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This area will host numerous shooting games for both fun and prizes. Genesis bows and arrows included. A little clue, you might be practicing those Robin Hoods.

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Cub- 11 and under | Youth 12-14 | Young Adult 15-17

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(no lens, no stabilizers over 14" from front of bow, no moving of sights after first shot)

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Twass' the season!

I hope everyone had a good hunting season this past year. We have several notable new records, and I greatly enjoyed hearing the reports as they came in. The bowhunting state record for deer was broken twice - both were Boone and Crockett deer. Deer that are taken in the Central and North-western sections of the state continued to score higher each year.

Steve Fox has been pursuing over last several years. He has pictures of the deer taken over this time period and noticed that the deer had started to loose mass. At one time, he was sure the deer was above 140. He got the shot this season and we hope to see it at the Dixie Deer Classic. Hopefully many of the other deer that were taken while bowhunting will be there as well.

A couple of friends were hunting near my home after Christmas. Six deer and two coyotes later, they left for home with smiles and a couple of new stories to share about their adventures. Last year during the same time, we saw numerous turkeys, but this year there was not a single sighting or fresh scratch anywhere. I need to get my game call out and work harder on thinning the coyotes.

NCBA in attendance

Members of the NCBA have attended the NCWRC meetings in Raleigh, and around the state. We know that new bear regulations will be approved, but it is still too early to know what those new regulations will be. Several NCBA members attended at least one of the four bear management meetings. I attended the one at Jamestown in October. Many good comments were made by the attendees. My feeling is that the meeting was productive and fostered interaction, but it did not appear that any new ideas were presented that

were not already under consideration by the Commission. Current regulations allow for dogs to 'strike' a track at a bait pile but do not allow a hunter to bait and shoot a bear from a stand. This inequity should be addressed in the new regulations. If so, we should start seeing more North Carolina bears taken with a bow during next season.

Durham deer

Eric Steinbicker petitioned the city of Durham to allow bowhunting within the city limits. NCBA members attended most of the meetings, and were asked to comment. In November, bowhunting within the city limits was approved by the Durham city council with several restrictions. There was also an article in Time magazine about the effort to allow bowhunting, and the effect deer are having on homeowner green-scapes. Each year, Durham has approximately 300 deer-related auto accidents, and that number continues to increase every year. The goal is for bowhunters to reduce the deer numbers, resulting in a similar reduction of deer-related accidents. A WTVD article indicates that bowhunting is working in Chapel Hill, with a reduction of deer related accidents of 60%.

Youth and bowhunting

This year we changed the Youth Male and Female Bowhunter of the Year awards to include the top three participants of each gender. In prior years, only the top candidate of each gender received an award and were not allowed to compete for the award again for 2 years. The specific requirements can be found on the NCBA web site. I anticipate we will have a good turn out for the awards based on the number of youth pictures I saw this year. Spending time with a youth in the woods or on the water, they will grow up straight, strong, and proud.

NCBA Bowhunter Certification and Referral Service (BCRS)

The BCRS had another successful year. Numerous deer were removed to the joy of the property owners. Phillip Hooper took over as BCRS chairman mid-year and has been coordinating with the property owners and the BCRS coordinators. We are always in need of more properties to hunt. A couple of the properties I hunt are just a single lot or a couple of lots togeth-

er so no property may be too small. These properties can be hot spots for part of the season since the deer have no remaining natural predators. Except for frequent automobiles accidents, many of the deer die of old age. If you know of any property where the owners want deer removed, let us know. The BCRS members have insurance coverage up to \$2 million, plus are required to re-certify yearly. We are the only organization in the state that provides this level of insurance coverage and certification. All deer are taken with bow and arrow, not guns. We provide this service to cities, Home Owner Associations, and property owners upon request. One of our BCRS members shot 22 does on one property this year. Another member got 14 on a different property. We are productive even with our 'primitive' tools.

NCBA Blood Tracking Program (BTP)

We now have several members with tracking dogs. Kirk Vaughan is the new chairman. If you would like help training a dog to blood trail deer, contact him directly. He loves to talk about tracking.

Election

This year is an election year for the NCBA. There are five key positions that are elected by the membership. The election ballot was in the last magazine (page 38), and in this issue as well.

The remaining Executive and Associate Council positions are appointed by the current President before the election.

Now is the time for your nomination to be presented to the President, in writing, for these Council positions. The nomination can be delivered via mail or by hand at the January 26th Executive Council meeting. If you are applying for an office and you are currently not an officer, provide the name of the position you desire, a short resume, and why you would like to be appointed to that position. If you are an officer in a current position, please submit a letter to request the position. The nomination can be printed or hand written, as long as it is legible. Please date and sign the nomination.

I want to give a big thank you to those who have stepped up this year to help the NCBA.

Tis' now the season

I am starting to get ready for bowfishing! I hope to see everyone at the Dixie Deer Classic, but after that, I will see you on water until next hunting season. Be safe and good luck -

Enjoy nature when you can.

Andy Smith

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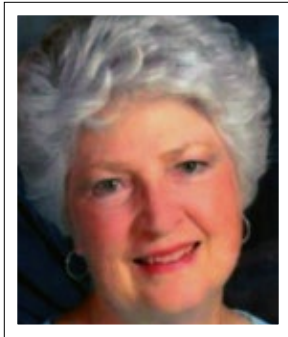
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For new memberships, renewals, change of address, membership applications, credit card sales, patches, decals, tags and other purchases please contact:

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member of Gooch's Mill

Michael Dean Rice (Nov 6, 2013)
member of Blue Ridge Bowhunters

Terry M. Nelson (Nov 9, 2013)
member of West Carolina Bowhunters

William Scott McJunkin (Dec 18, 2013)

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



Congrats to Kyle McNamara seen here showing off his BABINC level 1 certificate marking the second student to reach this achievement.

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The NCBA needs Local Chapter Coordinators in all areas, but especially in the Central, Northeastern and Western areas. If you are interested in serving please contact the NCBA: 336-643-4455 or by email: president@ncbowhunter.com



The “Poacher Reward Fund”

This NCBA-initiated piece of legislation was voted on and approved nearly unanimously by both the senate and the house – and was signed into law by Gov. Pat McCrory on July 29, 2013. The new law went into effect on Dec. 1, 2013, and I read in the 2014-15 proposal booklet that the NCWRC has published a proposed plan (*Proposal A-3*) to establish that fund as a result of our collective efforts as a organization. Again, my sincerest thanks to N.C. House Rep. John Faircloth for sponsoring our bill and to Mr. Dick Hamilton of the NCWF (*and former Executive Director of the NCWRC*) for merging their efforts to get this bill drafted and submitted to the North Carolina Legislature.

Proposal A-3 reads as follows:

A3. CREATE A WILDLIFE POACHER REWARD FUND TO PAY REWARDS TO PERSONS WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT RESULTS IN THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED WILDLIFE OFFENSES, SPECIFICALLY CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 MISDEMEANORS IDENTIFIED IN N.C.G.S. 113-294 AND N.C.G.S. 113-337, AND CLASS 1 MISDEMEANORS INVOLVING WILDLIFE RESOURCES ON GAME LANDS. THE COMMISSION PROPOSES REWARD AMOUNTS BE EQUIVALENT TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE, REPLACEMENT COSTS, OR RESTITUTION ASSESSED BY THE COURT, WHICHEVER IS GREATEST, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00.

Proposal A-2 sets limits for rewards to be paid for the arrest and conviction of persons found guilty of committing Class I & II misdemeanors for up to a maximum of \$1,000.

The passage and adoption of guidelines to administer this law is a dream come true for me and NCBA’s efforts to see this law come full-circle and become the “law of the

land.” It will be by far one of the strongest “Anti-Poacher Reward” laws ever passed by any state legislature. I want to thank the NC Wildlife Resource Commission and its administration for their work in implementing this law, too. I would like to see provisions made in the future for dealing with very flagrant violations – *such as the incident involving the bear that was illegally killed, deliberately disfigured and left along the roadway to mock the success of the agencies undercover “Operation Something’s Bruin” operation* – targeting the violators who wantonly and repeatedly violate our state’s game laws for personal gain. We are very pleased that Rep. Faircloth’s and Mr. Hamilton’s work on this bill was successful, and we (NCBA) are very proud to have been an instrumental part of developing it.

BABINC Program Update

We have registered 29 students thus far in this program. Not very many, but that is the way we wanted to start the program. A small number of “Mentors” have sacrificed their time and efforts to help get our lesson plans and study guides pulled together and perfected. Those most active have been Steve Graf, Steven Walters, Jamie Brady, Matt Mode and myself. So far, 6 students have completed Level 1; 3 have completed Level 2, and 2 have successfully completed Level 3. The courses require a significant commitment and desire by the student to complete the 3 courses.

There is only so much the mentors can provide, so depending on the prior hunting experience and determination, students can move along at a good pace. They are also required to make a modest monetary investment in a bow, arrows and other equipment to complete the program. I have worked with 6 students on Level 1 & 2 course outlines. I find I can cover about 75% of the Level #1 course and 40% of the Level #2 course with most students through personal interviews. This totals 3 to 5 hours of instruction, again, depending on the student’s prior hunting experience and personal commitment and desire to progress.

The remaining topics must be done with “hands-on” instruction from an experienced hunter/shooter NCBA approved “Mentor”. We are reaching out to our members, clubs and to archery shops to assist with “hands-on” instruction. It is to their benefit to spend a little time with a student to help them complete some of the shooting style and form instructions required to complete the courses. The BABINC program will

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Ricky Jackson shows off his BABINC level 1 certificate marking the third student to reach this achievement since the program began. Congratulations Ricky!

generate new customers (and revenue) for them, and new members for NCBA and our Local Chapter Cubs. Now that deer season is over, I hope more mentors will get involved, and more members will make the commitment to sign on as mentors. Please consider getting involved in this program or as a NCBA volunteer in any of our other programs.

NCBA Executive Council Elections

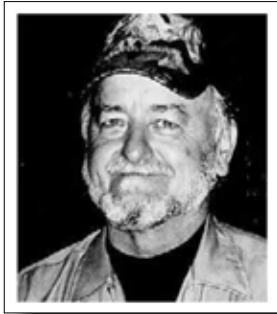
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Your name and return address along with the word “BALLOT” must appear on the top left corner of the envelope.

All of the candidates are eligible and capable to run but no position is being contested by more than one candidate - still, your vote will go to show your support of the direction we are headed under the current leadership. Our incumbent president, Andy Smith, has performed in an exemplary fashion, and his goals for NCBA – and for bowhunting in North Carolina – are in line with our current goals, and within our fiscal means to successfully accomplish if we stay on course with our current plans.

For Bowhunting,
Ramon Bell



Well, now that 2013 is over, we can look back and ponder over the good things and good times we've had – and also the very bad and sad times as well. I am sure we all have had some things happen we can – and should – be thankful for. I for one can truly say I am glad 2013 has passed. Although it doesn't change a thing – be it good time – good thing – bad thing – or sad times – the reality is there, and life goes on. Our bow-hunting family has lost some avid supporters and some wonderfully great friends in 2013. Last year started bad for me with the passing of my mother on January 4. On March 1, my wife passed away. In early May of 2013, my great-nephew's wife was stabbed to death by an employee of hers. Indeed, 2013 was a bad year for me and many others.

My friends and I went on a bow-hunting trip for elk in New Mexico – and bad luck followed me out there. We arrived during the rainy season, so wouldn't you know it, I was only able to hunt for two-and-a-half days before coming down with a very bad case of bronchitis. That was the only thing I brought home from the trip, and it lasted for three weeks before I got rid of it. Once back here in North Carolina, I was only able to get out and hunt one full Saturday, and two half days during bow season. I was not able to hunt at all during muzzle-loader season. Nor was I able to hunt during regular gun season due to my little dog – a Jack-Russell/Fiest mix – becoming very sick. He has an enlarged liver and spleen, and his immune system seems unable to fight off infection. But he is still fighting hard to stay alive (as I am writing this article). He is my best friend and guardian – all fifteen pounds of him when he is well.

I would like to bring something to the fore front which needs to be addressed – something which should have been brought up a long time ago, but I guess we never thought about it. That subject is the tradi-

tional bowhunter, bow shooter and archer, and their activities. There are some darned good bowhunters out there who still do things the old, hard way. They have some good stories and some good pictures which need to be put into this magazine – if they would come forth with them. The NCBA is not just a compound bow organization – it is a bow hunter's association – be it compound, self-bow, recurve or longbow. I am quite sure a great number of bowhunters today really don't realize what it was like before the compound bow came along. Some of us "old farts" still remember when we only had just a few days of bow-hunting season for deer . . . yes, I mean days, not weeks. Over the years there has been a lot of hard work and effort put forth – by some hard-working people – so we have the bow season we have today. Be assured, we should NEVER take our bow hunting season – or our bow hunting heritage, for that matter – for granted. We could lose it – part of it – or all of it – so it's time for all of us to step forward and work hard to preserve what we have and strive for more. There are people and organizations out there who would like nothing more than to take that right – and that heritage away from all of us.

Be safe - keep 'em sharp!
 "Hillbilly" Jim Jordan

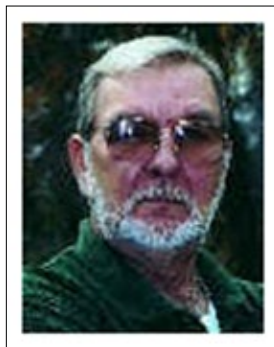


The statewide productivity index of 1.6 matched the previous record low value observed last year and in 2003. Back-to-back record low productivity indices in 2012 and 2013 potentially means fewer 2-yr-old birds and jakes available for harvest during the 2014 spring season. Of course, 2-yr-old birds typically make up a large portion of the annual harvest. These productivity results don't necessarily mean that harvest will drop precipitously from previous years, but there is less optimism about turkey hunters setting another harvest record during the 2014 season. North Carolina turkey hunters have been setting back-to-back turkey harvest records for the past 5 years.

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Financial Report | Winter 2014

BB&T Checking as of January 09, 2014 \$ 21,854.11

Wells Fargo Funds	Aug 31	Jan 09	
General Savings	43,771.15	46,920.63	↑ \$ 3149.48
JR Wright	2,415.07	2,514.51	↑ \$ 99.44
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THE SPINE MESSAGE FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMAN



The winter season for some is a time of reflection.

I myself have had the best – and worst – deer season ever. I did arrow a Pope and Young deer in Kansas, my largest to date. Bears took over our stands here at home changing our deer movements, which made it tough to fill tags. Next to the last day of the Western gun deer season – still carrying the bow – I took my second largest buck ever in NC. Along with a Kansas doe the freezer is full and I feel blessed. The worst came right after deer season, when my dear friend and hunting buddy Scott McJunkin suddenly passed away. All though proud of my P&Y buck, it all of a sudden wasn't my favorite reflection of the season. You see, that buck I took here at home which probably won't even make a 100 in. was the last deer Scott and I will ever drag and work up together. Scott passed just a few days later after our last hunt. That buck will forever be an all time favorite. It's nice to shoot a big deer – heck it's a blast flinging arrows at a doe – but it's truly hard to beat a close friend with a bow.

The banquet, 3-d shoot, and the Dixie Deer Classic will be just days away by the time you read this. I hope each and every one can try to make it this year. We will have the Kerr Scott building this year for just NCBA events. In the past few years we have held our banquet on Sat. night here, this year starting on Fri. and ending on Sun we will be hosting multiple shooting events for all ages. A 3-d tournament, pop-up 3-d, Zombie and novelty shoot will all be happening. On Sat. night our banquet will be held, with many opportunities to win hunts, bows and gear. Join in for some great food, celebration of some great record animals taken, even a new state record deer. Again the Dixie Deer Classic is going on next door so those such as myself that live several hours away will find it well worth the drive and maybe even a overnigher to take it all in. We have priced the shooting actives to be very family friendly so load up wagon and come on down to Raleigh. See the enclosed details in this issue for more information.

As the New Year begins let's start out by encouraging our fellow Bowhunters that are not members or have let their membership expire to join us. NCBA has a lot to offer, but we need members to bring in talents, time and membership money to be the best we can be. As this State grows Bowhunters are in a great position to see more opportunities due to population growth itself. We must be ready to protect our states game lands from those who want it for themselves, and show our importance in urban communities as well. Nationwide hunter numbers as dropped some, but all indications point Bowhunters numbers have increased. Reach out to those just starting or thinking of trying bowhunting. Hand them a copy of the NC Bowhunter magazine or a membership application. It well could be a turning point for someone and a turning point for NCBA. We are truly a membership driven Association, for it is the members that has a whole that make a difference. Who knows you may even make a friend with a bow.

Shoot straight and may your blood trails be short.

David Whitmire

p.s.

Fan favorites each year at the Banquet's silent auction and for door prizes are donations from NCBA members. If you have any crafts etc. you would like to bring and donate please let us know. In the past popular items have been turkey calls, art work, photography, arrows, books, archery gear, clothing, caps, etc. If you are attending the banquet. You can drop off your item or items anytime Fri –Sat up to start of banquet at the Kerr Scott building. If you can't attend and would like to donate, you can mail it to ; David Whitmire, NCBA Program Chairman, 2700 Flat Creek Valley Rd, Lake Toxaway, NC 28747 or call 828-553-0083 to arrange pick-up if needed. This is a great way to support NCBA and the many programs it host. All gifts are appreciated and none are too small.



Breaking Records

We all have another season behind us now – 2013 is in the books – and it seems several records change hands every time I sit down to write an article. September brought bow hunters out in full force right from the start. Hunter Baldwin would be the first to break a record this deer season when he arrowed a velvet buck that will take 1st in the Youth division at 94 3/8. His uncle Gary Evers said Hunter has been bit and is just getting warmed up so watch out. September was also great to Stokes Co resident Tim Watkins. After seeing this massive deer 2 times already finally Tim sealed the deal on North Carolina's first Boone & Crockett Buck with a Bow & Arrow. With 26 inch beams, 34 inches of mass, 12 inch tines and little deductions, Tim's typical 12 point buck netted 170 1/8. Two weeks later NCBA member John Tuttle found himself perched high above his 12 point buck that grew 9 inch brow tines, grossing 179 inches and netted 171 7/8. North Carolina had never had a B&C deer taken by Bow and now in a 2 week period we had 2 and have surpassed the previous 2009 record by over 5 inches. Congratulation to all our bow hunters for their success in 2013!

New Category

With a new season upon us we always have a few changes as we try to improve on things we may fall short on at times. One of our changes for 2014 is the Southern Ray will now be an official category. With the high numbers of rays being turned in by more than just the same guys, we feel it's time to include them in our awards. With Josh Hether holding the State & World Record at 140lb, you better have some good equipment and plenty of arrows on board before you attempt to break this record. Good Luck to all. With the Southern Ray becoming Official we are also announcing the event date for NCBA Salt Water Bash. The Friday &

Saturday, June 6-7 2014 at Emerald Isle we will have the 2nd Salt Water Bash starting Friday evening June 6 and ending at 3pm Saturday June 7. Every boat will need to bring a cooler full of ice for their fish and rays. We will clean, measure, and take pictures again, then have a big fish fry again just like last year. This year the Salt Water Bash will be sponsored by Dudley's Marina and Lejeune Archers. Hope you can make plans to attend this awesome event and get your belly full. More detail to come.

Special Thanks

I want to take a minute and thank everyone in the NCBA for their help and support over the years as Records Chairman. In March at the NCBA Awards Banquet Steve Fox will be taking over the position of Records Chairman and I am very excited to be able to work with him in the years to come. He has been a great asset to us for many years already. Steve has been an NCBA measurer and became a Pope & Young measurer in 1999 and has served as BCRS coordinator, member of NCBA Records Committee, Hunters Ed Instructor, IBEP Instructor, and Father to two Beautiful girls and successful Bow hunters. He has served our organization and has shown his dedication to this sport for many years and I Thank You for all you have done to help over the years.

Until next time, Shoot Straight
Joey Thompson



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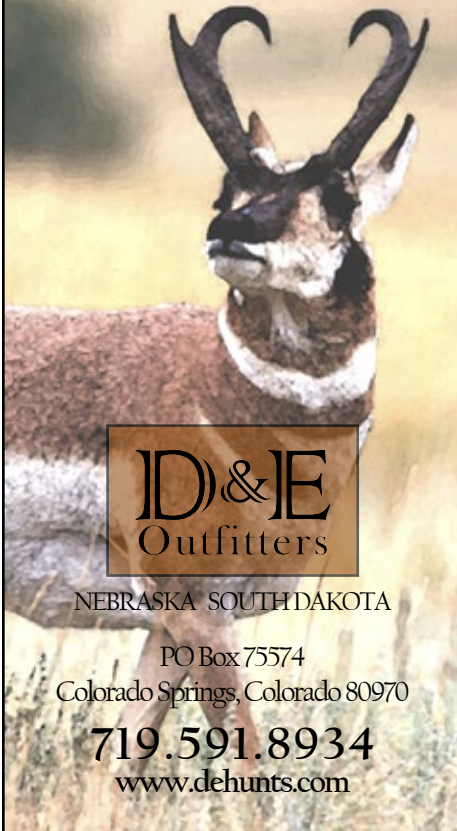
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NOCKING POINT MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN



Just finished my last deer bow hunt for the year and like every year in the past it is not a great feeling. It seems the season continues to get shorter, but it really does not. The wait gets longer till the next season rolls around. But here again it does not. I sure cannot complain about the time I spent in the woods or sat on a stand. According to Carlene as I get older it is easier for me to complain about carrying out the garbage but easier to find an excuse to go sit in a tree in rain, sub zero weather, or fight the bugs in the early season. Oh well, after almost 49 yrs of being together I think she is right. I am truly blessed to have such an understanding wife, most of the time.

I did enjoy a great Tundra Swan hunt with Tonnie Davis this year. The Swans were flying good most of the day and were decoying real good. After about the 100th shot I was able to find a Swan that wanted to commit suicide and fly into my arrow. I found out real quick that hitting the swan was the easy part, retrieving it was a different story. After almost 2 hours and close to a mile away from where I had shot the bird I was able to put my tag around the leg. Sounds pretty simple, but I found out real quick (going for a swim in a canal ditch in December – that had ice on it just about a hour before) it was not the smartest thing I have ever done. I do want to thank John Thompson for not taking any pictures and making me think this was the right thing to do.

Oh well, lets get down to what is going on inside the Wildlife Commission with the District hearings. There are a lot of proposals on the table for this year – which will have already been heard and discussed at the WRC meetings by the time you get this issue of the magazine. Hopefully we will still have time for discussion on these proposals before they take a vote on something critical. There is one issue in particular which I hope the commissioners will consider in the coming months – and this is a bow season for bear. I have heard several people in the commission say they do not want the bear to establish residency in the piedmont region, but only want them hunted during gun season. Why not give a bow hunter an opportunity to have the last week of the bow season to harvest a bear? We need to raise this issue with enough commissioners (who bow hunt) to help us establish this season. Also I continue to hear from a lot of bow hunters as to why we can't continue to deer hunt on private land through January? I've asked several of the commissioners this question, and they say we do not want to interfere with the small game hunters. Here again, bow hunting may not be their sport, so we need to find a way to reach them on some of these issues. I can understand their position regarding public land during small game season, but on private land where the land owner may want deer removed we should be able to do so. I'll keep you informed of other important issues as they come up.

Tommy Kimball

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ANCHOR POINT MESSAGE FROM BCRS CHAIRMAN



can't say things have been perfect on my end. There were a couple of members that I inadvertently sent the wrong cards to and I also reminded some that their membership had expired when they were still current. I hope all of these "errors" are in the past and this next year will be even better for the BCRS program.

We will continue to work on improving the BCRS program and hopefully we will be able to add additional hunts across the state so that all of the BCRS members will have hunting opportunities near their homes.

If anyone has any questions about the BCRS feel free to contact me and I will be glad to discuss this program with you. Hope all of you had a great deer season and got to spend some quality time with your family and friends during the recent holidays.

Phil Hooper

Andy Smith had talked with me about the possibility of taking over as BCRS Chairman this past summer and wanted to know if I had any interest in this position. I told him that I would definitely think about this and wanted to get in touch with Dennis McClure to find out more of the details and work involved with this job. I talked with Dennis numerous times and he took the time and effort to explain exactly how he had been running this program and what type of commitment would be required to keep program up and running at the level he had it at.

I discussed this with my wife Tamara; she said do whatever I wanted to but be aware that she was not going to be my assistant any longer. I had just come off a two-year stint as Scoutmaster for my son's Boy Scout troop and she had been tasked with keeping me organized and efficient. Going in I knew that I was going to be doing this by myself, but I made the decision to go for it.

My first deer season just wrapped up yesterday as BCRS Chairman, excluding some Urban Archery and depredation hunts, and I am glad that I took this position. It does require a lot of paperwork and filing, but I have had the opportunity to meet many of the BCRS members through this position that I probably would never had met had it not been for me taking on this role. I have dealt with members getting their memberships up to date, landowners requesting the BCRS to control their deer population and have been hunting with members as well on various BCRS properties.

Hopefully this transition from Dennis to me has been somewhat seamless and we are still providing a quality service first to the property owners who have requested our services and second to our BCRS members that get an opportunity to provide a valuable resource to these property owners in the form of deer management. I

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It was 4:00am and the temperature a frigid 24 degrees - cold for a Southern boy like myself, but not something the locals give two thoughts about. It was the 2010 elk hunting season in Wyoming and as I saddled my horse by only the light on my head I was thinking the sleeping bag was much warmer and I could've used another cup of coffee to pull the sand from my eyes. I filled an antelope tag just two days earlier while hunting with my Uncle Glenn (*about an hour-and-a-half south of here*). I was now 12 miles back in the eastern mountains of Wyoming with my youngest uncle Curtis, cousin Wyatt and long-time family friend Jim-Bob Minor (*yes - his name really is Jim-Bob - remember, I'm from West Virginia*).



NCBA member Jerry Davis with a trophy bull from a trip to the West, but unless NC allows the elk population to grow, bowhunters in this state may never know what it's like to hunt one on the home turf.

Elk Hunting in North Carolina?

How the Reintroduction Effort of This Large Game Animal is Progressing.

by: Matt Jenkins

In addition to visiting with the branch of my family residing in Wyoming the last 25+ years, I was smack-dab in the middle of some of the best elk country anywhere - Area 7. Miles and miles of great elk habitat. And for a bow-hunter - this was heaven - even in October at 4:00am. By the time we made the ride to the top of the ridge-line, the Eastern horizon was just starting to turn that purple-orange color and the first bugles of bull elk were starting to break the night's silence. The hunt was on.

Flash forward and today the memory of that experience is still as clear and vivid as if it had happened yesterday. Elk hunting has become high-dollar hunting and something many hunters may never be lucky enough to experience. In fact, if I did not have family living in Wyoming, it would be something I would not be able to do as often.

Several years ago, when the Federal Government and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation brought their elk re-introduction campaign to the Eastern U.S. habitat of the Great Smoky National Forest (GSMNF) here in North Carolina, I thought quietly to myself.....

just maybe one day I will be able to experience elk hunting here at home. At the very least, maybe my kids - or grandkids for sure would be able to call in a bugling elk to within bow range. But while attending the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC) meetings - specifically the monthly Big Game Committee meeting a couple months ago- I realized that dream may never come to fruition for many North Carolina hunters.

There has been a storm brewing in the western part of the state regarding the elk, and I personally feel the NCWRC is taking a rather calloused position. The GSMNF is federal land, and as such they may do as they wish. The forest is large enough to support an effort to bring elk back into the Appalachian region. These Mountains were home to throngs of eastern elk and woodland bison, but both species vanished long ago due to over-hunting - and were extinct by the time the Civil War came around. The Red Wolf and the Gray Wolf were also exterminated as a result of their natural prey (elk/bison) being eliminated, and these predators sought out the farm animals of the settlers.

Herds of elk once roamed every state east of the Mississippi River - with the exception of Florida - moving down from the mountains and into the vast foothills/grasslands to graze. There are several states who have been hosts for the reintroduction effort: Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas. Kentucky's herd has had great success and numbers are estimated between 10-25,000 depending on which agency you talk to. In fact, Kentucky's thriving management program now includes the issuance of permits (*limited by draw*) - to hunt the impressive trophy. Elk meat for the record is healthy and delicious and contains natural anti-oxidants.

So the rub is this: The elk residing within the GSMNF are safe here in NC. But they are a grazing animal and have not been taught to read signs yet. The large animals wander outside of the federally protected boundaries and farmers in the Western part of North Carolina have been complaining loudly to the NCWRC - claiming damaged crops and destruction by the animals. One particular instance - a pumpkin farmer complained she was losing pumpkins.

Elk Hunting *continued.*

Another – a dairy farmer complained about elk “startling his cattle.”

During committee discussions which followed, commissioners essentially said they do not want the elk here in this state – did not ask for the elk to be here – and approved a blanket remedy. Provide wildlife resource officers the ability to issue depredation permits when adverse interaction occurs.

Now, I understand the purpose of a depredation permit – and they serve a purpose as a viable option for resolving “problem animals.” Deer, raccoon and other animals with exploding growth come into contact with human activities and are destroyed because they are a nuisance. Heck I’ve shot deer under depredation permits, so I can’t begin to complain about their use as a means to control populations.

But in my mind the elk population is different – they are not to a point to be

considered substantially established – and the blanket issuance of these permits every time a farmer complains about damage will most likely mean they never become established here in North Carolina.

For the last several years there have been animals illegally killed when they have wandered onto a farmer’s land. I spoke with a farmer – who would only discuss this issue under anonymity – who said he didn’t give a d*mn about the elk. He’s already shot a couple he felt were problems over the years and dragged them into the woods with his tractor to rot. He said, “the smell keeps the other’s away for a while.” When asked if he would take the time to contact the WRC for one of the new permits, he said he “wouldn’t give it much thought – don’t deal with politicians, much.”

There are other farmers I spoke with who see this as a potential money-making opportunity, offering hunters a chance to “pay for the privilege of shooting an elk” on their permit. The rules of a depredation permit state the

wildlife officer must come out to verify and recover the animal – which for a deer, coyote or other smaller animal isn’t much of a problem. But an elk? Are the officers prepared to handle an elk carcass? Or does this turn into just another opportunity for the “gentlemen hunter” to cause the extinction of elk a second time here in North Carolina? I know several commissioners in the WRC meeting discussing this issue all said, “they would go and pay a farmer \$2500 this afternoon to shoot an elk on his property.”

Sadly, not every hunter in the state has that means. And I’m pretty sure I was not the only one in the state dreaming of the day when they might harvest a 340+ bull only a short drive from home. If I was, then I guess it’s not really that big of a deal that the elk may not ever reach a hunt-able population. What happens to the elk population in this state remains to be seen, but I can honestly say that I am happy to have family established in Wyoming – where I have the good fortune to visit and enjoy the thrill of fair chase hunting a bugling bull.



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BIGBUCKSDOWN!

North Carolina Archers Drew Back in a Big Way in 2013.

Pictured Above: Tim Watkins stuck this massive 170 1/8" buck in Stokes County to lay claim to the state record.

by: Matt Jenkins

Bruiser. Old Man of the Woods. The Stud. The Hay Fork. The Hoss. I even heard someone use the name "Mufasa" (see the movie *Lion King*®) once. I personally like to borrow a word from Michael Waddell's dictionary – "Freaknasty." Whatever you call the beast you've hunted, seen on trail camera images and watched from your tree stand as he disappears like the grey ghost he is over the top of the hill at dusk – 2013 was the year some NCBA members made all the hard work pay off. Joey Thompson's cell phone may have been blowing up with images - but my inbox has been in overdrive. And I have to say, there were some impressive deer put into our memories – and the state record books – as the book closes on another season.

I have to confess, I am just a tad jealous because this was the first season in the last several that I was unable to harvest a deer. No meat in the freezer. No jerky for the long drives. Squat. Diddly. Bubkus. It looks like I am going to need an invite or

thirty to try your venison recipes before I can finish the next issue of Granny Tolbert's Kitchen. I can sadly say that it was in fact from a lack of trying. While all of you were climbing up and down trees all over the state, my big butt was parked in front of the computer cranking out the new NCBA magazine. I knew it was going to be a rough hunting season for me to get through as I was hunkered over the keyboard, because from the day the season opened arrows have been flying straight and true and hitting their mark. All those pictures have been flying around just as equally straight.

I had every intention of going out this season. I spent all the Spring and Summer scouting some areas hard. I even got into a new property lease with fellow NCBA member Gerald Spann. I was psyched about hunting this year. But like many of us, work got in the way. In all seriousness, I am really quite happy to be putting this magazine together for ya'll to (hopefully)

enjoy – and I do appreciate you sharing your experiences with me through the pictures. Keep 'em coming! The trophy room is over-flowing and I am sure you made the taxidermists very happy this past holiday season. Just a hint: this issue will have lots of really good deer pictures.

It is evident that all the deer management, scouting and game-planning is paying off for many you. While we may not have the biggest bodied deer here in the tarheel state, 2013 was a real good measuring stick for what a little sweat in the off-season can produce when the whistle blows to start flinging arrows. Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio, Texas and Maine are known for giant deer. Big bodies. Big racks. Big everything.

Not many people consider North Carolina a factory for large racked deer. Shhh-hhhh. Let's not tell too many folks about the harvest in 2013. Okay? Let's keep it our little secret that we had a new state record



THE REIGNING NC STATE RECORD

The ink had barely dried on Tim Watkin's record before John Tuttle snatched it away from him with this massive 1717/8" Rockingham County "Freaknasty."



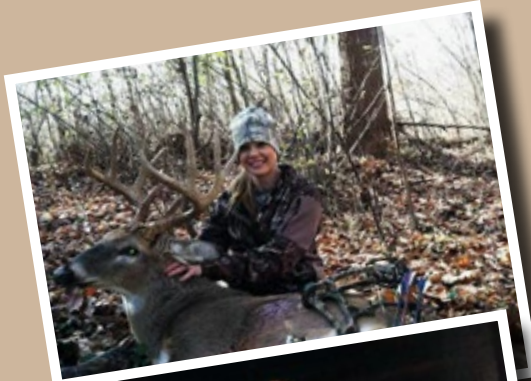
BIGBUCKSDOWN! continued



deer taken – and then another record just a few days later – topping the newly crowned trophy faster than a back-stabbing family member in the tv series Game of Thrones® (see HBO®). Just so I can verify the authenticity of all these great deer photos, I'd like for you to send me the GPS locations for where they were all harvested.



So here's more of you - proudly holding those trophies - adrenaline still probably racing through your bodies. For some of you, getting bit once just wasn't enough this year - you decided to shoot more than one. I bet ya'll went back for a third one, too - didn't ya? Deer hunting is addictive, ain't it? Even though I was not able to get out and breathe the fresh air of archery season - or get my hands dirty - or see the view from 25 feet up an oak tree - or watch mom cautiously lead the little ones out from the tree-line - or even complain at my wife for putting my hunting clothes in the washer for the umpteenth time - it was still a great deer season looking at all the successful hunts from everyone across the state.



If you ask me, the year 2013 should go down in the record books as a great year for hunting big deer.

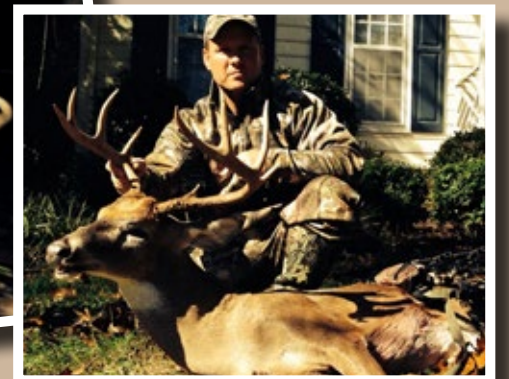
Congratulations to John Tuttle and Tim Watkins for etching your names into the history books! And congratulations to everyone on another great year to be out hunting.

Clockwise from top left:

- Chase Watson
- Steve Patterson (2)
- Richie Roberts
- Scott Kazmierczak (2)
- Jerry Davis
- Lynsey Koury (2)

Now, what were those GPS coordinates again? ■

Note: Scott harvested 4 bucks this year, all over the minimum 100 B&C points required to go into the NCBA ATR listing

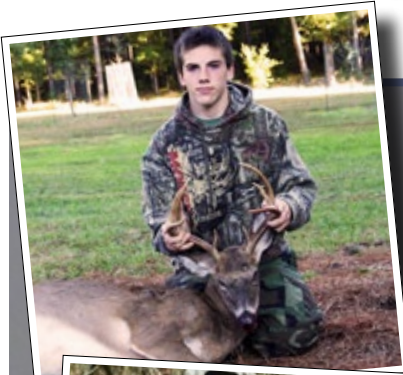


Okay NCBA young 'uns, this section is reserved for you to contribute. Send me stories, pictures and other fun stuff about your adventures into the sport of bowhunting

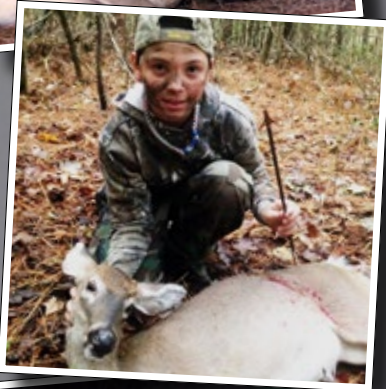
Like Father, Like Son

By Nathan Vanderford

Passing Down the Heritage



Sean O'Donnell with his 2013 buck!



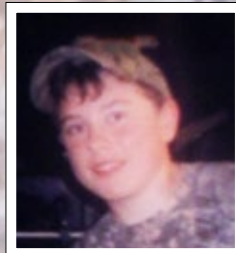
Shannon Davis Conley's 2013 Doe!



Bryan Nixon getting the little ones exposed to bow-hunting!



Leighann Toulson & Patrick Conley with a 2013 Doe



Author Nathan Vanderford

2013 was my first year of bow-hunting and I was excited to have the opportunity to hunt alone in the one-man stand Rick – a friend from our church – had given me. Dad had been teaching me the techniques of bow-hunting, and would be hunting in a nearby stand. On our first hunt – opening day of bow season – dad and I were busted by seven deer while coming into our stands. That really discouraged me. But I got my hopes back up for my second hunt on the following Monday evening – Sept 9, 2013.

There was a cold breeze blowing, and around dusk, I was thinking that this hunt was over because I hadn't seen anything yet. I was about to call my dad over the walkie-talkie to get ready to leave when I heard leaves rustling and twigs snapping over to my left. I looked over and saw two deer, almost identical in size – walking toward my stand.

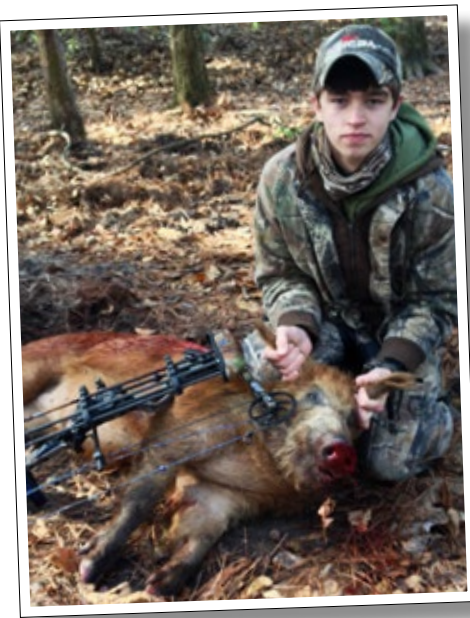
As I started to reach for my bow, they both stopped and looked up in my direction. I immediately froze, and the smaller one looked down and started walking again. The larger and smarter deer began to walk slowly with its head up, then finally looked down and began to eat.

Slowly I picked up my bow and stood up carefully, and braced my stance. Taking a breath I came to full draw, and aimed at the deer's vitals using my 25 yard pin. Another breath and I steadied the twitch in my arms – exhale and hold – bent my knee and released the arrow. From the sound of the impact, I felt it was a good shot. The deer jumped, turned 180 degrees and ran.

I radioed my dad, and as I got down out of the stand to meet him, he looked down and found my arrow, which had blood on it from a clean pass-through shot. He suggested we back out and give it a little time, so we went to a friend's house. After about 40 minutes, our friends Duke and Hunter returned with us to help us track the deer. We followed the blood trail no more than 54 yards when we found the 100 pound doe, shot clean through the heart. As we turned to celebrate with high-fives, my dad said, "You have just shot your first deer the same way I shot mine – with a bow. Only you did it at 12 years old!

Congratulations, son!"

I told him, "Thanks, Dad"



My First Hog Hunt

NCBA Banquet Premium Hunt at Moree's Preserve

by: Cole Miller

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I had not shot a pig before so, I had put my tickets in for a hog hunt with Moree's Sporting Preserve at the 2013 NCBA Banquet. With high hopes the night of the drawing that I might get to hunt something I do not usually get the chance to try – I was very excited when I won this hunt. That night, I also received the NCBA Best of the Best – and I used the money from that award to get myself a new bow this past April.

It took some time – and several hours of traveling – trying several different bows. I finally settled on the G5 Quest Rogue, a bow which feels good in the hand and has the adjustments needed to fine tune my shooting. We set the poundage to 60lbs and I was off to practice with my new purchase. I proceeded to wear it out . . . shooting 20-30 shots a day on average. I needed to prepare for the high school shooting team try-outs in addition to getting ready for the upcoming hunting season.

As we started to plan for the hunt, I felt like I needed to learn as much as I could about shooting a pig with the bow. We had a javelina bow target that I started practicing with

on a regular basis. Dad went over the need to miss the armored plate with me, and we setup the target at different angles to shoot at. We would discuss what vitals would be hit with my shots, and I started feeling comfortable with my arrow placements.

We checked with Mike Johnson, manager of Moree's early to see what broadheads to use – and any other pointers. He said there was a 90% recovery rate with a Rage broadhead but only a 45% recovery rate with other brands. Since I was already using the Rage broadhead for deer hunting at home – I was ready to go.

Dad was able to take time off work over the Christmas break, and we planned the trip to Moree's Hunting Preserve for the holiday break. We got up and ate breakfast the morning of the hunt at a place near Moree's. After getting dressed and packing for the hunt, we met our guide at 7:30am so he could drive us to our hunting spot and put out corn for me. As we were driving through the woods, I saw pigs of all sizes running everywhere. We arrived at the stand, and he gave us his number to call for pick-up if we shot a pig.

Not long after we were in our stands two big pigs came in – but they saw me stand up and walked off so I never got a shot. I didn't give up though as we were constantly seeing groups of pigs come through. I thought the pigs were never gonna find the corn, because the wind was blowing the wrong way for them to smell it.

About 9:30am they found it and fed their way into bow range. I had my eyes on the one I wanted to shoot out of two pigs that came in first. Both had their heads behind a tree, so I drew back so they wouldn't see me. After holding for 30 seconds the big pig

finally gave me a shot quartering away – exactly how I wanted it. I let my arrow fly. I saw the arrow hit where I wanted, I was relieved of my fears and realized I had shot my first pig.

I saw the pig fall after running only 40 yards, and I was filled with joy and a great memory. After giving my dad the thumbs up, he called our guide to let him know we had a pig down. The first thing the guide said, "That was the shortest I've ever seen a pig run that was shot with a bow". Dad was in tree behind me and he filmed the experience which I have enjoyed re-watching several times.

After getting back home, we spent the next few days working on the pork. We made sausage – roasts – we made sure to save a ham to cook up BBQ. A special treat is fried tenderloin and biscuits.

I hope to go on another hog hunt very soon, and I would recommend Moree's to anyone looking for a quality hunt.



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Why did you join?



I went on my first deer hunt of the 2013 season on Monday, Sept. 23rd, thanks to two NCBA members and friends, Tommy Thompson & John Haithcox. They took me to Caswell County and set up a ground blind with the bow rig Tommy made up for me. The day was a success, even though I didn't shoot anything. I did shoot at the same young doe twice, but shot over her back. We've figured out what was wrong. The sights got knocked out of alignment, so we'll try again soon and see how it goes... Thanks again to Tommy and John for getting me out of my "DEN" and in a deer blind.. Next time I go, I hope to be sending a pic of me and a dead deer...

Ramon Bell



I read Ramon's story and immediately asked myself - do I have hunting companions as dedicated as Tommy & John? Will they keep me hunting when I have more years on this tiring frame? Will they make sure I have a stand or blind that is accessible for me? I joined this organization to meet like-minded hunters, make friends and find hunting companions - but truthfully - I did not do a very good job being an "active" member. In Spring 2013 I decided to do better at being involved. In fact, not just involved but making a difference. I urge each of you to take your love of bow-hunting and make a difference. Share your skills, your knowledge - whatever your talents - we need more active members - to truly make a difference.

Matt Jenkins

rabbit hunts. This year we added a saltwater bow-fishing bash where we had several boats in pursuit of saltwater fish that included stingrays. We hosted a meal afterward where we ate what we shot. Cubed stingray, breaded with House-Autry, fried in peanut oil plus homemade slaw and hush-puppies - you can hurt yourself! But overall, the most compelling reason I became an NCBA member and why it continues to be so important to me is the NCBA hunters themselves. NCBA members are a great group of people, and there is a lot of camaraderie among the hunters. We stand almost alone in the sporting industry because of the way we hunt. Deer hunting with a bow is usually done as an individual. It requires lots of patience, a blending profile, the requirement for the game to be close, the careful need to get into position to shoot, and ultimately the success of the hunt. It is something to be proud of when one overcomes the senses of a wary game in their own environment. We also hunt in groups such as rabbit and swan hunts. But whether we are hunting alone or in a group hunt, we are bound together by our love of the sport. I am a member of an organization that enjoys the same activities.

Andy Smith, NCBA President

The reason I initially joined the NCBA is simple. My dad, Ruffy, was active in the NCBA/BCRS and wanted me to join. So I said ... "OK!". I didn't really know much about it at the time, and since then I've learned more about what the NCBA does as an organization and have come to appreciate what they do for our sport. The NCBA helps support our rights as bow-hunters.

We should all hope to have hunting companions as dedicated as Tommy Thompson in our lives. Inset: Ramon Bell with one of his two 2013 deer.

They promote family and fellowship, give access to hunting land through the BCRS program, and help members stay connected with what's going on with the wildlife in our state through the NCWRC. I've grown as a hunter and conservationist tremendously, with the help of the NCBA, and my father. I hope to, one day, pass on the tradition to my kids! Thanks!

Steven Patterson



I starting to think about why I chose to become an NCBA member - and why it has become such a big part of my life.

The first reason is because I wanted to make a difference: Over time I have seen the NCBA continue to monitor the new NCWRC regulations and provide input into their process. When the NCBA saw the need, we hired a lobbyist to lobby for the rights of bow-hunters. The NCBA is the only organization in North Carolina to specifically support bow-hunters' rights!

Secondly, I wanted to participate and join in hunting activities. The NCBA holds several events each year for its members. The Butner hunt, bow-fishing tournament, annual picnic, and the NCBA banquet to name a few. Other events that NCBA members are invited to are the swan and



The reason I joined the NCBA and took up bow-hunting at all was based on two things. First, I read an article Randy Mabe wrote about becoming the first person to take the North Carolina Master Bowhunter and his pursuit.

As I continued to look into bow-hunting I came across several articles from Ramon Bell and learned of both of their involvement with the NCBA. I had never been in an association such as this before. I liked what the NCBA was fighting for as well as their conservation efforts with record keeping, hunter recognition, and enforcement/biologists recognition. That is why I joined and later became a life member.

Bill Howard

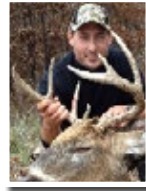
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I decided that after many year I decided to get a deer while hunting. 18 years ago I went deer hunting for the first time but it was not until this year I got my first one. I knew that I was clueless and needed help and found the NCBA site and knew they could help me. And they did, several members assisted me with equipment guidance, form and shooting help, and finally a mentor/guide who got me on my first successful hunt when I managed to get not one but two does. That is why I joined.



Hello Matt – I am a proud member of the NCBA because I love to bow-hunt. I also like the fellowship of the members at the BCRS hunts and at the Dixie Deer Classic and the banquet. I also want to help preserve the future of bow-hunting for myself and my son's generation

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Thanks to all who shared their story!

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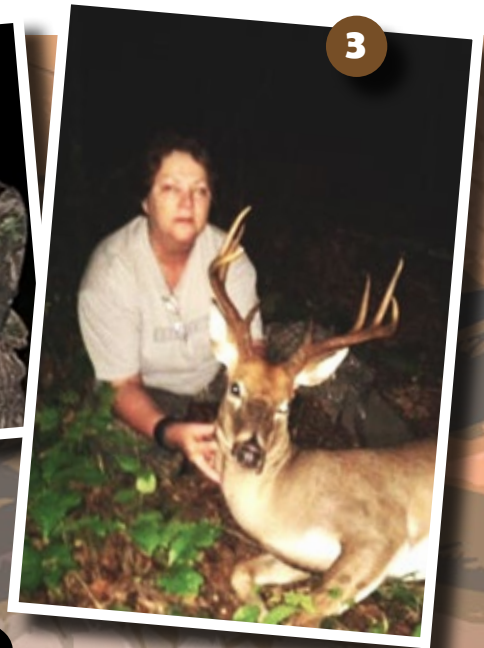
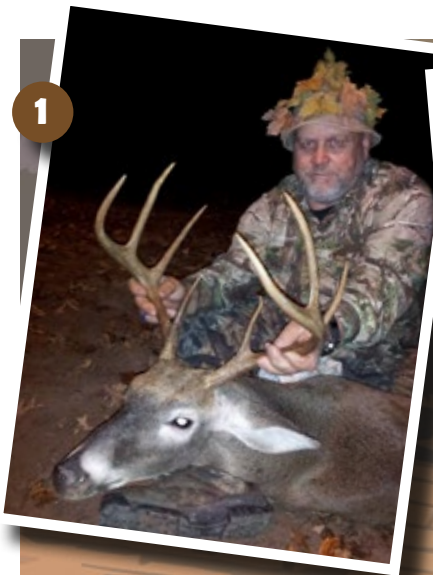
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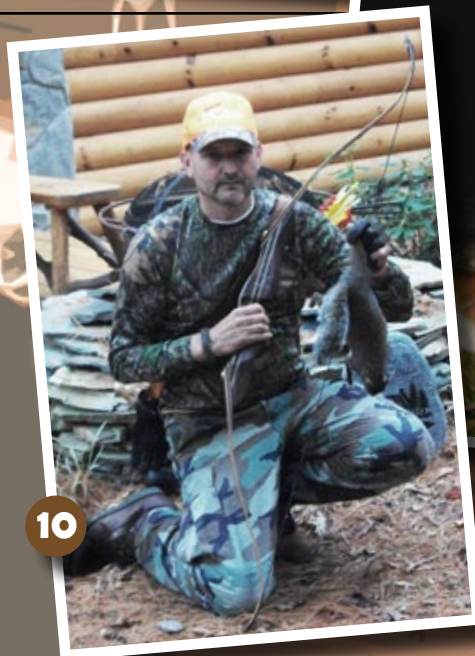
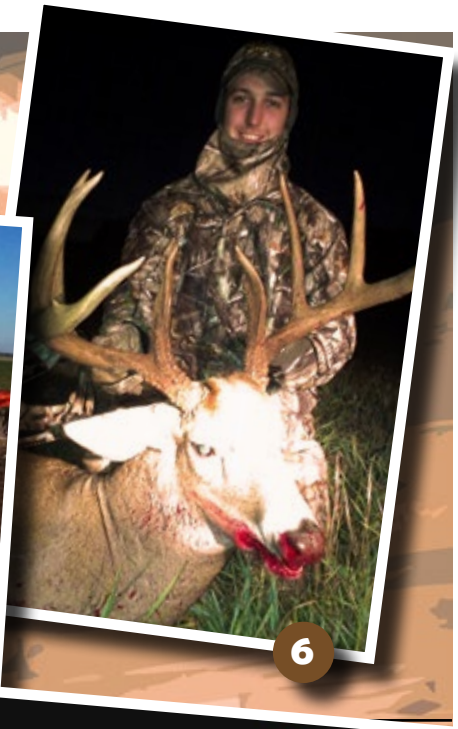
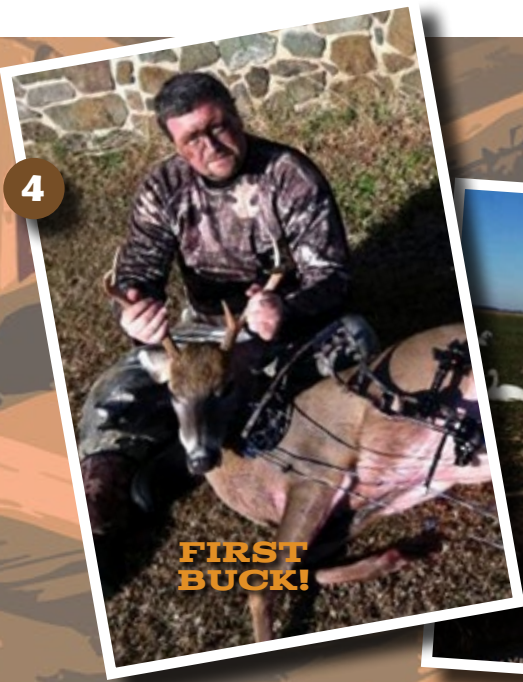
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Note: John Goad's Fox Squirrel was the first entered into ATR Records (State Record)





Dersu the Trapper

by V.K. Arseniev

Reviewed by Steve Graf

If you liked Jeremiah Johnson, you are going to love Dersu the Trapper. And better yet, it is a true story. It is the story of high adventure, wild places, living by your wits, and true friendship. It is set in the turn of the last century, a time when man could still only depend on himself, his friends, and his horse.

V.K. Arseniev was a surveyor for the Russian military who undertook twelve major scientific expeditions between 1902 and 1930 into the Siberian Far East. He authored some sixty works from all of the geographical, geological, botanical, and ethnographic data he gathered. During the time he spent with Dersu, he was tasked with mapping out the south eastern part of Russia – where it meets up with Mongolia and Manchuria – just on the northern end of the Sea of Japan.

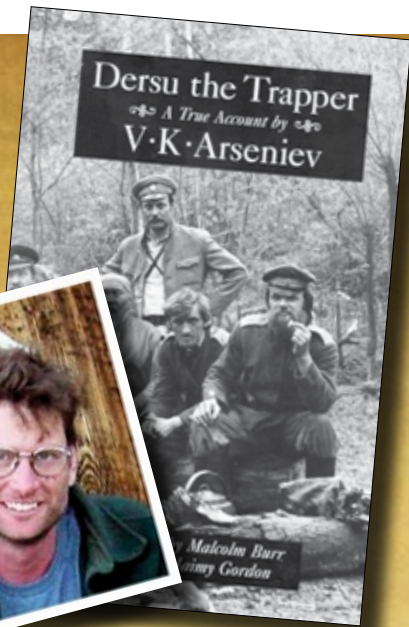
It is during the beginning of his first surveying trip, one cold night around the campfire, that he meets up with Dersu. Dersu was, in the words of Arseniev: “not very tall, but broad and thick-set, and was evidently a man of great physical strength. His weather beaten face was typical of the local tribesman, with high cheek bones, small nose, slanting eyes... But most remarkable of all were his eyes... through them there looked out upon the world directness of character, good nature, and decision.” They end up talking the entire night away. In that first night, Arseniev learns Dersu’s entire life story, but that is only the beginning of what he learns from Dersu.

Dersu spent his entire life in the Taiga. The Taiga being the band of coniferous forest that circles the globe in the far north. Those of us who live to bow-hunt, know this area for its abundant game and fish. While Dersu is not a bow-hunter, he spent his life living free in the Taiga and he ate only that which he could kill or catch.

As I followed Arseniev and Dersu on their adventures, I was repeatedly surprised by Dersu’s ability to deduce what had occurred just by looking at the ground. Not simply, “a deer ran this way” but the whole life story of the deer. And as I followed Arseniev and Dersu on their adventures, it was a pleasure to watch their friendship grow as they shared almost seven years of nearly continuous deep wilderness living.

Another interesting aspect to the character of Dersu is his deep understanding of what we call ecology. He understood that all life energy comes from the sun, and that all life is interconnected by what, again, we call webs of life, and that we all will eventually return to the soil. Yet still he was just a person full of conflict and inconsistencies – made hilarious by such things as his hatred of wasps – the lengths he would go to kill them – and made human by the tragedies of his life which he overcame, like the death of his entire family from small pox.

This is a great book to read while sitting next to the fire. If you have kids, I would encourage you to stoke the fire, get your kids up nice and cozy next to you and read this book to them. It is a story full of wonderment, nature, and friendship that takes place in a part of the world few of us will be lucky enough to explore. While I am sure the land has been much changed since Arseniev and Dersu walked it, the book will make you feel like you are really there. It is a great adventure to take alone, or to share with kids if you are lucky enough to have them. After reading it, you may stop the next time you are out walking your neck-of-the-woods, breath the crisp air, and see things just a little differently. ■



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Public Hearings and Comments on Proposed Changes to Hunting, Trapping, Game lands, and Fishing Rules for 2014-15

The Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) has proposed over forty changes to hunting, trapping, gamelands, and fishing rules for 2014-15 and has scheduled public hearings to review these changes and to receive public comments on these proposals. Please check the NCWRC web-site for times and locations near you and support your hunting rights. NC Camo Coalition is a project of the NC Wildlife Federation.

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¼ tsp. ground ginger
½ tsp. onion powder
1½ tsp. instant coffee
½ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
½ tsp. paprika (sweet smoked)

Dressing

½ cup light ranch dressing
1 tbsp. mayonnaise
¼ tsp. dill weed
snipped fresh parsley if available
1½ tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. Dijon mustard.

Mix together all the dry ingredients. Score the venison in a diamond pattern, then rub the dry mix into both sides of the meat. Place the venison in a stainless steel or other oven-proof skillet and brown on each side. Meanwhile have the oven heated to 475 degrees and once the venison is browned, put the skillet in the oven for about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and let rest for several minutes before cutting. Check temperature for desired doneness, an internal temperature of about 140 is medium. Slice into thin strips. Serve with a dressing made from light ranch dressing, stirred together with dill weed, snipped fresh parsley if available, fresh lemon juice and Dijon mustard.

Venison Cabbage Rolls

1 lb ground venison
1 chopped onion
Garlic (to taste)
¼ - ½ tsp nutmeg
Salt and Pepper (to taste)
2 cups tomato sauce
Cooked brown or white rice
Cabbage leaves
Grated cheese
Parsley

Prior to cooking the meat and sauce, boil cabbage leaves for 2-3 minutes. Cook venison until brown; mix in onions, nutmeg, salt, pepper, and garlic to taste. Cook on stove until onions are cooked (softened). Mix in rice and 1 cup of tomato sauce. Create rolls by adding the meat and sauce into boiled cabbage leaves. Return rolls to pan, pouring the rest of the tomato sauce on top. Allow rolls to simmer for 20 minutes. Serve, garnishing with optional parsley and grated cheese.



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Venison Crostini

1 loaf of French bread, sliced
Small venison loin or tenderloin
1 Tbsp. olive oil
2 Tbsp. cracked black pepper
2 Tbsp. ginger powder
2 Tbsp. garlic powder
1 Tbsp. thyme powder
Roasted red or Poblano pepper (available in jars or cans)
Roasted red onion, sliced - optional
Boursin cheese (or your favorite sweet cheese spread)
1/8 cup melted butter
Salt
Balsamic vinegar reduction

Pre-heat the oven broiler to high or highest heat. Move the top rack as close as you safely can to cook loin.

Use some of the olive oil to rub over the venison. Mix together the cracked black pepper, ginger, garlic and thyme and rub onto venison to taste. Place venison on a baking sheet and cook/broil for 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, brush with butter and sprinkle salt on exposed side then flip loin and repeat process on the other side. Return to the broiler and cook until venison is just done. Remove from oven and let the venison rest before slicing into thin pieces.

Blue Cheese Venison Loaf

1½ lb. ground venison
1 egg
¼ to ½ cup blue cheese; crumbled
¼ cup onion, chopped
¼ cup milk
½ tsp. mustard, dry
¼ tsp. sage
¼ to ½ cup steak sauce
½ cup dry bread crumbs
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
1 Tbls. Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
Potatoes; Instant Mashed
Bacon; Crisp & Crumbled

Heat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix half of the cheese and all the ingredients together. Spread the venison mixture into an ungreased loaf pan, 9 X 5 X 3-inches or shape into a loaf in an ungreased baking pan. Bake, uncovered, for 1 to 1¼ hours or until done. Drain off the excess fat.

Prepare the potatoes as directed on the package except -- stir in the remaining cheese. Spread the potatoes on the sides and top of the meat loaf. Sprinkle with the crumbled bacon and bake for an additional 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are lightly browned. Serve hot.

Venison Black Bean Chili

2 pounds venison roast, cut up
1 packet chili seasonings
2 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. cumin
1 large onion, chopped
2- 15 oz cans black beans, drained
2- 14½ oz cans chili-style chopped tomatoes with juice
1 6 oz can tomato paste
1 16 oz refried beans with green chili
Salt and pepper, to taste
Sour cream
1 bunch green onions, sliced
1 cup shredded Colby jack cheese

Cut the venison into 1-inch cubes. Turn the crock pot on low and place venison, chili seasoning, chili powder, garlic powder, and cumin. Add in chopped onion, beans, and 2 cans of chopped tomatoes. Cover and cook for 8-10 hours.

Uncover and stir in tomato paste, refried beans and the salt and pepper. Serve at once, garnish with sour cream, green onions and cheese.



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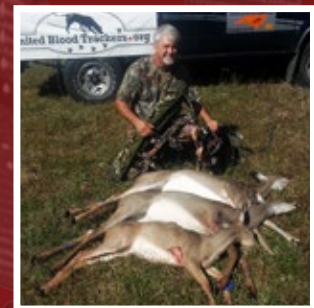
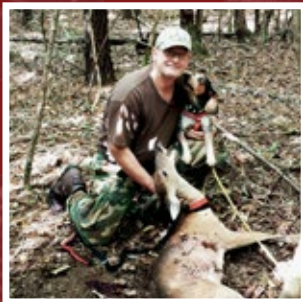
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Upper:
Ruffy Patterson with a BCRS doe

Lower:
John Thompson of Kannapolis,
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The North Carolina Bow Hunters Association – Blood Tracking Program and the BCRS (*Bow Hunters Certified Referral Service*) working together in 2013.

The BCRS is more than just a hunting program. It is also used by top hunters and blood tracking teams – for real field work – to help in the training of the blood tracking dogs and handlers. The BCRS are supporters of leashed blood tracking dogs. On-site training involving natural blood lines is the best training for a blood tracking dog and handler. This training is vital for the blood tracking team’s ability to recover deer that otherwise would have been lost. John Thompson (In picture to the left) a Golden Arrow award winning hunter that participates in the BCRS, has aided in the training of blood tracking teams tremendously over the years.

The North Carolina Bow Hunters Association participates in deer management programs. These programs focus on controlling whitetail populations in areas where over population can or has exceeded the number of deer that can be supported by their natural environment. These programs are focused on reducing the deer population back to a healthy level for not only the environment but also the health of the whitetails. Ruffy Paterson (In picture on right) is a veteran hunter with the NCBA. He has been an irreplaceable member of the North Carolina Bow Hunters Association BCRS programs as well as an avid supporter of the blood tracking program.

The NCBA’s annual Butner hunt, is a week-long Hunt held on game lands in Butner. This is a great chance to meet fellow hunters and enjoy the outdoors. On the last night of the hunt (Picture on left) a deer was recovered by a blood tracking program team. This deer was recovered less than 70 yards from the hit site. Thick underbrush made tracking by eye, a job that would need to wait till daylight. These hunters knew all too well that leaving the deer till morning would be ill advised as coyotes have a strong presence in the area. The NCBA’s Butner hunt is a great opportunity for hunters and blood tracking teams to interact and help one another.

Kirk



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DIY HUNTING

IOWA 8-POINT

One North Carolina Bow-hunter's Quest for Iowa Public Land Trophy Hunt Success

by: Mike Wood

He was coming from the east with a purposeful gait, and definitely had business to attend to somewhere off to the west. He slowed somewhat to negotiate the gully between us and ignored my first series of grunts. Any chance of picking up my scent is well behind him and all I see is antlers as he passes to my south. A couple of grunts and he stops. A couple more – and he turns my way.

The area I am hunting is nine hundred miles from home – and anyone with an Iowa Archery Tag is welcome to hunt here. I first walked through these woods seven years ago. My archery tag had a hole in it from the day before – when I bagged a great buck on a farm owned by my good friend John Vargo. In the three short years John has owned this farm, he transformed it into a whitetail heaven. Low pressure archery only, always watching the wind, great stand placement and allowing bucks to mature are some of John's ingredients to a great recipe. My first taste of his deer management skills came quick on that first morning hunt.

I went to Iowa a second time with many goals in mind. My first goal was to visit a good friend. Second goal was to hunt public ground. With Iowa being a "draw" state, I had three years to prepare and plan my hunt. Iowa DNR provides the public with unlimited resources. Topo and satellite images with boundary lines drawn are available on-line. These blocks of public ground are extensive with thousands of acres to scout from above. With so much land and so many options I narrowed my search to three sep-



arate Wildlife Management Areas. With the wind as my guide I crossed several thousand acres of land in three days. Incredible buck sign in most places I had circled on my maps to check. Again, I tag a great buck on John's farm and spend several more days scouting public ground. I really like Iowa. I cover more land and discover more great buck sign. Of the dozen or more areas I scouted I only encountered one bow-hunter in the woods.

This story begins with me calling in "just an eight point". This is my third trip to Iowa. However, my priorities have changed. My first goal is to bag a Pope and Young buck on Public Ground. My second goal is visit good friend John Vargo. I have had four years to prepare for the trek this season. I study topo, satellite, and lidar relief maps. I am looking for obvious funnels. I plan to ship out tree stands, fly out and rent car and cabin. Keosauqua, Iowa will be my home for ten days.

I have a notebook full of laminated maps in alphabetical order and a prioritized list of must look at areas. I plan to scout for the first three days. I have to "ground proof" the aerial maps I have studied for years. Most of the new ground I scout looks good and I have fall back areas I have scouted in years past. These areas look good as well. It is time to hang a stand and hunt!!

My first set is a thicket surrounded with Ag and a west wind in my face. I do an eve and morn hunt in this area. The following day I hunt a wooded draw that leads to a cut corn field. Both sides of the draw are CRP. The wind is out of the SW blowing up the draw toward the cut corn field. Late that eve a great buck crosses the draw and melts into the CRP. Wow, close but no cigar!!

Back to the west on day three hunting. I am in open oaks with clover out front. My rattling session brings in the smallest buck in Iowa, oh well. I really like these woods, the sign is scattered at best and there are no acorns on the ground. But I like big open oaks and this wood block is over five hundred acres and surrounded by Ag. From my climber I can see three huge scrapes and several rubs. I can also see my rental car only one hundred yards to the east. This is it, these are my woods and I am sticking with them. My west wind starts to get a little too much south in it, so I climb down and scout a little deeper into the woods.

I pick up the track of a big deer at one of the scrapes and follow it to another scrape and another. I hike back out to the car by way of my climber and trade it for my lock on with strap on ladder. I hike back in and place a set for a north or west wind. Day four hunting I am back south and east below Farm-

IOWA 8-POINT

continued

ington, Iowa in an area I named "Walnut Bottom". Only small bucks walk by.

Day five hunting and I am walking into a NW wind and looking up at the most stars in any sky. My stand is only a few hundreds yards off a large clover field. My headlamp illuminates the bright eye tacks I installed two days prior. Great morning, great weather, great place and perfect timing; Pre- rut!!

Only an eight point, only an eight point, I think as the buck closes the distance. This buck was another stunning beauty! One of Gods great creatures coming in for a visit. Huge mature body, bloody lip, bloody nose, ears all mashed and no fur on his neck. An absolute beauty, a seven year quest under my stand, looking for another fight. This fight was quick. He had no idea what hit him and he passed on to the Great Spirit in just a few seconds.

No man is an island, and my do it yourself hunt on public ground was no exception. With out the help of countless people and circumstances this hunt would never happen. Special thanks to John Vargo and a local farmer for helping me retrieve my buck. And yes, I remember the understatement of the day, as John declares "Mike, this is not one of our big bucks". Oh well, just an eight point, just an eight point. ■

Below: The author and his beautiful European-style mount.



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HUNTING TRADITIONAL

Today, bow-hunting has become high-tech. The mission of the NCBA is to pass on the heritage of archery through the generations. So if you're looking for a different challenge – or just looking to experience the roots of archery – put your skills to the test by shooting a recurve or long bow next season. There are many traditional archers around the state who would love to share their time, knowledge and skills to make your experience one to remember. Who knows, you might find the challenge of taking that big buck without all the high-tech gear right up you alley. Below, traditional archer Lee Hinton share a story from the 2013 deer season.

By Lee Hinton

I first met Todd Herndon at a 3D shoot at Stick and Wheel Archery Club. Todd was trying something new. He was shooting a recurve bow for the first time left-handed, and he is left eye dominant. Harry Angel and I were the only other traditional archers there so we naturally gravitated toward each other. While shooting, Todd expressed an interest in shooting a good buck with his re-curve. Like a good hunter, I quizzed him about land he had access to for turkey hunting. A deal was struck – he would take me turkey hunting if I would take him deer hunting.

Well my turkey adventure was short because I got one the first 30 minutes of the first hunt and that limited me out. It was my turn now to take up the challenge of helping Todd harvest a decent buck. I asked him what “decent” was and we agreed that an animal somewhere around 100 inches would be good.

So fast forward to September. I was checking one of the properties I have permission to hunt and saw a 110 inch (gross score) 8 pt. and named him Todd's Buck. I called Todd to tell him and we made plans to go the first Sunday evening of the season. During that first evening of hunting we saw several bucks while set-up in an area of red oaks dropping acorns – but none were quite to the 100 inch mark we'd agreed upon.

Our next outing the 110” buck came out of the cut over in front of me. As he was walking through some thick under-growth I saw stuff coming off his rack. I thought he was a different buck but when he stepped out where I could get a shot I realized it was velvet hanging. This was Todd's buck so I went back to just watching. The buck turned and followed a 6 point that came

out in front of him toward Todd's stand. I watched through binos as the deer went just out of shooting range of the recurve. We were both excited and decided to come back the following Sunday afternoon.

This next hunt the buck didn't show – but several smaller ones did. Even though nothing was shot, we still had a great hunt. We skipped a week due to schedule conflicts, so the next time we hunted the weather was cooler and misting rain. We were into the stands around 4:00 p.m. and I saw a spike buck cruising 5 minutes after getting settled.

Dusk was settling and around 6:00 p.m. I received a text on my phone that Todd had shot the big one. Needless to say we were both excited. Through texts we decided it would be best for us to wait until 7:00 since he didn't see him fall and wasn't 100% sure of the shot location.

At 6:45 I couldn't take it any longer so I got down and went to Todd's stand and he directed me to the shot location while he was still in his stand

I immediately found the front half of his arrow which was good. The blood trail was immediate and good. I followed this to the spot where Todd last saw the buck and found the back half of the arrow as Todd joined me. From that point the blood trail was so good even a blind man could follow it – and it was leading us straight toward a cut over on the land.

It was now dark and we had tracked this buck to the creek – and lost the blood trail. A sick feeling hit the pit of my stomach, until Todd looked over in the creek and there was his buck. He had traveled about 175 yards. Todd told me his shot was not perfect, but had either hit the buck in the top of the shoulder or through the neck.



A member of Big Buck Archery Club, Todd proudly shows off his first recurve buck.

Through the neck was right. The Simmons Tiger Shark left 3 inch wounds at it entered and exited.

His buck was a nice, tall-beamed eight pointer that will probably score around 105” and weigh in about 150 lbs. Todd has come a long way this year shooting traditional style archery. He has learned a great deal – and is becoming proficient – and harvesting a nice buck with his traditional bow is a great accomplishment.

The kicker to this story – Todd said that this buck was not the big one he had seen earlier. He watched a bigger buck for at least 15 minutes before watching him walk off – prior to arrowing his. Since then Todd has shot 2 more does and his skills are improving. Little did I know when we met what kind of hunting adventures we would have together this year – or that I would have a new friend by season's end.

One thing I have learned since I started hunting with traditional equipment – how to put the fun back into my hunting. Killing the biggest in the woods is nice but sharing it with a friend or family member can be just as (oftentimes more) rewarding. Take a friend, family member, or kid and you will put some fun back into bow-hunting. ■

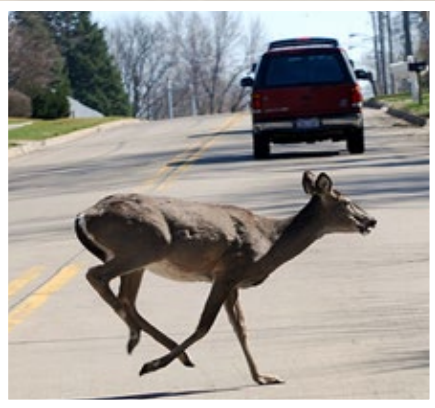
Author Lee Hinton is a member of Guilford Bow-hunters, as well as the Vice President of Sissapahaw Traditional Archers. They are striving to get more people interested in the sport of Traditional archery. If you would like to join – or need help – feel free to contact him and he will be glad to help or refer you to someone near you who can.

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THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD

DURHAM BECOMES THE STATE'S LARGEST CITY TO APPROVE A URBAN ARCHERY SEASON

by: Ramon Bell



Deer photo used courtesy of Town of Yadkinville

Durham City Council's vote to approve an urban archery season as part of their management strategy falls in line with recommendations from the NC Wildlife Resource Commission biologists and staff. They are not the first governing body to initiate this special season here in North Carolina - just the largest. And with it goes the real possibility that bow-hunters across the state may have similar opportunities in their own back yards (if they don't live in an area which has already adopted one).

In reality these deer management plans are not new to tarheels - over forty municipalities in N.C. have adopted an Urban Deer Archery Program, including liberal-centric Chapel Hill. Other groups have looked into initiating them in Raleigh, Charlotte and Winston-Salem. Perhaps it is time for someone in Greensboro to do so too?

Anyone interested in heading up a movement to do this in any municipality may contact me, Ramon Bell. I have worked with many towns (and cities) in N.C. to help get these programs started and approved. City council members and residents need to become informed about how these programs function as a low impact, viable option for controlling out-of-hand deer populations - and take action now before they cause more property damage and potential injury to humans.

And if there are still some residents who don't feel that bow-hunters are an effective option to this problem, I'd like to share a story from our nation's capital of Washington, D.C. I saw this (*see article below on deer culling in Washington, DC*) on the national news last night. Every city in the USA

should take notice as this could be done using bow-hunters instead of firearms "Sharpshooters" - offering a much safer means of control, and cause NO danger or inconvenience to residents.

The NCBA has active programs currently to assist towns, residential communities and individual landowners throughout the state for managing and controlling deer and other problem wildlife. They also have a program to help interested individuals learn to shoot and safely hunt with the bow and arrow.

SHARPSHOOTERS TO RENEW DEER CULL IN HEART OF WASHINGTON D.C.

January 2, 2014 12:47 PM

Washington, DC (*Reuters*) - Sharpshooters will renew culling the white-tailed deer population, growing fast in the heart of the U.S. capital, as early as Thursday night, the National Park Service said. The nighttime hunts by Department of Agriculture shooters in Washington's Rock Creek Park will continue until March 31, or until 106 deer have been killed, said Nick Bartolomeo, the park's chief of resources management.

The general public should remain out of harm's way because joggers and cyclists are generally barred from the park after dark, according to the park service. The sharpshooters will deploy on unspecified nights as early as Thursday, when the 12-mile-long (19-km-long) park is normally closed. Park roads will also be temporarily closed as a safety precaution.

The three-year program is aimed at reducing the deer population to 15 to 20 per square mile (six to eight per square km) from 77 per square mile (31 per square km), Bartolomeo said during a conference call with reporters. The first cull took place in March 2013, when 20 deer were killed in one night, he said.

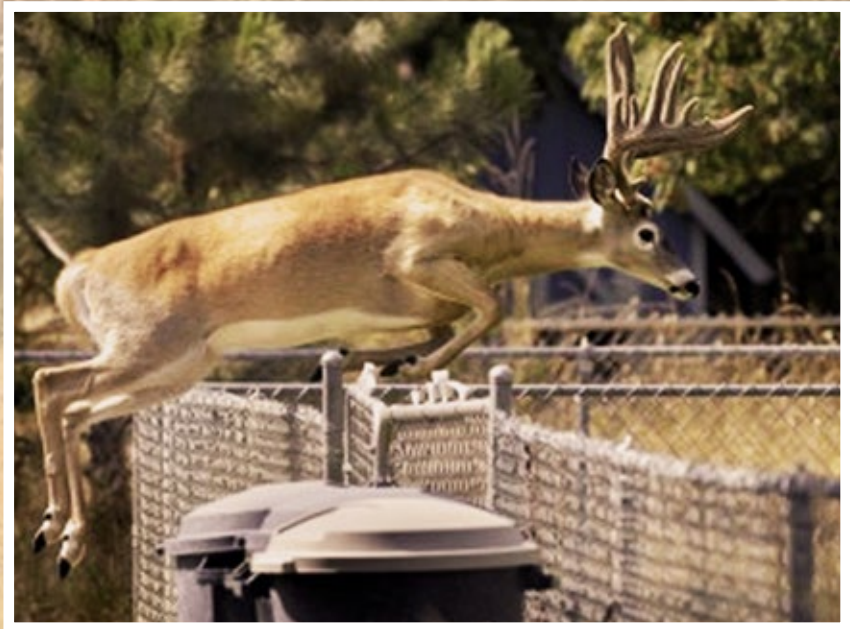
The number of deer has soared in the last 20 years, with the animals eating nearly all the park's tree seedlings and preventing the forest from growing, according to a statement from the Park Service.

"There are no historic records of a white-tailed deer population in Rock Creek Park before 1960," said Park Superintendent Tara Morrison.

The deer meat will be donated to food banks and organizations for the homeless.

The number of U.S. white-tailed deer has exploded from a few hundred thousand in the 1930s to an estimated 30 million presently. The growth has been blamed on a lack of predators and growth of deer-friendly residential areas outside cities.

(Reporting by Lacey Johnson; Editing by Ian Simpson and Gunna Dickson)



Deer photo used courtesy of Town of Yadkinville

WILL DURHAM'S DECISION BECOME THE KEY TO UNLOCKING SIMILAR DEER MANAGEMENT PLANS IN MAJOR CITIES ACROSS ALL OF NORTH CAROLINA?

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FOOD PLOT

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2013 Deer Season is in the Record Books. Now it's time to start preparing your land to make 2014 a better year.

by: Matt Jenkins

Spring and summer are crucial times for white-tailed deer – high protein is needed for antler growth for bucks, and reproduction of fawns. Planting food plots in late winter or early spring plays a critical role in providing the nutrition they need to thrive, to and ensure you have healthy deer at your stand come Fall.

Many people plant food plots in Summer to have browse for the deer when and where they hunt. Others use broadcast spreaders throughout Spring and Summer - increasing the quantity in the weeks leading up to the fall hunting season to attract and hold deer to their property. And with the large number of brands of acorn-flavored this, and sugar beet-flavored that – they have created a huge market of hunters looking for an easy way to attract deer to their set-up.

I understand this craze. Hunting-land is at a premium these days, and not everyone has access to a piece of property where they can have time to develop the habitat over a few years and reap the rewards of quality deer herd management. This is where being a member of the NCBA pays dividends - as it did for me this year. No (like I said in an earlier article), I did not get a chance to harvest a deer – but I did

strike up a friendship/partnership with a fellow member on a tract of land which I know holds deer, and after a couple of good seasons of hard work, it is going to start paying off.

My love of playing in the dirt started when I was a youngster. My family was working with the (West Virginia) agriculture and wildlife professionals back in the 1940's – well before the swell-storm of today – to ensure a healthy game population for generations to come on our family land. Maintaining the property is something my whole family shared in. I took a bigger interest when I had a 2-year college internship at the Scotts research and development facility in Marysville, Ohio – and came away with the knowledge to make plants thrive and provide year-round nourishment for game.

With everyone as busy as they are these days, it's hard (for some) to get into the mindset of year round deer management. When deer season ends, many folks hang the coveralls up in the corner of the garage and put away all the gear until the Summer when we start to think about the approaching hunting season again. Planting in the late summer/fall assists in meeting the animals' need for nutrition as native

browse species (perennials) start to go dormant. Supplementing this natural foliage with plots goes along way to managing hunting success and deer populations. If done right, it also carries them through the winter months.

Here is where one issue I have with the commercial attractants starts. Many people often only throw them out a few short weeks before deer season starts – the high protein stuff that produces bigger racks stuff, wink, wink. News flash: not only are these little bags expensive, but by the time some of these high protein, processed powders get sprinkled out in the Fall the deer antlers are as big as they're going to get. You would get more noticeable antler growth by putting a trough of that stuff out in April than in August. They are good aroma attractants to have around your tree-stand – that's all. Planting during the spring is vitally important for the development of antlers, having a healthier body weight and producing healthy fawns.

So if you have a piece of land – and you want to start reaping the benefits of healthy deer – by the time you pull open the cover on this magazine it will be time to start planning your dates and routine for your first food plot(s) of the year. Late February - early March here in the Eastern part of the state.... Mid March in the Central.... and late March for the Western North Carolina bowhunters.

People who don't have access to farm equipment can plant food plots on a field or area where grass is not very thick, where timber has been harvested or on fallow ground. A process called frost planting can be used now and is best done in February. Seeds must come in contact with exposed mineral soil so they will germinate. Crops can include red clover, birdsfoot treefoil, arrowleaf clover and winter hardy forages.

Before planting, test soil quality for acidity by collecting soil samples. Planting food plots without proper fertilization and liming wastes time and money, and in most cases, is of little value to wildlife. Soil tests help determine the efficiency and performance of the fertilizer.

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Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.. Hence the saying, “Don’t throw the baby out with the Bath water!”

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying “It’s raining cats and dogs.”

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That’s how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, “Dirt poor.”

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire... Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, “bring home the bacon.” They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and “chew the fat”.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

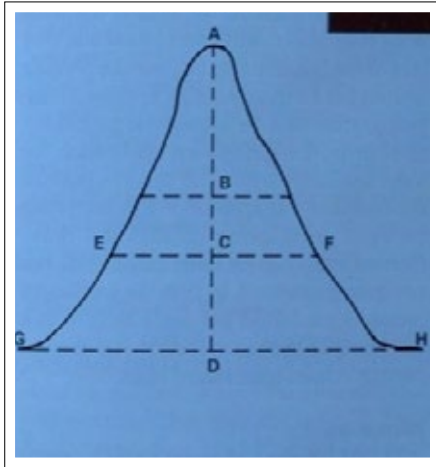
Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would Sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial... They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive... So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, “saved by the bell” or was considered a “dead ringer”. And that’s the truth...

Now, whoever said History was boring?

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Copperhead Sandwich Spread

by: Jeff Eberbaugh (submitted by Jim Jordan)

Take a bunch of copperheads - mashed real flat,
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Let 'em set in the sun for three or four days.

Add sweet pickle that is diced real fine,
Mash it all together till it turns to slime.

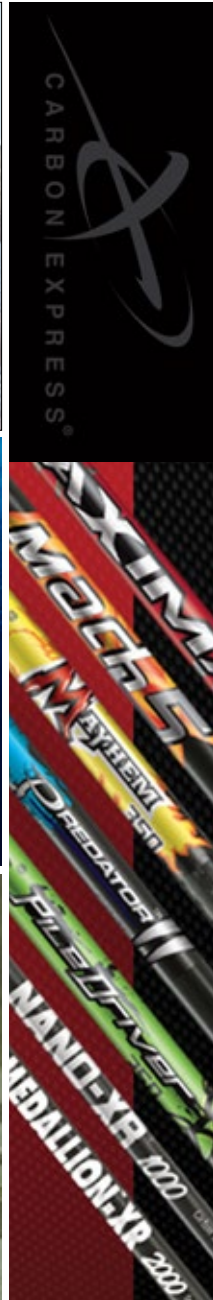
Chop up a chicken egg and stir it right in,
Stir it just a little - don't make it too thin.

Spread it on a cracker or some toasted bread,
There's nothin' like roadkill copperhead spread.

Woman Stops Grizzly Attack w/ 25 Caliber Pistol

This is a story of self control and marksmanship with an itsy-bitsy shooter – by a woman – against a fierce predator. What is the smallest caliber you trust to protect yourself? The Beretta Jetfire, maybe?

While out hiking in Alberta Canada with my husband we were surprised by a huge grizzly bear charging at us from out of nowhere. She must have been protecting her cubs because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire with me I would not be here today! Just one shot to my husband's knee cap was all it took. The bear got him and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. It's one of the best pistols in my collection.



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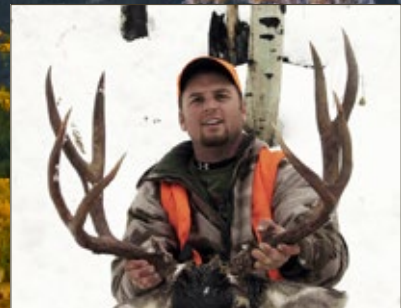
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Feb. 28 thru March 2, 2014

Fri-9am-8pm | Sat-9am-4pm | Sun-9am-5pm
(Shoots will close at 4pm on Saturday to set up for banquet)

- Open to the Public -

DIXIE DEER CLASSIC

\$10 per person for entire weekend
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NCBA AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday Night - March 1st
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Banquet Tickets-By Reservation ONLY!
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Bowhunter & Archery Challenge



NEW THIS YEAR!

A fast paced, intense experience and fun for all classes. 3-d Targets pop-up in random order then only stays up a short time. Great for Hunter and Traditional classes. Since no two rounds are the same, each shooter can shoot as many rounds as they register for.

3-D TOURNAMENT

This shoot on avg. draws 225 shooters each year. This year's shoot will be in The Kerr Scott Building along with all of our other Archery Events. This will allow for a much better shooting environment and spectator friendly too. 15 Shot round. Classes to fit all.

ZOMBIE SHOOT

Shooting bows is all about fun. What's more fun than shooting zombies with a bow? This shoot allows each archer to enter the room of doom with a Genesis bow in hand and hopefully enough arrows to make it out.

NOVELTY SHOOT

This area will host numerous shooting games for both fun and prizes. Genesis bows and arrows included. A little clue, you might be practicing those Robin Hoods.

CLASSES

Cub- 11 and under
Youth 12- 14
Young Adult 15-17
Hunter-Male or Female
(no lens, no stabilizers over 14" from front of bow, no moving of sights after first shot
Men Unlimited shoot what you bring
Women Unlimited shoot what you bring
Seniors 50+ male/female shoot what you bring
Traditional in each class except hunter class.

TIME

Thurs Feb 27th. Set-up, Friday 28th shoots begin 9am - 8pm registration ends, Sat 1st 9am- 2pm registration closes Zombie and Novelty will open back after banquet till 12PM, Sun 2nd 9am -2pm registration ends, awards ceremony 4pm approx.

PRIZES and TROPHIES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD Places awarded in each class. Novelty and other prizes to be announced. Challenge Champ best combined score of 1st rounds on both pop-up and 3-d, must purchase challenge special to win. \$500. Ties will be decided on a raffle draw.

RATES

Pop-up and 3-D: \$15.00 each

Zombie: \$5.00 each round
(10 arrows)

Novelty: \$ 1.00-\$2.00 per arrow
start pot at \$ 25.00
after match 50/50 per
winner.

CHALLENGE SPECIAL

Single \$40.00
Family \$ 60.00

Special includes:

(1) 1 year NCBA membership
1 round per person
Pop-up, 3-D and Zombie shoot.

Immediate families with children under 18,
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POP-UP 3-D:

Location
Northwest corner Kerr Scott. 5 target course.
Range Masters
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3-D:

Location
West corner Kerr Scott. 10 target course.
Range Master
Randy Layton 919-414-9855

ZOMBIE:

Location
Southeast corner Kerr Scott.
Archery alley style range.
Range Master, Andy Smith

NOVELTY SHOOT:

Location
Next to and west of Zombie.
Archery alley style range.
Range Master, Jamie Brady, 336-669-0307



2014 NCBA ELECTIONS

WE NEED YOU!

We need volunteers for the NCBA Archery Shoot in the Kerr-Scott building this year during the Dixie Deer Classic. If you would just like to volunteer to help, please notify David Whitmire or any of our officers. We will have multiple shoots going on at the same time. The Zombie shoot is for the children or adults, both will shoot the Genesis bows. Bring your own bow for the 3d and 3d pop-up shoots, plus we will have novelty shoots too. It will be a busy time and should generate a lot of interest. I witnessed the 3d pop-up shoot in Greensboro at the Big Buck Expo. It was fast and furious.

Andy Smith
NCBA President

CONTACT:
NCBA Program Chairman,
David Whitmire 828- 553-0083



Official Ballot *for the election of NCBA Executive Officers*

- President Andy Smith

- Vice President Joey Thompson

- Treasurer J R Stone

- Secretary William Newton

- Editor Matt Jenkins

Please note:
This is a revised ballot and reflects the self-withdrawal of one presidential candidate from the previous version in the Fall 2013 issue of NC Bowhunter Magazine

Please mail your ballot to:

William Newton
454 Lambe Rd.
Snow Camp, NC 27349

(Note: You may also hand-deliver your ballot to William)

All ballots must be in a "single envelope" with the member's name, return address and the word **BALLOT** printed below the address - as the sample below:

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- New Member -- \$30**
- Renewal Member -- \$30**
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- Life Member -- \$250 (Youth or Senior)**
- Member's Spouse or Child -- \$15...(circle one).....**
- Military Service Disabled -- \$15.....**

Note: Birth Certificate w/Infant & Youth; Birth Certificate or valid driver's license w/Senior

- Donations:**
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Mail check, payable to NCBA, with **COMPLETED** Application to:..... Maria Bell

NCBA Membership Services
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Comments & Suggestions--(please list any activities/programs where you could volunteer your time & talents):

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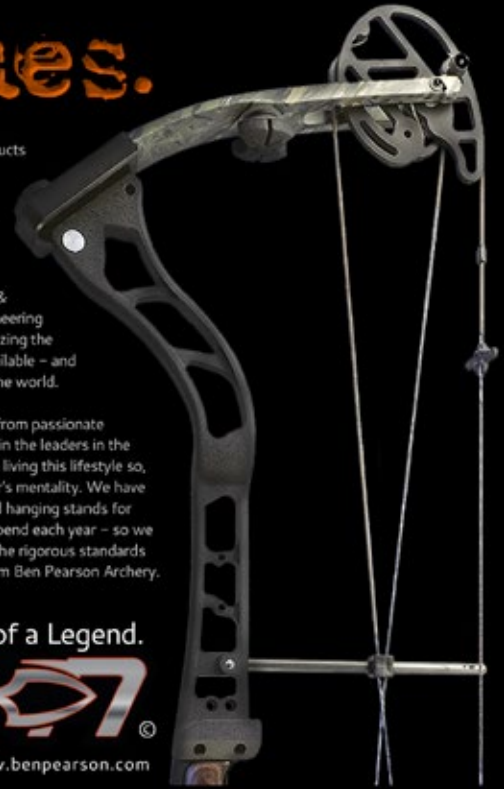
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