Becoming a Bowhunter" Program. This is when everything the student / participant has learned will be integrated and applied.

Participants have earned the license and the opportunity to take a game animal with a bow and arrow due to their performance in Levels I & II.

Level III hunts are conducted on

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public and private lands under hunter agreements or with written permission between the NCBA or the hunter (participant).

#### FINDING A PLACE TO HUNT OR GETTING PERMISSION TO HUNT

The instructor may be familiar with public game lands and can help the student by introducing him / her to some areas he is familiar with. Maps of public game lands are available free on the WRC's website at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

Some of the best places to bowhunt in North Carolina are on small plots of land, from a few acres to 10 acres in size and larger can hold good populations of deer. It is not difficult to obtain permission to hunt with a bow and arrow. If you will keep your eyes and ears open all year around, many opportunities to bowhunt will present themselves in the most unlikely places; in church, in supermarkets, restaurants, hardware stores, home and garden stores and at super stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, etc.

Just take time to talk to people any time an opportunity presents itself. Sometime a residential lot will butt up against a small woodlot or low swampy area that holds a huntable herd of deer that are eating flowers, shrubs or vegetables from a backyard garden. Landowners will often welcome a bowhunter to come on their property to remove deer from it. These are ideal places to set up a feeder or small food plot that will attract deer. Set up a ground blind or find a tree that is suitable for using a climbing tree stand. Set up a feeder or put out some shelled corn about twenty yards from your ground blind or tree stand.

#### SOLICITING LAND TO HUNT

Keep in mind that NCBA membership alone carries \$100,000 in hunter liability insurance, and requires NO signed contract, agreement, etc. (This policy also covers gun hunting.)

NC law does require that hunters have written permission to hunt the property of another person though!. A standard hunting permission form can be printed from our website.

The fact that ALL NCBA members are covered by hunter liability insurance is often enough to convince a landowner to give you permission too bowhunt their property. Many will not allow gun hunting, especially in or near residential communities.

## Tips on obtaining permission to hunt

Here are a few tips from some our more active NCBA-BCRS members that may help you obtain permission to bowhunt.

Look on GIS mapping and find a few good land prospects in the area you want to hunt.

Names, addresses and property sizes can be obtained from no-cost sources on the internet.

Check links like Google Earth, Bing.com for satellite photos showing fields and wooded areas.

Owner information can be found on links like "The Ultimate White Pages". Then, go knocking on doors; in person.

Identify yourself and tell them your purpose.

Dress nice and be polite. You may be surprised at who will let you bowhunt.

Ask if they have problems with deer depredation, and explain that you can help.

Tell them you belong to the N.C. Bowhunters Assoc. and that you are an experienced and insured bowhunter.

Consider joining the NCBA-BCRS Program and getting certified to participate in the BCRS program. This status carries up to \$2 million in hunter liability insurance, and offers other special bowhunting opportunities in various areas across the state. If you do join the BCRS Program, study the benefits of the program so you can talk about it easily.

We can email copies of our BCRS brochure and fact sheet to you that you can print out and hand to prospective landowners.

Email us at [info@ncbowhunter.com](mailto:info@ncbowhunter.com) and ask for the BCRS brochure & fact sheet. We can also send articles on the benefits of utilizing bowhunting as a deer management tool. Go to our website at [www.ncbowhunter.com](http://www.ncbowhunter.com) to find an application to join NCBA.

Contact Dennis McClure, BCRS Chairman at: [bcrs@ncbowhunter.com](mailto:bcrs@ncbowhunter.com) for info about getting BCRS certified.

## PREPARING TO HUNT

At the conclusion of Level II, participants will be given several check lists designed to help prepare for the Level III hunt. The archery equipment list is obviously important. Use it and add to it for future hunts. Lodging or camping is the responsibility of the participant (student). The instructors (mentors) will provide specific lists based on the nature and duration of each hunt. Some hunts may have the option of staying in nearby motels and eating at area restaurants. Food is the responsibility of the participant (student) regardless of whether they camp or stay in a motel. Students will be told if they have or need to make this choice.

A clothing-Personal Hygiene list will be provided. Minimizing human scent is important in any big game hunting, and it is critical in archery hunting because of the close quarter hunting scenarios you will be dealing with. If they smell you, you will NOT get a shot. Instructors will

advise you on bathing, use of deodorants and changing clothes. Appropriate camouflage clothing is another important

ingredient in successful bowhunting. The changing seasons and habitat of the area you are hunting can influence the color and pattern of the camouflage you wear. In a ground blind, you wear black. In a tree stand, you try to blend in with branches. Be prepared to do either.

#### E. SCOUTING AND MAPPING YOUR AREA

Familiarity with the area you plan to hunt is another key ingredient to successful bowhunting. Trail locations, water sources, feeding and bedding areas are conditions you should know about. Even if it is an area you have (or have not) hunted before, the use of topographic maps and satellite map/photos from internet sources like Google Maps and Bing.com can be very helpful.

Important data can be plotted and recorded on the map as if it had actually been scouted on foot. Many hours, even days can be saved by using these sources to plan for your hunt ahead of time.

Learn to read and use maps and satellite photos. It is a vital part of Level III training.

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## SELECTING A HUNTING METHOD

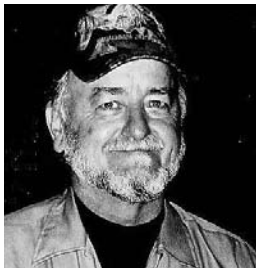
Depending on the region and layout of the land you have chosen to hunt, one of three hunting methods may be chosen: a ground blind, a tree stand, or spot-and-stalking. In North Carolina, you most likely will be hunting whitetail deer, but you could be hunting turkey, black bear or hogs. This will affect your choice of hunting method. The instructor will discuss the pros and cons with you for the specie of game you are hunting and the nature of the terrain of the land. Recent trail-cam photos and data will also be considered.

## FINDING AND CARING FOR HARVESTED ANIMALS

Every effort will be made to recover a deer, turkey or any animal shot with a bow and arrow. The techniques learned in Level II for blood trailing and field dressing will be utilized. Success learned in the "Becoming a Bowhunter" program will not be soon forgotten and will lead to a lifetime of outdoor adventure and memories.



## Associate Council's Corner



Hillbilly  
Jim Jordan

### *Boogie Woogie Swamp Chicken*

*a poem by Jeff Eberbaugh*

*submitted by*

*Jim "Old Hillbilly" Jordan*

Boogie Woogie Swamp Chicken – the same as a snipe  
They took me up a holler in the middle of the night.  
I still can't believe what by Uncle Ben did  
I didn't know they tricked me – I was only a kid.  
He handed me club and a burlap poke  
I'd a knocked him in the head if I'd know it was a joke.  
They all walked off as Ben lit his pipe  
And left me standing there in the middle of the night.  
I was fifteen miles from the closest phone  
And I didn't even know which direction was home.  
I built a little fire and tried to keep warm  
I was getting kinda worried – it was startin to storm.  
I was pretty upset and at a loss for words  
When down from the trees flew these weird lookin birds.  
They had long beaks and their wings kind of sages  
I just showed them my club and the flew in my bag.  
When I got home the next morning Ben thought I would fight  
He almost died when he saw my bag of snipe.  
I plucked all their feathers and made a big stew  
And said look Uncle Ben – the joke is on you.

P.S. I would like to say thanks to all my Bowhunting Friends and Bowhunting Family, the NCBA. Thanks for all the kind word and prayers concerning the deaths of my mother on January 4, 2013 and my wife on March 1, 2013. They will surely be missed by there is no doubt in my mind they are in a much better place where there is no more aches, pains, nor hurting of any kind as both of them had during their years of sickness. I don't know each and every one of our Bowhunters by name nor all of our NCBA members, but I think of all of us as one big family. I truly missed being at the DDC and our NCBA Banquet/Awards Program. I understand it was a wonderful program, but you know, sometimes things just don't turn out the way you hope fore. As a Bowhunting family it would be a good thing to breathe a little prayer for safety and well-being each day for each other.

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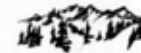


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**ARTICLE II: OFFICERS**



A. The elected officers of the Executive Council (i.e.: Board of Directors) of the NCBA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The immediate Past President automatically serves as the sixth member of the Executive Council.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> (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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

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**ARTICLE VII: QUALIFICATION FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE**

A. A member running for any N.C.B.A. office must disclose to his fellow members all hunting and/or archery organizations he belongs to, and any offices he has held or presently holds in such organizations. (A member elected to any office and is later found to have intentionally left out some of the above information is subject to immediate dismissal from his office by a vote from the rest of the Executive Council and members.)

B. Before running for, or holding the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor or being appointed to any other Executive Council position, a member must have served in a capacity for NCBA that has benefited NCBA.

C. All members running for any N.C.B.A. elected office must comply with all requirements and procedures for nomination and election of officers as stated in these Bylaws, and as directed by the President with approval of the Executive Council. NOTE: Nominations must be: (a) Signed and dated. Nominations will be VOID if NOT signed and dated. Nominations also require signature of a

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