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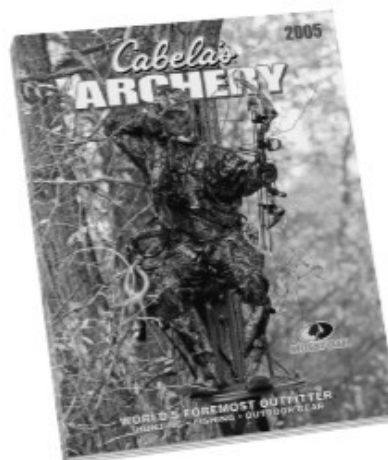


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Back in February about two weeks before our Annual Cabin Fever shoot I received a phone call by Paul Winans President of the Black Knights Club. He asked if we still intended to hold our Annual Cabin Fever at their club due to the severe snow storms that we were predicting in the upcoming weeks. My response was that we have never cancelled one in the past and we intended to have our event no matter what the "snow gods" will bring. After our conversation I went out on my back porch and did every rain dance that I could think of from "Dances with Wolves"

The next day I sent an email to our membership asking for help and within a few days received at least fifteen positive replies. When Saturday arrived our large group met at Black Knights at 7:30 a.m. with a truck with a snow plow to get us into the range, one quad, three snow blowers and many shovels and three boxes of Dunkin Donuts & 2 boxes of "Joe"

Within the first hour of plowing Kevin Grella blew out his truck's transmission and rear end. We were now forced to clear the parking lots by snow blowers and also flattening down the snow with our truck tires. Within two hours both the parking lots were clear of snow. We then had to send someone out to refill our three gas cans. After a Dunkin Donuts coffee break we started to clear out the practice range and to snow blow and shovel a six foot wide path through the woods. Five hours later, we had a good head start two weeks prior to the shoot and more snow was again predicted in a few days.

A few days before the shoot it again snowed 15-18" and another email went out. We met on the Saturday before the shoot and again began to dig out for the next day's Cabin Fever. We had to place the 30 3-D targets on the range by walking them out one at

a time along with the Black Knight membership. The day of the shoot arrived BKB had their fire pit roaring and we had over 86 people show up. Everyone had a great time. Many Black Knight members & those that attended could not believe what we had to do just to clear the snow from the parking lots and how we made a six foot wide lane through the Black Knights 'A' Range and pulled this off? The only complaint we had was why did we shovel paths to the 3-D & behind all the targets? Ha-ha

In March T.A.N.J. again co-sponsored the Annual NJ Bowhunter's Game Dinner along with the United Bowhunters of New Jersey. Monty Browning was our guest speaker. Over Four Hundred and Fifty attended and Phil Muller, Chairman of the event, did an outstanding job as in the past. The T.A.N.J. & U.B.N.J. members worked hand in hand from 10a.m. until Midnight first setting up the banquet hall and then helping run the Game Diner. One of the three recipients of the 2010 NJ Hall of Fame this year was Al Reader one of TANJ's founding Fathers.

At the end of April the 19th Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous sponsored by the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County was held and they did an outstanding job throughout the entire three day event. T.A.N.J. held our 18th Annual meeting and it was well attended we reviewed what T.A.N.J. had accomplished during the past year and the plans we have for the future. Many awards were handed out to T.A.N.J. members who helped make our organization what it is today. Al Reader was also inducted as the first T.A.N.J. "Honor Roll" recipient. We have new blue t-shirts and our custom made T.A.N.J. engraved folding knife for sale on our web site which has been very well received during the weekend. Please note that five dollars from every knife sold will go to support the Al Reader "Archery for our Youth Program"

Our Annual Saturday Dinner "Wild Pig Out" for our membership was very well attended and last count we had was two hundred and twenty five people



who came to say hello and enjoy the night with their fellow members. This again was free to all that attended and during the night six people signed up as new members. Kevin and Dennis Grella did an outstanding job preparing and cooking the food, none was left, and are planning the menu for next year as we speak. We will also like to thank Kevin, Terry, Cody, Justin, Don, Tom, Jim, Mike, Doug, Bob, Lee and many others that helped set up and manned the grill and serve food throughout the night.

During the weekend we hosted the Denton Hill ETAR Eagle Eye qualifier and after three days only one person qualified and it was Ron Ellison with his "plywood pressure treated striped bow". Ron was also running the event? Hmm, I wonder if he used a 10" orange dot. We held our Texas-Wac-Um which was run by Al Klenk, Jim Farley & Fast Eddie. The first prize was a custom made Mountain Bow & 6 Arrows which was donated by Jeff and Jen Strauss of Allegheny Mountain Bow Co. a set of arrows were donated by Al Klenk. The Bow was 60" with a zebra wood riser and tamo ash limbs. The 2nd prize was an Al Reader commemorative knife #20 of 25 made donated by Joe Nastke. Both winners were contacted by phone after the drawing on Sunday and the two prizes were shipped out to them. That Sunday late in the afternoon Jim Farley and I stayed and helped with the cleanup and also with taking in the 3-D targets. The Appalachian Bowmen greatly appreciated our kind gesture and we hope next year more T.A.N.J members can help out with the event.

Next month on Saturday June 12 T.A.N.J. will again hold its 2nd Annual Knock-a-Block Muzzy type shoot at Bent Creek Preserve, Allentown N.J. the event will be chaired by Aldo Boncasta. Please attend and help make this bigger than last year. All you need is a couple of judo points and be ready for some great fun and prizes. Trophies and

or plaques will be awarded to the winners. It's so easy to shoot and anyone can win! Please look for more information on our web site and in this newsletter.

On July 10-11 Black Knights will be holding its Annual Big Foot Weekend. On that Sunday the "Last Man Standing" will be held at 11:30. a.m. on their practice range. Targets will range from 15 yds to 35 yds. T.A.N.J. will be sponsoring the prizes and a custom made Silver Stag knife custom engraved by Irene Bower with the Big Foot Logo to the winner! Can you become the 2010 "Last Man Standing"?

In closing, T.A.N.J. would like to thank George Sappah for stepping up to become our new T.A.N.J. Treasurer and Katie Pachuta for taking over the job as Secretary. Let's also welcome Tom Robinson and his son Tyler who have volunteered to help coordinate all future 3-D events.



Keep it Sharp! Keep it Safe! Wishing all a great summer

Gerry "Doc" DeCaro





TANJ HONOR ROLL 2010

AL READER of North Haledon, New Jersey was honored as the first recipient of the TANJ Honor Roll on April 24, 2010 at the Annual Open Meeting of the **Traditional Archers of New Jersey** at the 18th Annual Whittingham Traditional Archery Rendezvous.



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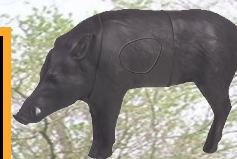
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TANJ 2010 SHOOT SCHEDULE

TANJ SUMMERTIME SHOOTING FUN!



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Saturday June 12 - "Knock-A-Block" at Bent Creek 3-D Range, Allentown, NJ. See flyer in this Newsletter!

Sunday July 11 - "Last Man Standing"
Black Knights, Jackson NJ. To be held during the Annual B.K.B. Big Foot weekend! Anyone can win and its fun for all! - Fun for the Family!



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How they Raise their Kids down South:

Miss Sally Edwards, a third grade teacher at Mercer County Elementary School, compiled an exam consisting of 20 questions, which she administered to her class last Tuesday. The exam purposely covered a broad array of topics. I call your attention to question # 11, which simply read:

LIST, IN ANY ORDER, THE FOUR SEASONS:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

...Now, could you possibly imagine that 67% of the students gave the following answer?

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4. Turkey Season

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CABIN FEVER 2010...Was the shoot on? Damn Right! No High Heels & Sneakers!

The range was plowed out and was ready for the 80+ shooters, including Boy Scouts! Sunday, Feb, 28th, the kitchen was open and the BKB antique fireplace was going full blast to keep our toes warm. The TANJ & BKB members plowed and Range "A" had a 8-ft.-wide trail in the woods with 3-D targets and it was ready for another super Event!





Cabin Fever - 2010





MEMBERSHIP DUES and ADDRESS UPDATE

Hello fellow TANJ members!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

I would like to remind any members who have not paid their membership dues yet that it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so soon. Our membership dues are due in January regardless of when you joined. A single member is still **only \$15**.



We are keeping the cost the same but it is very difficult when all members do not pay. I know I may be a little repetitive with my membership letter but once again I would like to point out that **about \$12 of your dues money goes toward the newsletter cost**. When some members do not pay that changes the cost per member to \$15 and more. To be fair to everyone we all need to pay. If anyone has a problem to pay you can call or email me. We'll work it out. My contact information is on the inside cover. THANKS!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Next I would like to remind all members to call or email me about any **changes to your address, email, or tel.#**. Telephone numbers and email addresses are a great way to get info out to members quickly especially when the next newsletter is a long way off. So take a minute to contact me with any changes or the addition of any info. THANKS

One last thing. Our Club and Newsletter is there for everyone. If you have an archery item you would like to sell we'll put an ad in the newsletter for you. If you have a story or pictures you would like to share we would be very happy to put them in the newsletter. If you would simply just like to be more involved with the club you can contact any Officer or Council Member. THANKS!

RON ELLISON, TANJ Membership Director



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Archery Archives

The legendary... Ishi - last wild Indian.

Ishi, last of the Yana Indian band of California, was first observed by surveyors crossing Dry Creek on horses. As they navigated a turn in the bank, they saw a naked Indian fishing with a spear. The Indian ran at them, spear ready to throw. The horsemen scrambled, rode to camp and told the others about the wild Indian. A year later, two of the same surveyors were riding along when one exclaimed that they were in the vicinity of the wild Indian. A companion laughed and exclaimed, "You fellows must have had some kind of a pipe dream about that Indian as no one except you fellows has ever seen him. Where is he now?" Just then, an arrow zipped through the interrogator's hat.



Several months after this slaughter house butchers near Oroville heard a dog barking furiously in the yard. Upon investigating, they found a naked Indian. A linguistics student from University of California at Berkley, a Mr. Waterman came to investigate. He placed his hand on a table and said the word for pine in Yana, "sawe enie." Immediately, Ishi came alive and asked Waterman if he was a Yana (or Yahe).. Waterman told him that he was. Soon, Waterman was speaking Ishi's mother tongue fluently. Ishi was brought to the Affiliated Colleges at San Francisco. It was here that Will Compton, Dr. Saxton Pope and Arthur Young became acquainted with Ishi, a man straight from the stone age. They hunted with Ishi, who was always the best of companion, never out of humor. He made his arrowheads of obsidian, his bows of mountain juniper if he had it. If not, yew.

Ishi enjoyed the best of health to within one year of his death, when he commenced to show signs of tuberculosis. We bade farewell to Ishi on June the 16th, 1916. His words were "I go, you stay," and thus passed on one of the most noble of the redmen. A true friend and a noble character. Everyone loved him that knew him.

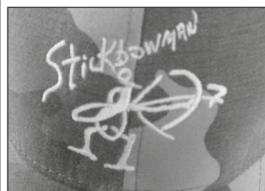




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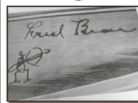


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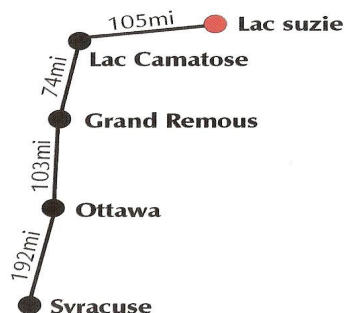


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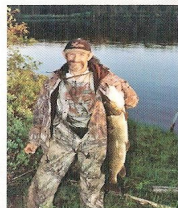
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Old School Archery Articles

Gleaned by Ray Tareila

Ok Gang,

I've been searching through some of my historic books and found some information on the history of arrow shaft material.

Dr. Robert Elmer of Wayne, PA has written two classical treatises on archery. One is named "Archery" and the other is named "Target Archery," where today's subject has been gleaned.

My observation tells me that wooden arrow shafts are becoming less and less popular. There are many reasons for this including: price, quality, consistency and durability. This is sad to me since I still like the smell of cedar shavings and the nostalgia of wooden shafts.

However, it seems many of the problems with wood outlined above were in the minds of archers at least 95 years ago and hence, part of a chapter in "Target Archery" is dedicated to the subject of non-wood material arrows:

"In 1915 Homer Bishop of Chicago made what I believe to be the first dozen of tubular metal arrows. They were of pure aluminum and at his request I shot them just before the national tournament. Nothing could have afforded better proof of the strain which an arrow undergoes while passing the bow, for even by a single loose each one was so bent as to be useless.

Duralumin was tried in the spring of 1926 by Rounsevelle; his products being successful enough to warrant imitation and improvement by others. First class arrows of aluminum alloys were made right up to the start of the war [we're talking about WW2 here]. When they reappear they are sure to be better than ever [due no doubt to wartime advances in metallurgy]. Their one fault is that the limit of elasticity is passed by a traumatic injury like the sideswipe of a tar-

get leg resulting in a set or kink.

Steel tubing was used almost as soon as duralumin. For many years most of the fletchers bought it from a factory situated about six miles from my home; all they did being to fletch,nock, head and paint it. In 1942 a patent was secured on some minor features of steel arrows, one of which was barreling. Without discussing the value of that document, on which my opinion may be surmised, I would say that arrows made according to its principles by honest and skillful craftsmen are a delight to any toxophile [Dr. Elmer must have liked barreled shafts].

Though the war has stopped their manufacture, it will certainly be resumed when permissible and undoubtedly with the success that is merited by so fine a product: one of the great contributions to archery."

Now since that book was written in 1946, we can examine another book, "The Traditional Way" by Fred Anderson (a wonderfully informative and witty book still available today) where Fred has a chapter about Frank Eicholtz a southern CA bowyer and archery inventor in the early fifties. Among his many innovations and achievements were fiberglass arrow shafts which eventually became Microflite shafts which many, including myself, still shoot when I can find them. We won't start to discuss carbon because its development is not yet in a historical time period.

So, we can see that aluminum shafts had a nice long run, followed by a short run of fiberglass shafting which are all being replaced by carbon.

But, Port Orford cedar, Douglas fir and other woods are still available for the true traditionalist who doesn't mind tinkering the old-school way.

Ray Tareila now lives in Florida and enjoys skulling, refinishing vintage bows and archery but attends TANJ events regularly. !






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- 4 servings cooked pig roast (sliced)
- 1 16 oz. can drained apricot halves
- 3 Tbsp. margarine
- 1 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 3 tsp. instant chicken bouillon
- 3 1/2 tsp. flour
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup milk

Arrange slices of cooked pig in a baking dish. Cut apricots halves in half again and spread these evenly over the cooked meat. Melt margarine in a saucepan over a low heat and then sauté the curry powder for two to three minutes. Combine flour and bouillon together.

Add one-half cup of water to the curry and quickly stir in the flour. Add the rest of your water a little at a time while stirring constantly to keep the mixture nice and smooth.

Then slowly stir in the cup of milk. Stir this mixture constantly as it gradually thickens.

Pour this mixture over the pig slices and apricots. Bake this at 350°F for about twenty-five minutes or until the mixture is bubbly. Makes four servings. Oink! Oink!



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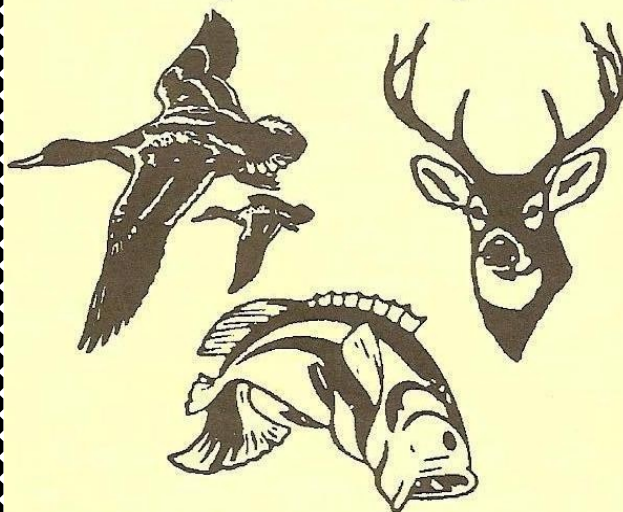
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