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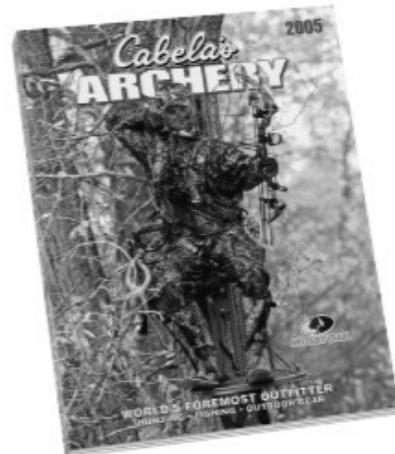


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome Ron Ellison our Membership Director as our new Vice President (2011-2012) and knowing Ron he is well qualified to help TANJ in the years to come. A few weeks ago I spoke to Jorge Copen and sad to say he will be stepping down as our outstanding newsletter editor after many years of great service. His newsletter was the glue that held TANJ together as we all know, and to me, his was the best newsletter I received from any organization that I had ever belonged to. He was also our Vice President and did an outstanding job as we all know. Here is his resignation in his own words:

"TANJ Members -There is a famous quote: *"The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray."* When I moved to Maryland, my plans were to return to New Jersey within 2-5 years after a stint in my agency's Washington DC headquarters region. Destiny proved otherwise. I became involved with the Traditional Bowhunters of Maryland and now serve as their Newsletter Editor, Merchandise Coordinator, and have recently been asked to run for the office of President. Something has to be cut if all of this materializes. I intend to keep the TANJ newsletter transition seamless and provide help to my successor. In the end, life is about the relationships you keep. To all my true friends that stood with me through thick and thin, I thank you for your loyal friendship and support... If you see a Legacy shaft with a white crest and green & natural-barred feathers, tipped with a vintage Bear Razorhead, stuck in your back yard - it was just a "Hello" from me. Don't worry...I miss everything! Keep the Home Fires Burning!"

If any member thinks that they can step up to be our next editor please contact either Ron Ellison or myself and we will get you in contact with Jorge who will walk you through your first couple of TANJ newsletters. We are also looking for a new Merchandise Director since Ren Allegre had to step down due to his new business venture. We wish him good luck on his new venture. Last year he did an outstanding job especially on our new TANJ knit and baseball caps which are a sellout at every event.

In this edition you will see our 2011 TANJ shoot schedule and we hope to see you at all of our 3D events. Any questions on our 3-D shoots please contact Tom "Sarge" Robinson our new Shoots Coordinator. His contact infor-

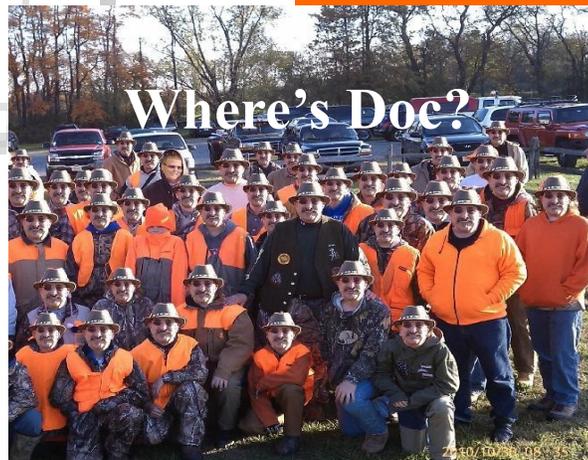
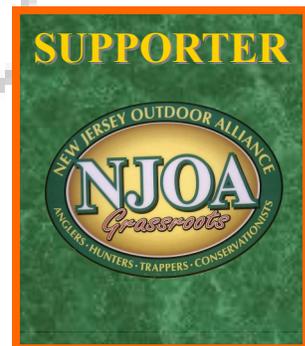
mation is on the inside front cover. Remember every one of our 3D events is a swap meet so if you would like to sell or barter it's free to all, members and their families.

The 19th Annual Whittingham Traditional Archery Rendezvous will be held on Friday April 29th, Saturday April 30th & May 1st this year .This is hosted by the Appalachian Bowmen of Sussex County and TANJ will again have our table in the front as you enter the Red Barn. Our Annual meeting will be held on that Saturday April 30th at 11:30 am on the 2nd floor. We need you to attend and your input. It's your organizations so get involved .We will also have our 5th annual "Pig Out" on Saturday evening which is free to all TANJ members whose dues are paid for 2011. Last year we had 250 show up for a great time and we supplied all the food and its a "BYOD&C"-Bring your own drink and Chair as in the past.

The 7th Annual NJ Bowhunters Game Dinner is fast approaching Saturday, March 26th. If you've not bought your tickets, we need you to purchase them now. Please contact me for any tickets let us make this the best one to date. In closing I would like to wish our former Vice President and News Letter Editor Jorge Copen all the luck in the world and we hope to see you at the Baltimore Bowmen's Traditional Classic Shoot as in the past—Tip my quiver to you, God Bless our Troops



Gerry DeCaro—El Presidente





Membership Dues

Hello fellow TANJ members! Just a reminder that your 2011 renewal dues are DUE. Our club membership runs from Jan. to Dec. regardless of what month you joined. So for those of you who have not sent in their dues money, which is still only \$15. for a single member, it would be greatly appreciated if you would do so. Thanks alot and I hope to see everyone at Whittingham. We will once again have a big Saturday night dinner for all members.

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Break away from the winter doldrums and cabin fever. Come out and join the fun in this non-competitive traditional archery shoot. You will understand why after 17 years this shoot keeps growing in popularity. The Traditional Archery Rendezvous is located near Newton at the Whittingham Wildlife Management Area just 15 minutes north of the Allamuchy Exit 19 off Interstate 80. The address is 118 Shotwell Road, Newton NJ 07860. Follow the bow shoot signs.

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Traditional Archers of New Jersey Shoots Schedule ► 2011



Sunday February 27th Annual Cabin Fever Black Knights Range Jackson,N.J.

Sunday March 27th Annual Spring Break-N-Wood - WaXoBe Range Monmouth Junction, N.J.

Friday-Sunday April 29th-May 1st The 19th Annual Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous, Newton,N.J. TANJ will hold our 18th Annual Meeting Red Barn 2nd Floor Saturday April 30th 11:30 a.m.

Friday-Sunday May 13th-15th Baltimore Bowmen Traditional Classic

Sunday July 10th Annual Big Foot TANJ Last Man Standing - Black Knights, Jackson,N.J.

Thursday- Sunday July 28th -31st ETAR Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous -Ski Denton,Pa.

Saturday-Sunday August 19th-20th UBNJ Annual Jamboree, Allentown N.J.

Sunday September 18th TANJ Nock-a- Block Black Knights Jackson,NJ (new venue)

Sunday October 9th Annual White- Tale Fever Shoot WaXoBe Monmouth Junction ,N.J.

All TANJ 3D Shoots are also Swap Meets so come to Sell,Barter or Buy

Tom Robinson, TANJ 3D Event & Shoot Coordinator





TRAD TECH. TIP

Dying Feathers with Kool-Aid

By Dennis Han

Here's an easy method for adding color to fletching feathers with Kool-Aid. They are colorfast when dry.



You will need several packets of Kool-Aid in the color you like, and three bowls. Prepare one bowl for washing/degreasing. In this bowl put water and Joy liquid soap. Agitate the feathers in this and let them set while you prepare the other two bowls. The next bowl contains water and a dash of white vinegar with a couple of drops of Joy soap.

The last bowl is a microwave safe, 8" x 8" dish 1/3 full of water with a splash of vinegar and a few drops of Joy soap. Into this bowl dissolve two packets of KoolAid.

Transfer the feathers out of the degreasing bowl and into the water/vinegar bowl and let stand for 5 minutes.

Transfer the feathers to the Kool-Aid dye in the microwave safe dish. Put the dish in the microwave and nuke it for 2 minutes, let it stand for two minutes, then nuke it again for two minutes.

Remove it from the microwave and set it on a pot holder. Examine the feather. If it is too light, let it stand longer. The Kool-Aid acts as an acid dye, and it does not matter how much water you use. The dye in the Kool-Aid will transfer from the water into the feather. The water will actually get clearer as the feather absorbs it. If you cannot get a dark enough shade, remove the feathers, add another packet of Kool-Aid, and repeat the microwaving process. Once the desired shade is acquired, rinse well and dry the feathers. Have fun shooting from www.bowshooter.com

WOODSMOKE



KEEP the HOME FIRES BURNING

After serving for 8 years as your TANJ Newsletter Editor I, am stepping down and moving on to new adventures. I've been in this capacity since the Winter 2002 edition.

To keep the HOME FIRES of New Jersey's Traditional Archery community burning, I am seeking my successor to begin the process of passing on this important post of "TANJ Newsletter Editor."

Interested TANJ members are welcome to contact me about this transition opportunity.

As Fred Bear used to say: "Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person."

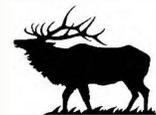
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The "Gila Monster"!

By Jorge L. Coppén

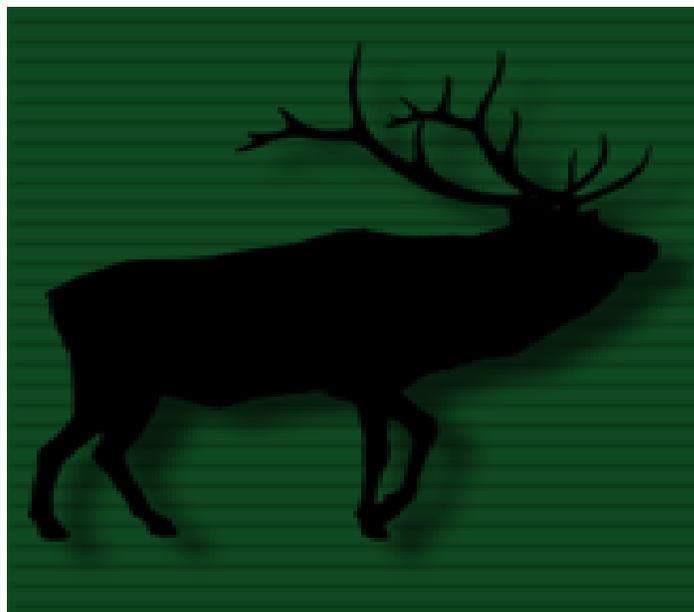


I had already booked an archery Elk hunt in Idaho for early September 2010, figuring that I would not be so lucky as to draw an Elk tag my first year for a New Mexico archery Elk hunt. As beginner's luck would have it, I drew a bow tag to hunt Elk in New Mexico during the rut in one of the best units found in the Gila National Forest! Now I was committed to two Elk hunts in the same year. "Poor guy!" I thought to myself as I smiled at my fortune, even though my bank account took a nasty hit!

My hunt in Idaho left wondering if early season wallow hunts really are an effective way to hunt Elk. It had been quite dry most of the week, making wallows good spots to hunt Elk. Besides never seeing an Elk, I had plenty of poor luck including a stolen cow call, being harassed by other hunters, missing my flight home and to top it off, stopping at a well known fast food burger joint in Idaho Falls for lunch where I was told "Sorry, Sir, but we are out of beef". ...Huh!?! I left Idaho hoping my upcoming rut hunt on the Gila Wilderness would spell success.

The Gila wilderness is where the Apache War Chief Geronimo hid from the US Cavalry until 1886. The Gila was so well recognized for its natural qualities early in the 20th century that today it is the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states. Gentle rocky slopes flank the mountains of the Gila where grass plains, pinon pines and junipers transition to high alpine meadows of mixed aspen and conifers. Elk on the Gila forage on grasses in lower elevations during the cooler part of the day and retreat to the higher slopes to escape the heat.. Elk hunting on the Gila earned legendary status over the past 30 years because of the enormous bull Elk taken by hunters year after year often referred to as the "Gila Monsters!"

On September 17, I flew to Albuquerque and rented a car. I traveled through some very remote country down the highway on my way to the US Outfitters Lodge in Reserve, New Mexico. With temperatures soaring into the 80s during the day, I wondered what



that might mean for the rut activity! On September 19, my first day of a week-long hunt in New Mexico, my guide Bart Olson had bugled in five satellite bulls, two of which approached my effective shooting distance, but were not mature enough to drop the string on during the first day of my second Elk hunt. All that morning, the rut-induced bugling had filled the air. This is what it's all about! As the morning waned, we took a break for lunch and slept under the swaying pines until about 2:30 PM. Then we made our way to a stock water tank on the mountain that had produced some recent sign in the hot Gila topography. After constructing a small ground blind consisting of Pine branches, we settled in and sat there discussing the potential opportunities for the week ahead. It was three o'clock. We were not there five minutes when my guide looked up and whispered, "grab your bow!" I turned to face what he had estimated to be a huge 340-class royal bull looking at us. He was gone in a cloud of dust and rocks...Busted! After a few chuckles, Bart departed for his own hiding place and I found myself surrounded by bugling bulls as I nestled into my ground blind near the edge of that stock tank, gripping my 1971 vintage Bear Take Down recurve bow, await-



a thirsty bull.

As I listened to the bugles of approaching bulls, I wondered why they continued to linger beyond the knolls surrounding the water tank. It had been hot and dry but the rut was at its peak and surely those bulls were getting thirsty. One bull in particular worked my nerves by regularly raising the hair on the back of my neck as his eerie, high-pitched wails and guttural roars wafted through the pines. Then I heard another bugle uphill to my right. Motion to my right caught my attention as two cows approached the water tank. "Oh, just a couple of cows" I thought. But they were not alone...here comes a gorgeous 6X6 bull with big antlers. As he made his way down the draw to my right and toward the water tank I gazed upon his large body and massive rack. His antlers were impressively wide and long too! It was the length of the majestic bull's backscratchers that really caught my eye. The bull of my dreams sauntered into the tank not 15 yards from my ambush site. Perfect! The bull nudged one of his two cows on the rump to make himself some room for a few gulps of cool water. As he took one step further into the water I drew my recurve and anchored the string solidly at the corner of my mouth. Before I knew it, the projectile was off on its way to destiny. The bull and cows exploded out of the tank in separate directions. Before I knew it, my guide had joined me to offer congratulations on my great Elk hunting fortune experienced on my first day in the Gila National Forest



But I had yet to come to grips with my success! Some 30 minutes later we took up a sparse blood trail resulting from a shot that was a bit farther back than I would have liked. About 100 yards into the trailing, we ran out of light and decided to call it a night. My Elk would linger in the Gila one more night.

The next day we tracked the bull another 200 yards, mostly by the spoor of once running hoof prints. That's when we came to realize that some marauding bears had snacked on the bull overnight. It was painful to lose some of the precious Elk meat and to have my cape ruined in the process. But, I had recovered my dream bull and I couldn't

help but think to myself "...Poor guy!" as I smiled and reveled in my good fortune in the famous Gila Wilderness!



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TANJ Harvest!



TANJ member Steve D'Onofrio with 9 pointer he took with a bow he custom made in workshop in 2010.



Peter LeMasson harvested this fine 8 point buck on public land in New Jersey on November 10., 2010. Pete used a Bob Lee TD



Billy Kelleher of Dumont, NJ with his Sussex Co. 8-pointer taken with a longbow named the "Timber Rattler" and tapered cedar shaft (both home made)! He used a Hill broad-head.



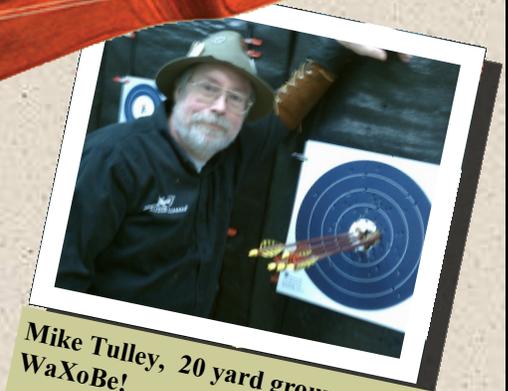
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Pat Areas with TANJ donated traditional gifts for Xmas!



Mike Tulley, 20 yard group at WaXoBe!



2011 TANJ Election Results



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Congratulations!



TANJ Member Notice!



ATTEND YOUR TANJ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



at Whittingham Traditional Rendezvous

The **Traditional Archers of New Jersey** will have its general membership meeting in the clubhouse, on the second floor on **Saturday, April 30th at 11:30 AM**. This will be an "open" membership meeting. The meeting is open to members and non-members. We will be discussing new ideas and asking for input from the membership as to what you want. We are still pursuing membership growth and want your ideas on how to do it!. Help us accomplish that goal. Please join us at this meeting and share your thoughts!



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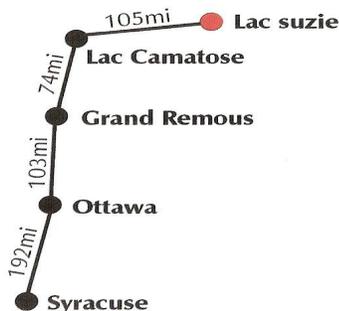
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**Old School Archery Article #6** – Gleaned by Ray Tareila

Have you ever experienced any of these hunting situations? This is a good article from the magazine “The National Bowhunter,” January, 1959 entitled: The Law of the Chase.

The hunter took careful aim and released the arrow. The big buck buckled and charged away, looking as though it was badly hit. The bowhunter waited the usual half hour and started in pursuit of his quarry. Two hours later and after he had sighted his retreating buck twice, he came over a rise and found another bowhunter cleaning out his buck. The last hunter had placed his tag on the deer. He triumphantly pointed to the spot his arrow had struck to produce the mortal wound. The angry hunter who had made the first hit argued that his arrow, which was a loin shot, was the first to hit the deer, therefore the buck should be his. Who should get the deer?

A part of the common law which we call the “Law of the Chase,” is this: If you start and wound a game animal, so that its death is practically sure to result, but the game, before it dies, is encountered by another hunter who gives it the finishing shot or blow, it still belongs to you. Thus, PURSUIT ALONE gives you no right to game animals. The law emphatically declares, “THERE IS NO PROPERTY RIGHT IN WILD ANIMALS UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO POSSESSION.”

This Law of the Chase is of European origin, came across the ocean with the early settlers and has remained permanently with us. All 48 states {*Hawaii and Alaska became states after 1959} apply the same law.

A hunter in Massachusetts and a companion, neither of whom had a license, were looking for game when a buck was sighted. One of the hunters shot it, whereupon the buck dropped but regained its feet and sprinted away. Another hunter dropped it in its tracks. The first pair sued for possession of the deer. They argued they had sighted the game first, had wounded it and expected to come up to it and finish killing it.

How did the court decide the issue? Their claim was rejected and the last hunter to hit the game was given possession. The court gave two reasons for disallowing the hunters’ claim. First, they had no

license to hunt and second, the first hunters had not wounded the deer so that it had been, or was about to be, deprived of its natural liberty when shot by the last hunter.

The judge added, “In this commonwealth, title to wild animals is in the commonwealth in trust for the public to be devoted to the common welfare. The legislation has made provision for the hunting of deer during the restricted period by those duly licensed. The right to hunt deer can only be exercised in accordance with this provision. The first hunters failed to prove that they were authorized by law to hunt. Unless so licensed, they were not entitled to invoke in their behalf the law of the chase.

“The first hunters based their claim on the ground that they were pursuing and had wounded the deer during the open season, and were therefore entitled to ownership, even if the mortal wound was delivered by the second hunter. The controlling principle of the common law is that a huntsman acquires no title to any wild animal by pursuit alone, even though there is wounding, unless the animal is followed up and reduced to actual possession by him. The judgment must be to the last hunter who shot the deer.”

Now, what does this mean to the bowhunter? Is there a special law which takes into account the slower killing which is inherent in the bow and arrow. We think not. That is, not in the eyes of the court. Bowhunters have for years used the principle that the hunter who draws first blood is entitled to the game. Now, what advice may be given to the bowhunter?

When out after game of any sort, big or small, and you wound an animal, keep to its trail without fail after you think you have given it time to stiffen up. If the game runs, try to keep it insight or stick to its trail. The law of the chase dictates you must reduce the game to the state where your wounding deprives it of its natural liberty and renders its capture by you almost certain. It is only then that the court will declare the animal yours.

Try to prevent unprincipled bowhunters from delivering the final killing shot if the game is nearly in your possession. If that happens, you will probably have a suit on your hands that will cost a lot and you still have the difficult problem of proving that



the game was rendered under your control. Says the court, "The instant a wild animal is brought under control of a person so that actual possession is practically inevitable, a vested property in it accrue which cannot be divested by another's interfering and killing it. Such is the law of the chase by common law principles."

There seems little reason why the "bowhunters law of the chase," whereby the one drawing first blood gets the animal, should not be a special case which bowhunters ought to honor. However, in actual practice where many hunters congregate, it has proven a difficult common law practice to enforce. If your arrow has reduced the animal to near possession or ownership and rendered it unable to go any farther, needing only the finishing shot to kill it, the court, following the law of the Chase, should declare it yours. But, you will want to be sure that you can prove this point. Do you have witnesses that it was YOUR arrow which reduced it to helplessness when several arrows have downed the animal? Was your shot in a vital organ? Or did you simply hope that you would eventually come up with the animal and because of a superficial wound make a final fatal shot? That is the hope that all bowhunters have when they hit an animal. They may have a blood trail but that still does not prove that the hit was one which would reduce to helplessness. When hunting in a group or among bowhunters who honor this system, you will be given ownership regardless of the spot your arrow struck the animal as long as it was the first shot. This has become such a common practice among the veterans in bowhunting circles that we sometimes forget that this does not follow the old common law of the chase.

Some bowhunters have held that the courts would make a new decision, which might be commonly followed by the rest of the courts, which would base claim of arrow-hit animals based on the first arrow principle. It is not likely that this will ever happen. The old Law of Chase is based on sound principle as far as ownership of game is concerned, and bowhunters will have to depend on the honor of their newly organized hunting fraternity for the enforcement of the newer "Bowhunters Law of Chase." When hunting among sportsmen who have observed the common law of chase and do not know

nor honor your chosen law, you will expect to lose game now and then to them unless you can prove your shot has disabled the game to the stage where it can no longer have any chance of getting away from you.



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INGREDIENTS:

- ◆ 2 cans of any "cream soup" or mix & match depending on personal tastes. If you prefer chicken, obviously "cream of chicken" is best. Just use two 10.75 oz. cans. Try Cream of Chicken, Broccoli, Asparagus, or Celery and Mushroom.
- ◆ 3-4 mild or medium to hot jalapenos, banana, or pepperoncini peppers diced up small.
- ◆ Dice up half an onion. I like Texas sweet onion but a yellow will do too.
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon of Emiril's Essence
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- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon of coarse ground black pepper
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon of lemon juice (or lime juice)
- ◆ 1/8 teaspoon of salt



Directions:

Skin & clean squirrel. Place in salt water and bring to boil. Use at least 2 gray squirrels, 1 large rabbit, or 2 chicken breasts (for non-hunters) and it's better if you can soak the meat a while for a few hours. Just tell the wife "It's free range chicken honey!"

De-bone meat after it is cooked well enough to come off the bone by hand, and remove shot shells and bone fragments. Set ready to use meat aside to mix with the next batch of stuff below.

Spray Pam or oil the skillet with olive oil. Cook the onion in the skillet until it looks clear or toasty brown on the edges. Add the peppers of choice to the skillet and stir in with the onion. Add the meat and the soup and then mix it all up good. Select a baking pan and pre-heat the oven to 300 degrees. Using Mission Yellow Corn Tortillas cover the bottom of the pan by overlapping the tortillas so the bottom isn't showing and pour the above ingredients in on top of the tortillas. (you can substitute taco shells or nachos if you like) Cover the top of the mix with grated your favorite cheese slices (pepper jack cheese or colby cheese) Bake at 300 degrees uncovered for half an hour or until the cheese is startin' to get brown.



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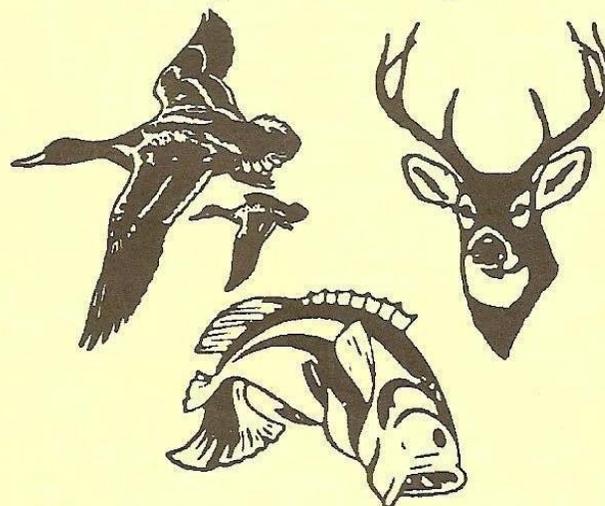
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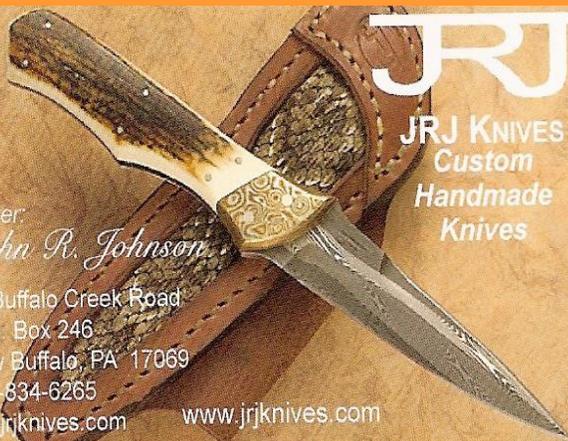
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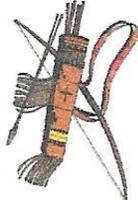
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