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U.S. Army Airborne Infantry*

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

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

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

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

*Thank You...for Bowhunting,
Ramon N. Bell*

President/NC Bowhunters Association

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

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

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

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

day with anything of importance to NCBA.

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

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

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I will make this a very short article this issue.....only a reminder to let me know if you have a change of address, e-mail address, phone number, etc. Thank you and hope you all have a very good Summer.

Health:

William Clark of Gooch's Mill Chapter Club

Jim Fortune of Gooch's Mill Chapter Club

Sympathy:

Dennis McClure and wife in the loss of their infant son

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

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October 27-29, 2013

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Volunteers

The Valor Games were held in Durham this year. This is the first time it has been held in the SouthEast.

Laura Phillips was the archery co-ordinator, she did a fantastic job. Laura, huge thanks to you.

At the last Executive Council meeting, Mickey Strader gave a report on the NC Blueberry Festival in Burgaw. He and JR, in cooperation with Cape Fear Bowhunters, said about 700 youth came through the archery booth.

Laura and Mickey both reported they needed many more volunteers for the events.

Activities

Our annual Butner hunt preparations are getting started. We do not have a property of our own yet, so we will have to rent a property near Butner again. I was told by several people that they would be participating again this year. I hope we have a banner year of participants. The next issue of the magazine will likely be too late to arrive before the hunt. Updated contact information will be available via our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ncbowhunter/>, and via eBulletins.

Our planned fishing activities for this year have concluded.

The Freshwater tournament had about the same number of participants as last year, but we blew away all records for the number of fish taken. Estimates are that well over 300 carp were removed from Jordan Lake. Carp are an invasive species that are not indigenous to the US and they compete with the native fish for spawning sites as well as feed on the eggs of native species.

Congratulations to Sydney Webb, daughter of Alan Webb, on winning

the new AMS Retriever reel. I think everyone who attended got more value back in prizes than the entry fee!! Thank Jamie Brady for getting those donations.

The Saltwater Bash was a success with many fish taken. The locals told us they wished we could get all of the rays since the rays are so destructive to the bottom and have virtually wiped out the scallops in Bogue Sound. On Saturday after the fishing, we measured, cleaned, and ate what we had taken. I'll definitely have stingray on my list of edible fish. I grew up on Bogue Sound and I never knew of anyone to eat stingray. We also took sheepshead, mullet, flounder, and a few pinfish. Well, sometimes the fishing was slow so why not take the occasional shot at a pinfish.

More congratulations to the youth:

Conrad Manuel, Cole Miller, Gil Weiss! Four new state records were set that night by them. Every youth that showed up made it on a boat.

Big thanks to Joey Thompson and Dale Collins for getting this event set up. Also thanks to Dudley's Marine in Cedar Point for its support.

Benefits

We are working on contacting archery shops and various other dealers (does not have to be specifically related to archery) on getting NCBA member discounts. Look for discount coupons in the magazine.

If you know a business/retailer/outfitter who might be willing to become a supporter of the NCBA by giving membership discounts, please let me know.

We could use your help with this effort. If you contact a retailer yourself, I'll help with the followup and any discussion. Basically the business gets a free ad in the

magazine that will advertise the discount. Makes sense for them and for us since the magazine ads are directed to the consumers they are selling to.

Business

The "Becoming a Bowhunter in NC" is underway, and from all initial impressions we will need many more mentors. Mentoring sounds complicated, but all you are doing is spending time with others, teaching them about bows and how to shoot one. It is nothing more than you would do for your neighborhood youth or family members. These 'students' want to learn to shoot a bow and likely do not have family or friends who can teach them. The mentoring is one-on-one in most cases so it is student-paced, not material-paced. Your reward is that with a couple of days of instruction, you could have yourself a new lifelong friend that enjoys the same sport you do. We try to pair up mentors with local students for everyone's convenience.

BCRS

Dennis McClure has requested to resign as the BCRS Chairman due to personal reasons. Dennis has done an outstanding job of getting the records in great order. He has been attending BCRS meetings with potential clients and represented the NCBA at a few town meetings. He is proactive in seeking new properties and has offered to continue to help with that effort. I want to thank Dennis for his devotion to the BCRS during his tenure as chairman.

Phillip Hooper will assume the role of BCRS Chairman. I am confident of the job that he will do for the BCRS, what he has done as one of our hunt co-ordinators. Some of you may recall his BCRS advertisement for a hunt last year where he continues to be the hunt coordinator.

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He eventually dropped his head to the ground and continued feeding, and getting closer to me. He made his way to my tree and just past it, then turned perfectly broadside at about 5 yards. I took the shot and he threw his back legs into the sky. Then he ran over a hill of pines and I didn't hear him crash, so I backed out, went home, and met up with two of my buddies. We returned to the woods about an hour later and followed the blood trail up the hill of pines and onto a flat choked with briars, where we found him piled up. To date, he's my biggest deer harvested and on a great mount, thanks to a local taxidermist.



Letter from Afghanistan

by Chris Marso

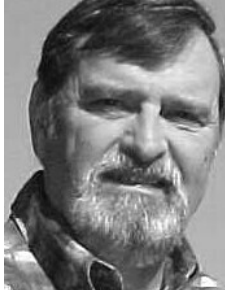
When I first joined the military in 2009, I was stationed at Ft. Bragg with U.S. Army Airborne Infantry. I felt lucky where I was, only an hour and a half from my home town of Kernersville, which made it possible for me to come home nearly every weekend and spend time with family and friends. I felt especially lucky for that when it was deer season.

In 2011, I shot a 9pt on an early morning in October. I had returned home late the prior evening from the work week at Fort Bragg, and once I got there I raced to the woods so I could hang a set that I could hunt the following morning. I set up across from a nice row of white oaks dropping acorns, where I had seen many deer the year before, along with several of the biggest rubs I'd ever come across. At about 9am a big 8 fed in with two smaller bucks. I watched them feed through, and was about ready to take the 8 when I saw a bigger 9 cross the cut. So I waited out for him. He came in to about 20 yards, munching acorns, and when he turned towards me, he threw his nose up at the sky. I thought he had winded me and we had a pretty intense stare down after that.

Two months later I was spending Christmas day with the family, watching movies, while Mom cooked up a big Christmas meal. We ate at 3pm, which gave me plenty of time afterward to grab the bow and head off for a hunt. Before dark, I spotted two separate groups of does walking single file down into the creek bed where I sate. I took one of them at about 25 yards.

The 2012 season I spent mostly away from home traveling with my unit training and preparing to return back to Afghanistan. However, I did manage to get into the woods a few times: I took a doe back in September, and another doe and a buck a day apart in December. I've only killed one deer with a rifle; the rest have all been with my bow. You can't beat the feeling of drawing back, heart pounding, and letting an arrow fly. Those were good days, and when I get home from traveling the world with Uncle Sam, I'm looking forward to more just like them.

Past President



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Bell**

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Mentors are needed for the Becoming a Bowhunter Program

So far, 30+ members have volunteered to serve as Mentors in our new Becoming a Bowhunter (BABINC) Program. We need many more! Many young people are growing up today without the mentoring support of family and friends that many of us had. We have not gone public with a publicity program about our BABINC program yet because we do not have enough volunteer Mentors to handle the demand that is going to materialize when we do so. However we have posted an application to Pre-Register for the program on our website, and about a dozen people have found it and signed up. This program has the potential to attract many people into our beloved sport of bowhunting and into the ranks of NCBA membership. Anyone who wants to share their knowledge with someone and help them get started bowhunting, and have a lot of fun doing it, is invited to contact me at education@ncbowhunter.com, or call: 336-643-4455.

We are also trying to gather a list of archery shops and dealers and commercial guides across North Carolina to help with this program. The shops and guides will benefit by offering their services and facilities to help train students. Most students will need to purchase bows and accessories. Matt Jenkins has volunteered to contact shop owners and he was also appointed as a District 4 NCBA Wildlife District Representative by NCBA President, Andy Smith.

Level #3 of the program takes the student to a big game hunt for deer in N.C. Guides who offer discounted hunts to students in this program stand

to gain new clients who will return to hunt with them in the future. There could be benefits for mentors too! A mentor might help someone begin hunting who would later become a lifetime hunting partner and could lead to hunting opportunities that wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

House Bill H936; "Poacher Reward Fund," to N.C. Senate Finance Committee

NCBA and N.C. House Representative John Faircloth (Dist. 61; Guilford County), submitted a bill to the N.C. General Assembly this year (House Bill #H-936) that will create a "Poacher Reward Fund". A portion of court fines and fees assessed to wildlife law violators will be designated to go into this fund to pay rewards to people who report wildlife game law violators. So, basically, the violators will, in effect, be paying the money used to pay out the rewards to the people who turned them in. That is "Justice" in its purest form! The bill has passed the House committees and was in the Senate Finance committee at the time I wrote this. It looks like this bill will become law very soon. The money to fund it will come from the very people who are violating our game laws! My sincerest thanks to Rep. Faircloth and directors of the N.C. Wildlife Federation (especially Dick Hamilton) who helped craft the wording of this bill based upon the outlines provided by the NCBA.

Hope to see everyone at our annual Picnic on August 4th...

For Bowhunting.... Ramon Bell
Past President & BABINC Chairman

President's Page

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He has been a member of the BCRS for about 2 years. Please welcome Phillip and assist him if you can.

Elections

By the time you read this article, the election nominations will have been submitted. I have chosen to run for re-election as your NCBA President. When the time comes, please remember to vote.

Giggles

I have been doing a lot of bowfishing this year, almost exclusively at night. I have on several occasions taken people who have not been before. On one trip, we ran into a little 'problem'. I had the person sitting on the seat ahead of me as we ran up the lake. We were going past an island that the cormorants were roosting in for the night. Well, I had one of lights on to see my way and as we came by the island the cormorants flew in every direction. Apparently one had it in for us. It came over the boat at about 10 above us and 'evacuated' itself. The boat was covered from one end to the other but somehow, this person, sitting in the middle of the boat, managed to not get hit. Let's just say I had to do a quick load of laundry AND pressure wash the boat.

In closing, a thought from Henry David Thoreau:

**Many go fishing
all their lives
without knowing
that it is not fish
they are after.**

I am sure the same can be said about bowhunting!

Andy Smith
NCBA President



Tick, tick, tick Tom

A turkey hunter wins the waiting game

by Ken Dobbins

In 2012 I harvested two mature gobblers in three days with my Matthews bow, so I had high hopes going into 2013. But by the end of April my turkey season had been a such a disappointment that I almost thought about running and gunning with a shotgun. Almost.

The morning of April 30 started out like my other hunting days that spring, with “no to limited” gobbling. I spent the first hour and a half trying to locate a bird and then, finally, with no luck, at 7:30 I decided to set up in a clearing near the top of a hill and wait.

I put out a decoy and set up a Double Bull Blind and then took out my Cody

Woodsman slate call and produced a quick yelp followed by a sharp cutt. And waited.

Soon a gobbler replied. I answered back with more sharp cutts and he responded over me. It was a good sign. When I have a tom’s attention and feel he knows my location, I go silent. So I put down the call and waited some more.

Finally, at 8 o’clock, just to make sure he hadn’t forgotten about me, I sent the tom a couple of mid-range yelps and soft purrs. This time I didn’t get a response, which wasn’t surprising this late in the season. Again I waited.

Finally he appeared. He was about 80 yards away when I gave my jake decoy a couple of tugs to draw him in.

He was coming in my direction, but he was being cautious. Maybe he’d seen a couple of his buddies go down; I wondered if he was going to come the entire distance. Hoping for a quick shot, I continued to range him while he advanced slowly on the decoy. Once he got to 40 yards I put the rangefinder down and picked up the Mathews. Finally he reached the decoy.

That’s when he realized something wasn’t quite right. I anchored quickly and just as he was leaving, I released an Easton arrow tipped with a Rocket Turkey Tom-O-Hawk and it hit the mark.

After I retrieved the tom and packed my gear, I walked out, taking my time. No hurry. Patience pays.

Membership Chairman



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Summertime is upon us once again, and I'm not sure how the rest of you feel, but I am thankful for a little break from all the spring rain. I hope those of you who bowfish were able to bet on the water early this season, before all of the monsoons began! I know there are several that did, and we have once again had some new state records, which is always awesome to hear.

This year, we hosted our 7th annual bowfishing tournament and those who made it on Friday night, had much success. Our participation was exceptionally low, but for those who attended, not only did we have probably the best Friday night weather since holding the event, but the harvest numbers were great and everyone attending had a great time! I want to thank everyone that participated for your support in the event as well as send out a special thanks to Andy Smith for his help, Ryan Miller and Gang for taking me out on their "ship", and to Allen Webb for being one of the two NCBA members to make all seven events.

Thanks for that support and congratulations to his daughter, Sydney, who was this years winner of the

AMS retriever reel. Finally, I want to again thank AMS and Muzzy for the contributions in door prizes they send for our event which always makes our participants happy when they go home with new "GOODIES"!

This year, we also introduced a new event which was the first annual NCBA "Salt water bash". I personally didn't get to make the event, but I understand that it went well and those who were able to make it, had a blast!

The next event coming up for us will be our annual picnic on August 4th located at Guilford Bowhunters once again. Hope to see you there as there will once again be a plenty of good grub.

The NCBA will also have a booth set up at the Southern Trophy Big Buck Expo at the Greensboro Coliseum on July 26-28th, so if you get a chance to make it out, come by and see us, hang out, or even help out with the scoring or the membership drive. Look forward to seeing you there!

On a final note, I do want to let the membership know that the executive council made a decision on life memberships after one of our members

had made a suggestion. We now have categorized the life memberships into different categories. Now, a child under the age of one, can get a life membership for \$100. This has to be paid as a one time payment and the child is set for good.

Next is the children between ages 1-12, and that amount will be \$250. Also, those 65 and older will be able to get the life membership for \$250 as well. Both of these categories can be set up on a payment plan just like the regular is now if need be. We strive to make changes, exchange ideas, and try and do what is best for our association.

One member approached one of the E.C. members, asked the question, and it made a difference. Never hold back on asking questions, making suggestions, or coming up with ideas, because it's your association!! Well that's it for now. Have a great and safe remaining summer, because we all know what is just around the corner only a few weeks away!!!

Til next issue

Jamie

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Summer, the season of growth. Without growth, little or no harvest will follow. If you are a member reading this article, you already are playing a huge part. By just being a member of NCBA your financial commitment shows you are a dedicated sportsman. NCBA offers many programs and opportunities. Each of us probably joined for different reasons or benefits. As a whole our membership speaks as the voice of one.

One thing I have learned since the economical down turn is to

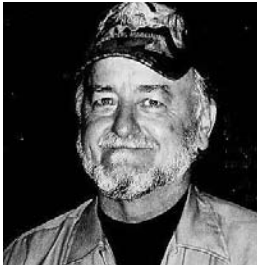
prioritize. Unfortunately a lot of sportsman resources we have come to know and enjoy also have to be prioritized. The bad news here is we as sportsmen don't get a direct say on how these resources get funded. Even our own hunting license monies including the lifetime sportsman license endowment fund is not safe from money hungry politicians.

As Bowhunters our sport is a very individual and personnel experience. I believe that is why most don't see the need or benefit of joining an association. In reality that may be the most important reason to join forces. Networking, information and communication is key in today's fast paced world. As budgets, laws, land use plans, forest management plans etc. are brought forth that effect us, Bowhunters must share this with each other and speak out when necessary. Please make sure your personnel contact information is up to date. E- Mail addresses are especially important for quick access to e-bulletins and alerts. In closing, I want to ask for each of you to double the strength of our voice. If each NCBA member will recruit at least one new member our membership would double. No better time for growth than this summer, and good luck this fall with that bow harvest.

Shoot straight and may your blood trials be short.

David Whitmire
NCBA Program Chairman

Associate Council's Corner



*Hillbilly
Jim Jordan*

Well, folks, here it is again, summertime. Hopefully you were at the Butner Hunt and everything went fantastically well for you. There's always a large turnout of hunters that make this event a good opportunity to see ole friends and make new ones. If you were there, you had good times, and if you weren't, well you missed out on good times, good food, and good stories. You never know how many stories you'll hear that are true, and how many you'll hear that are Big Lies, but I do know this: you have to be there to judge for yourself!

The days, the weeks, the months and the years are zoooooming by. None of us old farts have as many years in front of us as we have behind us, so we need to get off our dead butts, onto our dying feet, and do everything we can to recruit new members, young and old, who will keep the North Carolina Bowhunters Association moving forward. No doubt the NCBA could use some good hard working members. I'm sure the Executive Council will echo this statement. We need young, energetic members who love the Bowhunting sport to grab the torch, move existing NCBA projects forward, and bring new ideas that will guarantee the future of the NCBA. Come on folks, think about what we could lose (especially you young folks). If you love to Bowhunt, get involved!

Hunt hard, hunt smart, and keep em sharp!

Good Hunting, Jim Jordan

ROAD KILL SQUIRREL, GRAVY AND ALL

by Jeff Eberbaugh

Submitted by "Hillbilly" Jim Jordan

I always wondered just why in the world
There's always been so many road kill squirrels
One day huntin I think I figured it out
Why squirrels are so dumb
and what they're about.
We all know squirrels live high in the trees
But they live across the road from the spot where they feed.
They don't stop before they cross,
to look both ways
So they're mashed real flat
and they lay there for days.
Then along comes a possum to get a free meal
And HE winds up as a dead road kill.
Put some salt in some water
and soak em in a bowl
Put em on the stove and simmer real slow.
Make some thickener with flour
and some milk from a goat.
You will know it's done
when the squirrel starts to float.
When it gets real tender just peel off the meat
Then add a pinch of garlic
to your dead squirrel treat
Stir in the thickener and put the meat back in
If you eat squirrel once, you'll eat it again.



Valor Games

by Laura Brooke

Back in November, I received an email from Bridge 2 Sports requesting our help in an event called the Valor Games. I contacted Mickey Strader to see if he was up for the challenge, as always he was ready to take it on. I went to the first meeting and found out that the Valor Games had been held in Chicago for the past two years and the VA and Para Olympic committee wanted to expand the Games. The Valor Games is a Para Olympic style competition for ill or injured, active or disabled service man and woman. Bridge 2 Sports is a Durham based non-profit that focuses on introducing and supporting those with disabilities to sports of all kinds. Bridge 2 Sports wanted to blow the socks off of Chicago and was going to have two sports each day of the three day event. The event was to be held at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, and NC State on May 21 -23.

I sent out emails over the next few months to gather volunteers. The following were able to step up to the challenge: Mickey Strader, Russell Poole, Russell Velvin, Matt Smyth, JR Stone, Joey Stone, Kristen Rice, Ben and Linda Graham, William and Diane Newton, Crystal Smith, Tony Boykin, Wayne Smith, Marlow Townsend and Kyle Foust. Many more expressed interest, however,

with the Games being held in the middle of the week were not able to get off from work. Each month I met with Bridge 2 Sports. Mickey had backdrops made and acquired targets. Ben, Mickey, JR, Russell V. and Matt built the target stands. William made arrow stands for the lanes.

All of the volunteers were trained on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) the evening prior to the archery segment. On the same day of our training we set up the lanes, target stands, arrow stands and backdrops. We also were able to do a quick training for our Duke student volunteers.

The day of the event, the targets went up and final instruction of how we thought it should go. Duke student volunteers helped down the side and in the back of the range to keep people from walking around the range when it was 'hot.' They were also our arrow pullers and helped our archery volunteers for whatever they needed. Diane was at the registration table with some Duke students. Russell P was our range master. Mickey was our verifier for the Para Olympics on our advance lanes. Russell V, Matt, and Marlow also helped with our advance and intermediate lanes. Crystal, Tony, Kyle, Kristen, and Joey focused on the intermediate and beginner lanes.

JR, William, and Wayne worked with our vets on the beginner lanes.

Our range officials helped vets who had never shot a bow or had not shot one since their injury. We had a few who utilized mouth tabs and a few that needed help holding their wheelchairs to stabilize them so they could hold and pull back the bow themselves. I saw smiles on all faces. We had one athlete who scored well enough to attempt the Para Olympics. Other factors may play into eligibility, but his shooting was spot on.

Bridge 2 Sports has been asked to host The Valor Games in 2014. We will need more volunteers in 2014. Our team did a fabulous job, we just need to add more to our team. Those interested, please contact me at lbrokephillips@netscape.net. It should be during the week again, it is an evening and the next day commitment. We are fed in the evening and lunch the day of the event. Other accommodations are on us. I realize we all have busy schedules. This opportunity to give back to those who have given so much is such an awesome way to say 'thank you' and to feel like we can contribute to their future. These athletes have a strong desire to compete and archery is a sport that can be adapted to those with disabilities.

Photo: Mickey Strader

Tournament



Ryan Kazmierczak with a nice bowfin.



Scott Kazmierczak and Jimmy Bouyet with their harvest.



Cole Miller, Wesley Stewart and Ryan Miller after their first go-round of the evening.

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 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.
4. 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.
5. WE ENCOURAGE better deer management on gamelands in the Western area of the state (District 9). Our members there suggest establishment of a 2 DEER limit, one of which must be a “Trophy” buck. Antler restrictions should be implemented to define “Trophy Buck” qualifications. (See SUPPORT No. 3 above.)
6. 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.)
7. 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.
8. 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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It is a pleasure for me to be the NCBA Bloodtracking Program chairman. I am a life member of the NCBA and have enjoyed being a part and participating with such a good bunch of sportsman. Hope to have a lot of interest in the BTP. We will be working with the United Blood Trackers and hope to have a UBT Trackfest in NC in 2014. More on Trackfest as it becomes available.

I just returned from Trackfest 2013, Arena Wisconsin, with United Blood Trackers. It was a three day workshop all about tracking. The friendly staff for the UBT were courteous and professional and very knowledgeable, and a joy to work and learn with. It was a special honor to meet John Jeanneney, (Little John.)

The workshop consisted of classroom and field work, both of which were

very informative. The scenting conditions for the dogs were ideal. The Coon Rock Horse Club, Erderman farm was a very nice place for a Trackfest. The CRP fields seem to be endless and alive with the wind. Deer were plentiful. We had plenty of Hot Tracks crossing our training lines, "very real world training." Hit site evaluation, GPS track on map training, evaluation of different breeds and working styles of blood tracking dogs, preparing artificial training lines and training instructions from professional handlers. Custom to the handler and the dogs working speed and style. Equipment for tracking and more. We were fortunate to have multiple UBT judges evaluate my dog and others during the three day workshop. On the evaluation day, my dog took test for UBT II. Would much rather track deer in a swamp or a big old cut over than to take a test. "Nervous as cat." Two years of studying books, working artificial blood lines day and night, rain or shine, with various scent conditions and every distraction I could incorporate along the way. Keeping it fun for the dog, but challenging for both of us as a team. Taking every real deer calls that came in without prejudice of type of wound inflicted and

somewhere along one of those many blood lines, my dog, Mac, and I formed a bond that is hard to beat. We are a tracking team and we were UBT II certified.

Learning the anatomy of the big game animal in question and its habitat and how to communicate with hunters that need help recovering their harvest is as much a part of blood tracking as searching.

With the Lord's help this is only the beginning of learning and learning to teach others to work with a K9 as a team.

The best basic training book for blood tracking with dogs is John Jeanneney's "Tracking Dogs for Finding Wounded Deer." Another very Good Book for hunters/trackers with or without a dog, "Dead On" by John Jeanneney. To order: www.born-to-track.com is the website for United Blood Trackers.org.

The BTP web page is up and running. Feel free to contact me there with all your tracking needs, training advice, tracking equipment, local trackers, loss big game. A big thanks to all involved in making tracking with leashed tracking dog legal in N.C.

Thanks to the NCBA for being pioneers in change/education and promotion as such an ethical and useful program.

Keep in mind though it takes more than legalization to make for a tradition, that hunting and tracking are a privilege. Be an ambassador. Keep safety first.

Treasurer's Report



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	April 30th	May 31st	gain/loss
Wells Fargo Gen. Savings	42,573.30	43,275.40	702.15 gain
Bowhunter Defense	67,205.13	65,936.73	1,268.40 loss
Land Acquisition Fund	28,866.96	29,969.18	1,102.22 gain
NCBA Endowment	2,790.25	2,765.46	24.79 loss
JR Wright Fund	2,502.24	2,443.68	58.56 loss

Legislative Chairman



Tommy
Kimball

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The hot days of summer are here and I am trying to think about hunting season. From now until that magical day in September, I will be ready. For all you guys and gals that have been hunting and shooting fish my hat is off to you. It seems like as I get older the only thing I want to hunt is an air conditioned room in this 90 plus heat.

JR Stone and I attended the Big Game committee meeting on the day before the July Commissioners meeting and heard a report from biologist Evin Stanford. He was reporting on a study his committee has been conducting for the past two years. It will last one more year. The purpose of the study is test deer harvested in the nine wildlife districts across the state. The number of deer being tested is anywhere from 200 to 300 per area. After the data from the harvested deer is analyzed, the information will be presented to the Commissioners along with recommendation for season limits and season length. This is one of the most promising studies that I feel the Commission has conducted in a long time. I hope the Commissioners will listen to the biologists and act on the results of their scientific study instead of just doing what they want and what they are being pressured to do.

There was also a report on a study on the alligator population to see if the quantity is high enough to set a season in the near future. There was also a lot of talk about black bear.

With Bill 352 still in legislation there was no news about changing the season, or possibly having a season in the Piedmont.

Night hunting for coyotes is still held up by a lawsuit from the Friends of The Red Wolf. The pressure from land owners who keep complaining about coyotes killing wildlife on their property continues. I hope the courts will decide soon if night hunting can restart soon.

That's the news on the WRC front for now. Soon we will learn the times and locations for the Wildlife hearings. As soon as this information is available I will pass it on. Please try to attend the meeting in your district and take a hunting partner with you. Attendance will determine whether they continue to have them.

Until the next time keep practicing and sharpening those broad heads. Opening day is just around the corner.

Tommy Kimball
Legislative Chairman

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Well summer is past us now and deer season, changing of the leaves, and the rut will be here soon. The thoughts of the first buck of the season under my stand and cooler weather are making me anxious. There have been a lot of changes in the NCBA Records so far this year; I can't imagine what record will be broken next. We have had 10 State Records broke so far in 2013 and we still have a ways to go. Our Youth have been more active this year and I want to say "Thanks" to every Adult that has taken a youth out with a bow in hand. I hope we can add some more youth records in the months to come but more than anything, we need some youth girls being recognized for their accomplishments. This is an area we are falling short in and we are in desperate need of your help.

New State Records

NCBA member Kimberly Shutt started off by setting a Female State Record when she harvested a 30lb Bobcat that measured 9 1/16, DJ Langdon arrowed a huge 2 lb-1oz Shad. Cole Miller as always seals the deal on a New Youth State Record Bowfin weighing 9 lb-4 oz. Our Saltwater Bash set 5 Records. First on the board was 8 year old Gil Weiss bowfishing with his dad Modi Weiss and Yellow Dog Charters taking a Flounder at 2 lb- 5oz, then Andy Smith connected on a sheepshead at 7 lb-5oz. Cole Miller took numerous Mullet while setting the Record at 2 lb-11 oz. Conrad

Manuel was with Andy Smith when he stuck a sheepshead weighing 2 lb-12oz and a few hours later Conrad would shoot a Southern Ray that came in at 48 lb-5oz. Two weeks after the Saltwater Bash we had 3 members at the coast that would break 2 more Records. Chris Greeson would take a sheepshead at 9 lb-3oz, a Female Record would then be set by Lori Swaney with a sheepshead at 1 lb-6oz. The Saltwater Bash was a success and we had a blast, we are already planning to have it again next year. I want to give thanks to everyone who made it happen. NCBA Pres. Andy Smith, Ryan Miller, Cole Miller, Luther Manuel, Conrad Manuel, Modi Weiss, Gil Weiss, Dale Collins, Dudleys Marina, Josh Hether, Matt Cox, Logan Cox, Jason Cox, Triple C Bowfishing, Yellow Dog Charters, and Captain Josh Savage.

Measurers

Every year Pope & Young has 3 measuring schools where they invite approximately 50 measurers total between these classes so they may become Nationally Certified to measure all big game animals native to the United States. The NCBA has 21 members that have been fortunate enough to obtain this certification. This year they are only having 2 classes and I'm pleased to say we have a very active member; Mark Headen from Yadkin County that has been accepted to the Pope & Young School at their headquarters in Chatfield Minnesota.

The area(District 7) that Mark lives in grows some huge deer and many of them have been accepted in the NCBA Book and Mark will fill a big void in this area. Congratulations Mark!

Potential New Category

In order for an unofficial category to become official we need to have a large number of that specific animal being turned in to the Records dept each year. In the last few years we have seen a large increase in the number of Southern Rays being turned in. I will make a recommendation to the Council and the Records Committee that we make this an Official Category in 2014. At this time the NCBA State Record and BAA World Record is held by Josh Hether at 140 lb. I look forward to announcing the news soon if this category is accepted. During the Saltwater Bash we harvested around 1000 lb of rays and we had them at our Fish Fry. I must say I was impressed with how they tasted and plan to shot more the next chance I get. If you like fried oyster, you will like Southern Rays.

As we move forward from season to season, we take for granted the regulations that are set by the NCWRC because we are so use to the dates from the seasons past. These regulations change little by little sometimes without us giving them much thought. All the sudden we are totally out in left field with our outdated information that we believe is right. The biggest change from years past is the fox seasons. Each county has set their own regulations, dates, and bag limits on the foxes and they are very different all across the state. Please be aware of all the laws of each species you hunt. You can download the fox season and regulations, county by county at ncwildlife.org

Until next time, Shoot Straight and wear a Hunters Safety System.

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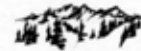


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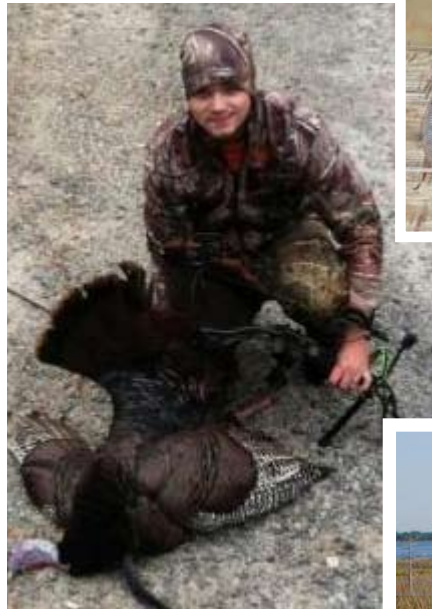
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